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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Retreat Follow-Up

As promised during my homily last weekend, here is a link to some information about the books by Fr. Jacques Philippe, who conducted this year's annual priest's retreat: 'frjacquesphilippe.com/books'. I plan to order a few copies for what I hope will be the start of our parish library and resource centre.

Fr. Jacques' approach owes something to the tradition started by St. Benedict of Nursia. The "Rule of St. Benedict" became the basis, not only for the communal life of the religious order we call the Benedictines and their various offshoots, but it influenced the rule of nearly every other religious community in the Church, whether it be male, female, contemplative or active. It's helpful to discover the varied approaches to prayer and the integration of living the Gospel, since we tend to live and breathe our faith on the shoulders of those who have gone ahead of us and benefit spiritually from them. The following are a few different spiritual charisms that arise from some of our saints.

St. Francis of Assisi had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, with a view to embodying the reconciliation Christ won for the world. This is one reason we associate him with a love of nature and animals! He was literally making peace with the created order, with people and with the wondrous creation in which we live. As a result the Franciscan approach to prayer and life is marked by simplicity, poverty even, and concrete words and actions that both give God glory and help people to receive and reflect divine love. We might think of the followers of St. Dominic as being a simultaneous intellectual and conceptual counterbalance to those of St. Francis. Both approaches thrived in the Middle Ages and continue to enrich the Church today.

The strong devotional practices, with which many of us are familiar, primarily originated during the 17th and 18th centuries. Much of what we now consider "traditional" either has its roots or became significantly popular in that era. The Society of Jesus also arose during this same period of time. From St. Ignatius of Loyola we received the Spiritual Exercises which continues to form the heart of Jesuit life; and to which retreat programs the world over have been influenced and guided by. People often turn to them, especially at times of change in their lives. We have Manresa Retreat Centre in Pickering, though its future is a little up in the air at the moment, so I should also mention the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Guelph.

In Toronto, we benefit from the particular gifts and charisms of several women's religious communities that have been responsible for so much of our faith within the city. The Sisters of St. Joseph, the Loretto Sisters, the Congregation of Notre Dame, and recently formed groups such as the Sisters of Life, have brought not only their missions but their spirituality and communal life. In my mind, what marks all these groups is an integration of the heart, the head and the hands in the service of God and of neighbour.

Some of you are using apps such as Hallow to explore these different gifts we have received from holy men and women. As we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity this weekend let us ask the Spirit to open us to all that God desires of us.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY



Parish-Run Summer Day Camp

July 8-12, 15-19 & 22-26, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Paul's Basilica

St. Paul's is running a three-week summer day camp for children in grades 1 to 7. The camp focuses on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities including games, arts & crafts and sports. Each week will feature a water day, a

field trip and a drama production for families and friends. The weekly cost per child is \$130 or \$300 for all three weeks. Each sibling receives a \$20 weekly discount or \$70 for all three weeks. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, at the parish office, online at 'bit.ly/3JOyL82' or by scanning the QR code. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org.



May 25-26, 2024

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, May 26

8:30 am ♦ † Maria Dela Vega Nerizon

11:00 am ♦ Delores Leslie

Tuesday, May 28

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, May 29

5:00 pm ♦

Thursday, May 30

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, May 31

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2024	2023	Diff
May 5	\$ 2,238	\$ 4,043	↓ \$ 1,805
May 12	\$ 4,122	\$ 2,797	↑ \$ 1,326
May 19*	\$ 7,515	\$ 6,329	↑ \$ 1,186
May 26		\$ 2,777	
Mth Target	\$ 13,875	\$ 15,945	↓ \$ 2,069

*Includes Monthly PAG Donations

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The Source Holy Hour

June 20, 7-9 pm; St. Peter's Church, Toronto

Unite around the source of our faith - Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, with one hour of Eucharistic Adoration including music by the Sisters and the opportunity for Confession. Visit sistersoflife.org/the-source-holy-hour to learn more.

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Kir Stefan the Serb Choir - Love Divination

June 1, 2024 at 8 pm - St. Paul's Basilica

Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church will host the Kir Stefan the Serb Choir in a performance of their concert 'Love Divination' here at St. Paul's. Under the baton and artistic direction of conductor Jasmina Vučurović, the concert will include both sacred and traditional music. The program includes works of XIX and XX Century Serbian and Russian composers, sung a cappella as well as original harmonies and rhythms of Serbian folk melodies. To purchase tickets or for more information visit universe.com/KirStefanTheSerb or scan the QR code.



9th Annual Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Procession

June 2, 2024, 1 pm; Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 867 College St. Toronto



Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish's 9th Annual Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Procession will take place on Sunday June 2nd after 12 noon Mass, followed by Benediction. "Processions teach the heart to follow unswervingly." This is our witness to Christ Jesus Our King. For route and other information scan the QR code.



Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

June 8, 2024 at 9 am

Learn about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals, as well topics such as how to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and how to create your own legacy through proper Estate Trustee selection. To register scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/WebJune08.



Ongoing Catholicism Program

St. Paul's invites you to attend our "Catholicism" program, happening every Sunday, after the 11 am Mass. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video by Bishop Barron, where he addresses some of the most controversial questions about life and the identity of Jesus Christ. After the video, we discuss the episode over coffee, tea, and light refreshments. The Catholicism program is a great opportunity for you to grow in your faith while getting involved with our Parish faith community. We hope to see you there!

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ShareLife isn't just local. Your ShareLife gift extends mercy and justice to people beyond our borders by supporting the humanitarian projects of our agencies, particularly those that prioritize taking care of hungry children in vulnerable communities. "We are so incredibly grateful to you, ShareLife and your supporters, for your steadfast commitment to our vision that no child should go hungry in this world of plenty. On behalf of all the children you have helped, thank you." – Keli Marshall, Mary's Meals Canada. Thus far we have raised \$27,000 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give through the parish or through our parish website.

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