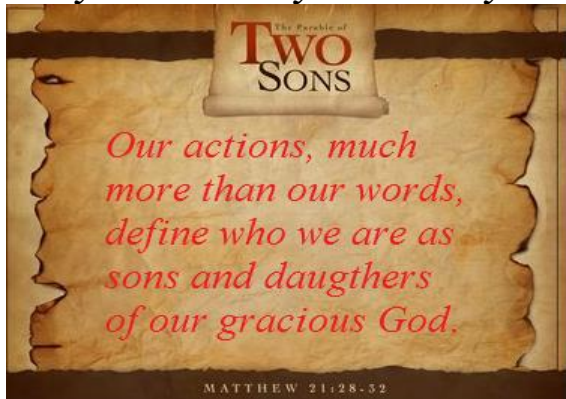


Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time




As you know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to us, his children. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation, confession. He invites, he encourages us, he assists us and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. Today's Gospel is from St. Matthew 21:28-32. This parable was primarily intended to show up the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy. Lip service of God will merit heaven. At any moment we may be called from this life, and what defense will we offer. Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness, we become like the chief priest who closed themselves off to God's healing. If you were called tonight to render an account of your life to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor?

Last weekend I spoke about our parish finances. Thank you to those who have answered the call to increase their commitment. You continue to be good stewards for the Glory of God. We hope to hear from even 5% of those that have never taken up that call. The parish offers several choices for your method of giving, including direct deposit, and weekly envelopes. If you would like to begin using any of the above methods, fill out one of the PAG (Pre authorized giving) forms at the back of the church or take one of the unlabeled boxes of envelopes. "Where your treasure is, there also, will your heart be" Matthew 6:21. For anyone who may have missed receiving a copy of the financial report and my homily, copies are available in the sacristy.

Thank you Fr. Pierre for giving me the chance to "get away", to reflect and reconcile, this weekend.

May the good Lord continue to bless us all.

Fr. John



*The Sanctuary light burns this week
for the soul of*

Bernadine Gomes

Please remember the poor box as you exit the church.



We welcome the newest members of our parish family:

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| Mason Pamayah | Hannah Naunheimer |
| Indira Banerjee | Cody Hipolito |
| Jackson Henderson | Silas Eyton-Jones |
| Abigail Gordon | Ruby Walo |
| Aisling Stubbs | Carmela Shuell |
| Lawson Lavigne | Julia Lam |
| Nicholas Jemmotte | Meghan Cabanatan |
| Salvatore Novia | Bogart Beaulieu |
| Sophia Kirkland | Charles Phelan |
| Quinn Rodriguez-Davidson | Madeleine Seto |
| Isabelle Seto | Charlotte Seto |

Kids' Corner: Find the following words in the puzzle

The Parable of the Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

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| Asked | No | Righteousness |
| Two | Changed | Repent |
| Sons | Mind | Believe |
| Work | Yes | Kingdom |

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, September 30th

8:15 am for + MARY TIMLECK

Requested by Margaret Ryan

Wednesday, October 1st

8:15 am for ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

Thursday, October 2nd

8:15 am + LENIN & BERNADINE GOMES

Friday, October 3rd

8:15 am for + MARY & JAMES MAILLOUX

Requested by George & Maureen MacDonald

Rest in Peace

*In your charity please
pray for the repose of the soul of*

Francesco Costentino

Come join us in praying the **ROSARY** before Mass,
Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am



Please Pray For The Sick

Marilyn Feir Dr. Nauts
 Mary Fraser Benjamin Moralidad
 Tita Tiu

In The News

JOIN THE 146TH TORONTO SCOUT GROUP FOR AN OPEN HOUSE: September 30, 2014 from 7 to 9 pm in St. John's Catholic Church hall. We are also looking for volunteers to join in the adventure. No experience necessary. All training provided. Contact Marlene Harris for more information at mharris@scouts.ca

KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREAT: on Saturday, October 4th at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd. from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Besides Eucharistic adoration, prayer, and praise and worship, Fr. Daren Bryk C.C. from St. Timothy's Parish will give an inspiring talk on: "Praying and Living in the Immaculate Heart of Mary". www.kolbeapostolate.com

"JOY OF THE GOSPEL" REFLECTION SERIES:
 Join us for three Sundays to journey through the teaching and spirituality of Pope Francis through the document, Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel." Through presentation, reflection and discussion, we will understand more fully the invitation to deeper discipleship with Jesus through this ground-breaking text and joyful text by our remarkable new Pope. To register, contact the St. Patricks Church, parish office at 416.598.3269 or secretary@stpatrickstoronto.ca

ARE YOU LONGING FOR MERCY: from the One who brings peace and healing? We can help. Call 416.629.8264 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: 15-17 October 2014. Project Rachel is Private and Confidential. "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord." Psalm 25



SCARBOROUGH MISSIONS PRESENTS:
 "KINDERTRANSPORT", Wed., Oct. 29, 7 pm to 9 pm. A short BBC Documentary film Commemorating and Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Kindertransport. The German word 'Kindertransport' translated literally into English mean 'the transportation of children.' It was how Jewish parents, in desperation, tried to get their children out of the growing Nazi territory. Following the screening Michael Newman will be available for Q&A. Mr. Newman is the Chief Executive of the Association of Jewish Refugees. The event is open to the public. Admission is free and no registration is required. Please see flyer in the vestibule for more details.

VOCATIONS: The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

Parish Events & Opportunities

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MINISTRY FAIR!: weekend of October 4th and 5th after all Masses. Interested in knowing about all the great work that is done at St. John's? Have some spare time and looking for a way to contribute your time and talents? Here's your chance. You'll get a chance to meet representative from the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lector, Sunday school, Children's Liturgy, Choir, Counters, Sacristans, Communion to the Sick, St. Vincent de Paul, CWL, Knights of Columbus, Seniors Group, Sports Club and many more. So come to the Fair!

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM for Sacramental Preparation for First Communion begins on **Sunday, October 19th from 10 AM to 11AM** in the Parish Lounge. This program is designed for Public & Catholic School Children in Grades 2 or above, and runs from Oct 2014 to April 2015. Children participating in this program will be receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation in Dec 2014, and First Communion on April 26, 2015. The registration cost is \$25 per student. To Register please contact Iris Savage at 416.737.9853, by email irissavage@rogers.com or in person after the Masses on October 4th or 5th 2014. Looking forward to another successful year.

CWL: Calling all bakers & buyers for our annual Fall Bake Sale next weekend! Please drop off baked goods in the vestibule or Hall before all Masses. Come down after each Mass to enjoy your treats & coffee while exploring the Ministry Fair!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS – In honour of the Feast of St. Francis (patron of animals), the blessing of animals will take place on Sunday, October 5th at 12:30 pm at the front entrance of the church. Animals are part of God's creation and bring us so much love. So bring your dog, cat, gerbil, bird, fish, squirrel, whatever for a special blessing.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE – begins this weekend and runs until Thanksgiving weekend. You can participate by bringing non-perishable food items and dropping them off at all the weekend Masses. *Urgently needed items: Rice, canned vegetables, canned meats, canned soups and stews, breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jams, pasta, sauces, & coffee.* Donations will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre after the Monday morning Thanksgiving Mass.



God our Father, you generously grant us all we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that we receive. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2013	2014
Sunday Collection:	\$ 3362	\$ 4447
Offertory PAG:	\$ 750	\$ 755

A LITTLE LEVITY: Fr. Pierre was visiting a church in the heart of London. Only three people turned up to hear him preach. He asked the pastor, "Did you publicize my visit?" "No," replied the pastor, "but the word seems to have gotten around anyway"

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Theresa