

LAST BULLETIN FOR THE SUMMER

This is our last bulletin until September as we don't publish one for the months of July and August due to smaller congregation size and fewer events and notices to bring to your attention.

I would like to recognize all businesses and firms who have advertised on the back of our bulletin and who make its weekly publication possible throughout the year. Many of them are your fellow parishioners who own local businesses and through their generosity obtain exposure while paying for our bulletin's publication. Please continue to support their businesses whenever possible and tell them when you are there that you saw their ad in the parish bulletin.

NEW ROMAN MISSAL TRANSLATION & CHANGES FOR OUR LITURGY THIS FALL

A NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

The way Catholics celebrate the Eucharist follows a standard form. We call this the Order of Mass. It is comprised of 4 main parts: The Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites. Our worship is one great dialogue, namely, that God speaks to us and we speak to God. This is reflected in the many prayers and responses spoken by the priest and the people. Our prayers are not spontaneous, but have been given to us from many sources through the generations. They are collected together in the Sacramentary or Roman Missal. Each prayer text conveys aspects of the great mystery of faith that we celebrate.

In 2000, Blessed John Paul II issued a 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal based on the renewal of the sacred liturgy called for by the bishops during the Second Vatican Council. Originally produced in Latin, the texts have been translated into English using a careful method to preserve, as much as possible, the full meaning of the text. On the first Sunday of Advent 2011, we will begin to use this new translation of the Roman Missal. The prayers and acclamations will sound different from the ones we now employ. Therefore, we will need to learn the revised translations of the parts of the Mass. In September, we will begin to introduce these new translations.

WHAT IS THE ROMAN MISSAL? WHY A NEW TRANSLATION?

When Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we pray together through fixed or standard prayers. These are contained in the Roman Missal. It is the large, red book that is brought to the priest when he stands at the chair. It is also placed on the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Roman Missal contains the Order of Mass, or the way we celebrate Eucharist, with all its accompanying prayer texts and responses.

During the Jubilee Year 2000, Blessed John Paul II issued a 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal that was first issued by Pope Paul VI. Presented to the Church in Latin, it is being translated into many different languages for use around the world. The method employed for translating the Roman Missal has changed since the 1st and 2nd Editions were translated. In 2002, the Holy See requested that the translation mirror the original Latin text as closely as possible. As a result, many of the newly translated responses in the English language will be slightly different from the ones we know by heart. **The**

English translation for use in Canada will be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent 2011 - Sunday November 27th

In September, we will begin to introduce these new translations. Further reflection on the parts of the Mass and the meaning of the texts will occur from January to June 2012. For more information, please go to: www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal

SCHOOLS OUT! (This week)

Another school year will draw to a close this coming Wednesday June 29th and we pray that all students, teachers and staff may have a summer holiday of rest, fun, family and a recharging of energies.

Actually, the word "holiday" comes from the Church's term "holy day". To celebrate a holy day was to enter into a time of joy, happiness and true celebration of some facet of our life before God. As with so many things in our changing culture, holy days have been replaced by holidays and even the ones marked as religious holidays are usually not spent in celebration of anything even remotely connected to the heart of God.

I remember a quick exchange with a student last year, following the last Mass celebrated with St. Leo School before the close of school for the summer. As I stood at the door greeting all of the children as they were leaving the church, one young fellow said to me, "Bye, Father; we'll see you next year!" I laughed because it was so honest of this little guy, and then said to him in response, "You mean you're not coming to church during the summer?" He replied, "I don't think so." Oh, the honesty and innocence of children, but also the sadness of the reality that for most of the children in our Catholic schools - through no fault of their own - Sunday is just another day to spend shopping, playing sports, playing with friends and doing everything but having nothing to do with God.

Sometimes I wonder if in providing Masses for the schools we, as a parish, are not all the more enabling Catholic parents who don't practice the faith a kind of pacifying of their minds that "somebody" is taking their kids to church a few times a year. Why should we as a family go to church on a Sunday when the school will do this while the kids are at school during the week? Even when the parish is preparing to celebrate the sacraments, most parents expect the school to tell them about meeting dates and when they will need to show up at the parish for parent meetings, registrations, etc. If the day should ever come (and personally I think it could be coming) when there will no longer be Catholic schools in the province of Ontario, there won't be any flyers sent through schools to 'round up' children for the sacraments. Catholic parents will actually have to seek out the Church on their own through the local parish in order for their children to receive the sacraments. Parishes will have to offer their own ongoing catechesis for children of all grade levels, and the 'free ride' that so many have taken advantage of and for granted through Catholic schools will be over. If our Catholic schools were peopled by students whose parents actually took them to church every Sunday (as it was when I was a child just 40 some years ago) and if our Catholic educators themselves weren't constantly bombarded by "guest speakers" at their conferences who hate the Church and what She stands for and instead were being fed about the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith in Christ, then any government or secular leader who even

