

**Pastor's Note:**

The devil is a great liar. He tells us that unless we're successful in this or that, unless we achieve a certain status or accomplishment or unless we possess a number of things we will not be held as valued or loved. Sometimes in the church we criticize those who accumulate many things as an example of having given in to this temptation. But when I lived on Smokey Mountain, the garbage dump of Manila, I realized that many of those who lived there, while they do not have many things, are still drawn by the desire to one day possess them. For example, at night many of the people on Smokey Mountain would gather around the one TV and watch "The Voice," a sort of talent competition. People would talk about one day getting on "The Voice" and winning. And if they won they would have a place in the world and be judged as valuable and loveable. While understandable it's still a belief about oneself derived from an origin other than God.

In the Gospel for Trinity Sunday, God makes clear the extent to which we are valued and loved. It has nothing to do with how much we have or how much we don't have, rather it is evident from his proclaimed truth – "Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son'". In this single sentence we are given all. In Jesus Christ God shows us who we are. It is for us to imagine in our hearts that we are so loved by the Father that he would send his only Son, and for no other reason than to show us the value and the love God has for each of us. The more we point to things or achievements as signs of who we are or the discouragement we feel for the lack of things we have or succeed in, the more felt is our own poverty.

Before our Masses here at Lourdes, the Altar Servers, Ministers and Priests pray together in the sacristy. Sometimes a person may pray and ask that we not make a mistake. I find this an expression of sadness because it seems to say that God's gratitude and love is dependent on our success. But Church, let us really listen to the words of Christ, "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son." The Son was sent not because we did this or that correctly but because God desires that our relationship with him be marked more by love than by anything else. When we do something wrong we never have to be fearful of God's rejection because Jesus also said to Nicodemus, "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." And the world is saved through him because he reveals the loving and merciful face of the Father. The freedom that the children of God can know comes from this free and total gift of love in Christ. Our life-long task is not to accumulate the riches

of this world nor to achieve a certain impressive status but it is to embrace in our hearts this total and free gift of God's love. The life that we are invited to live is the life that is God himself, love that is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit can be ours as well. And so with the "eyes of the heart" let us again listen to God's truth and our truth: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son....God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Let us live free by living in love.

God Bless and Take Care! *Jn. John*  
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**Feast of the Sacred Heart**

In anticipation of the **Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** we invite you to join us in praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart from **Wednesday, June 14 to Thursday, June 22**. You will find the prayers for the Novena inserted in this weekend's bulletin. **During weekdays, the Novena will take place in the church at 4:30pm.** Our prayer together will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will celebrate the Feast with a **Mass at 7:30pm on Friday, June 23** and will re-bless the refurbished statue of the Sacred Heart in our church. A reception will follow.

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**Parish Picnic – Mark NEW the Date!** The picnic will take place **Saturday, August 19 in the afternoon**. Details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Put the date in your calendar and plan to be there.

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**Construction on the Parking Lot Has Begun!**

Work on the parking lot and the new drainage system went into full swing weeks ago. The Parking lot is now unavailable for use but this will hopefully only be until mid-July. We have arranged to **use the parking lot at Monsignor Fraser College (146 Isabella St) on Saturday and Sunday during construction**. If you decide to park on the side streets, on Earl St. or Lourdes Lane, please pay close attention to the parking signs. All the work on the parking lot, foundation and the front portico is expected to be completed by the end of August. We thank you for your patience and please be careful around the construction site.