thought about removing Catholic education from the map of our province would meet a truly formidable foe and a great challenge. Currently, however, when even OEETA hears a motion each year from some who would remove the word "Catholic" from their acronym, we're clearly seeing things headed in the wrong and toward a disastrous direction. I've said it before and I'll say it again - there is not and there cannot be Catholic Education without Catholic Faith. There are no Catholic values without Catholic Faith! If we should see an end to Catholic Education in Ontario, teachers will lose their jobs and would end up seeking positions in public schools; most parents would be in shock over the loss of their 'myth' of what they thought Catholic Schools were for, and the Church would continue to be the Church as She has always been, though sadly missing the great potential component that had existed in this province for 170 years through authentic Catholic Education. But the greatest group to lose out on what Catholic Education has been and could and should provide, would be our children themselves. If Catholic Education is not about lived Catholic Faith that touches the Eucharistic Table of the Altar each and every Sunday and goes forth from that Eucharist and to the world where we live and are called to help redeem, then one must ask, what is Catholic Education or what is left of Catholic Education today?

"When the whole world is running towards a precipice, he who walks in the opposite direction is deemed a fool."

I'd rather keep the company of St. Paul and be a 'fool for Christ'. Many of us would love nothing more than to have many others walking alongside us, together, walking in the footsteps that lead to life in Christ experienced fully in the life of the Catholic Church.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ. While schools are thinking about the ending of the school year the Church remembers the beginning of the "Source and Summit" of our Faith in the great gift of the Eucharist; the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ.

A wake-up call is needed and honestly, I don't know what it is going to take to awaken Catholic people out of their malaise towards the active practice of authentically lived Catholic Faith and the increasing threats to Catholic Education, many of them from within. Perhaps, I'm afraid, by the time they do, it will be gone.

(Fr. Charles)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 27 – 9:15 a.m. – St. Leo School Mass

Tuesday, June 28 – 8:30 a.m. –

Wednesday, June 29 – 7:00 p.m. – Steven Closs+

Thursday, June 30– 8:30 a.m. –

Friday, July 1 – 8:30 a.m. –

Saturday, July 2 - 5:00 p.m. – Hank Freve+

Sunday, July 3 - 9:00 a.m.

- 11:00 a.m. – Thomas Jones+

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Office will be open only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during July and August.

IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Baptism Instruction.**
- **Friday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. Sharp Euchre Night in the Parish Hall.**

The Refuge is hosting the Durham 1 4 Marathon to raise funds for life-changing programs for homeless and street youth. About 100 volunteers are needed on July 23 and the weeks leading up to the race. To sign up or for more information visit www.theDQM.ca/volunteer.html or call the Refuge at (905) 404-2420. Thank you!

ANNUAL BAZAAR - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 2011

The Annual Bazaar is on Saturday, October 15th, 2011. Please remember the Country Store table and make an extra jar or two of your favourite preserves/jam/pickles for the Bazaar. Also, please keep in mind the Penny Social Table, Bake Table, Book Table, Candy and Toy Tables and all the other usual favourites. Volunteers are still needed. Please call Michele (905) 655-8051. Students, this is a perfect opportunity to pick up some community service hours. Raffle tickets will be available soon; listen to announcements for when books are ready for pick-up and be sure to sell to family and friends over the summer months.

STRESS RELIEVER AVAILABLE - The 11 a.m. Sunday Choir has completed its season and rehearsals will resume in September. Do you enjoy singing? Can you carry a tune? We are looking for more singers! If you can commit to 1 weekly rehearsal of about 90 minutes and attendance at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, please consider yourself invited. The ability to read music is helpful but is not a requirement as most of us learn the music through repetition at rehearsals. As you plan your activities for the next academic year, please keep the choir on your radar. Singing is an ideal way to relax and relieve stress as it provides an outlet from the pressures of daily life. Watch for more in the September bulletins.

World Youth Day 2011 Regional Celebration – August 19-21, 2011. Cost: \$60 (\$75 if bus transportation is required) Martyrs' Shrine, Midland. Log onto www.ocytoronto.org for more information including registration and how you can attend for free.

St. Therese Parish in Courtice will be hosting their next Fatima Night on Monday, July 11 at 6:15 p.m. There will be no Fatima Night in June.

Notre Dame High School, Toronto is celebrating 70 years! All alumnae, former staff and friends are invited to join together in thanksgiving on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Eucharist at St. John's Church at 2:00 p.m. followed by an Open House at the school from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, please visit our Notre Dame Alumnae www.notredamealumnae.com. See you then!