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**Communal Sacrament of the Sick Celebration**

Join us for a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Healing on **Thursday, June 22 at 3:00pm**. Seniors, as well as those with chronic illnesses or in need of surgery, are invited to experience the sacrament at this time. If you know anyone who might be interested in receiving the sacrament, but is unable to come to church due to illness or infirmity, please contact the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, June 12**

8:00 am Pablito Baluyut + [Josep Baluyut]  
 12:10 pm JANE & Mauro Reyes+ [Cyril]  
 5:15 pm MICHELE & CARMELA + [Anna Maria]

**Tuesday, June 13**

8:00 am John Bryan's Birthday [Brenda & Family]  
 12:10 pm Clemente & MELINDA's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding [Melinda]  
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving to St. Anthony [Joseph Kaposi]

**Wednesday, June 14**

8:00 am BRUNA, BATTISTA & MARIA Minervini+ [Sister]  
 12:10 pm PAMELA MARY HOSANG + [Joan Hosang]  
 5:15 pm IRENE WARECKI + [Susan Warecki]

**Thursday, June 15**

8:00 am LILY QUESADA + [Lucy Addea]  
 12:10 pm Earnest Pitilal+ [Lucy Nicome]  
 5:15pm EMELDA ADAMS & Deceased Adams Family  
 [Karin Adams]

**Friday, June 16**

8:00 am Thanksgiving – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday [Julie Pombo]  
 12:10 pm THERESA Chow + [Family]  
 5:15pm For Guidance & Protection by the Holy Spirit  
 [Nellie]

**Saturday, June 17**

8:00 am Gaetano, MARIA ANTONIETTA & CONCETTA+  
 [Family]  
 12:10 pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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**The Feast of St. Anthony:** You are invited to come and celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony: June 12 6:30pm: Rosary, Novena and Vespers in the church; and, on June 13, the Feast Day, Rosary & Novena at 6:30pm. Mass and out-door Procession will follow. A social will follow in the church halls. Special thanks to the Tamil members of our community who are coordinating the celebration.

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**Marygrove Camp Collection:** This weekend there will be an opportunity for those of you who may wish to contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul's Marygrove Camp. Envelopes will be made available in your pews and we ask you to please place your envelopes in the Offertory basket with the regular Offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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**Parish Bazaar – September 9:** Due to the construction on our parking lot, our annual Parish Bazaar will not be able to take place in June. We have scheduled it for **Saturday, September 9** and will include our famous 50/50 raffle.

**African Famine Relief  
 Pray, Give, Speak Out**

The Archdiocese of Toronto joins the CCCB and faith communities across Canada in launching a joint appeal, entitled **Pray-Give-Speak Out**, in response to the desperate food crisis in South Sudan, Yemen, Nigeria and Somalia. The United Nations has confirmed that South Sudan has 100,000 people living in famine conditions. Reports suggest a total of 20 million people are on the brink of starvation in the region. A declaration of famine has not been made by UN agencies since July 2011 when some 260,000 people died in Somalia – half of them children under the age of five. The world must not let those horrors be repeated. The joint appeal aims to engage the faithful in three ways:

**Pray:** Keeping the people of South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen in our prayers.

**Give:** Making a financial contribution to support those affected by the crisis.

**Speak Out:** Becoming better informed and to speak about the crisis with family, friends and neighbours. Contacting their local Members of Parliament about their concerns.

The CCCB has identified three Canadian Catholic agencies – Aid to the Church in Need, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, and the Canadian Jesuits International – as recipients of donations from the Catholic faithful. **The Government of Canada has created a "Famine Relief Fund." The federal government will match every donation made before June 30, 2017, by individuals to registered Canadian charities participating in this campaign.**

**Our Parish will have a Humanitarian Relief collection for those affected by the African Famine next weekend at all of the Sunday Masses. Envelopes will be found in the pews. Please keep all the people affected by this crisis in your prayers.**

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**Beauty from Our Faith**

*When we have to reply to someone who speaks harshly to us, we must always do it with gentleness. If we are angry, it is better to keep silence.*

~ St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

<p><b>Lourdes @ a glance: the week of June 11 - 17</b></p>						
Sun 11	Mon 12	Tues 13	Wed 14	Thurs 15	Fri 16	Sat 17
Trinity Sunday		Feast of St Anthony 6:30pm	Novena 4:30 pm Alpha	Novena 4:30 pm	Novena 4:30 pm	