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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: By Appointment

First Friday of the Month

Adoration/Benediction

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Baptism: Contact the office to register your child. Baptism dates assigned at time of interview with Priest or Deacon.

Marriage: Contact the parish office for appointment.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea, C.H.H. – *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. David Quail – *Permanent Deacon*

Sr. Eva Janning, CPS – *R.C.I.A.*

Alvin Thevalakkara Joys – *Seminarian*

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Gerry Robin - *Accountant*

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CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HUMANKIND IS A suffering and broken global family. Today calls to mind 9/11 and its enduring legacy of lost lives, lost dear ones, lost hopes. Recent years have highlighted the mounting urgency of climate change, as well as the phenomenon of vast hordes of migrants fleeing war, oppression or starvation in their homelands. Early 2020 brought the fear and disruption of a global pandemic, and the resulting economic and social upheaval starkly exposed long-standing systemic issues of racism and injustice.

The family in today’s Gospel story has also experienced suffering and brokenness: the loss of one child, the resentment of another, the broken hearts of the father and – though she is unmentioned – most certainly the mother too.

How to deal with all this pain? The parable points toward some answers. The father, his eyes on the distant horizon, had clearly never given up hope that his son would one day return. Humbled and contrite, the boy is welcomed home with open-hearted compassion and forgiveness. The older son’s resentment is met not with impatience or anger, but with a response that is calm, reasonable and loving.

There are no simple answers to the complex problems facing our families and our world. But there are ways that we can begin: with a humble heart, a forgiving spirit, compassion, generosity and, above all, hope.

(Reflection of Krystyna Higgins, of Living with Christ)

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program for **children aged 3-7** which features prayers and the Gospel reading tailored for young children’s understanding and attention.

We will begin the program on **Sunday, September 18, 2022 at the 9:30am Mass**. The program’s aim is to make the Liturgy of the Word accessible to young children and make their experience of the Mass as meaningful and understandable as possible. Children will be invited to the Parish Hall during the beginning of Mass and will return at the Prayers of the Faithful.

This year, we shall be combining Children’s Liturgy with the previous Little Lambs program as a single program for all children to enjoy and grow.

At this time, we would kindly ask any interested parents or guardians to complete the online registration form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/qtBEuJsjqyKFhmgC7>



Monday, September 12, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Katherine Mauser

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Francisco Moraes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Claudio Valdes

Thursday, September 15, 2022

8:30 a.m. For our Holy Father Pope Francis

Friday, September 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Lito & Druz’s Anniversary

Saturday, September 10, 2022 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Fr. Michael Langan
+ Thomas Cashmore

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Marley Family

Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yuan Yung Fu & Maria Cheung Kee Sau

9:30 a.m. Protection of the Unborn Children

11:00 a.m. + Jolanda Ciesielski

The Gospel according to St. Paul

Proclaiming the Gospel got St. Paul into a lot of trouble. Three times, he found himself behind bars. From jail, he wrote letters to instruct and encourage his fellow Christians.

Father David Warren is offering a six-part exploration of the *Letter to the Colossians* and the *Letter to the Ephesians*. The series will begin on Monday, September 19th. We will meet on *Zoom* from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

If you haven’t already signed up for Father Dave’s Bible Study Group, you can sign up on the parish website. Just look under the heading *Latest News*.

Learn why proclaiming the Gospel got St. Paul into trouble.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

I am happy to inform that His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, in consultation with St. Augustine's Seminary, has approved a new seminarian-intern for our parish for the coming year. His name is Alvin Thevalakkara Joys. His appointment will commence on September 13th, and I look forward to welcoming him. He will be introduced to the parish next weekend, September 18th. I must say I am already intrigued by the last name of our new seminarian ("Joys"); I have a feeling that says it all!

This summer we have been pleased to host a seminarian resident at the parish (Alphonse Choi); he has been working at the Archdiocese of Toronto and we were asked to provide a home for him while he worked there. As you know, in the brief time he was with us, he chose to assist us on weekends at the parish, as well as weekday morning Mass. Despite his not being full-time in parish ministry, he has made a great impression in the short time he was with us. He returned to the seminary on August 28th (same day as Jeremy).

God has gifted our parish with wonderful seminarians the past few years, and I am deeply grateful to all of you for the support and encouragement you provide to them, by way of your prayers, hospitality and feedback in their ministry. This is a very important role for all of us as we help in the formation process for those who are discerning the priesthood. Thank you so much for your role in helping St. Augustine's Seminary.

Please continue to pray for all vocations in the Church.

*God Bless.
Msgr. Pat*

**INFORMATION MEETING FOR THOSE
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – 12:00 NOON**

For those who may be discerning the Catholic faith, and perhaps wishing to learn more about the process, please note that there will be an information session following the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, September 11th, at 12:00 Noon in the parish hall. Sr. Eva Janning and Msgr. Pat will be on hand to welcome you and to answer questions about the coming fall course (which begins on Wednesday, September 21st).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON PROPOSED
TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS PLAN
FOR TORONTO REFUGEES**

On August 15, 2022, Toronto City Council approved the creation of more than 600 new emergency shelter spaces for refugees and refugee claimants by approving the recommendation by City staff to execute an agreement with the hotel at 3 Park Home Ave. in North York. The site is now planned to open in October 2022.

Sojourn House will be the operator of the refugee program at 3 Park Home Ave. Sojourn House has 30+ years of experience providing Emergency Shelter and Transitional Supportive Housing services to newly arrived refugees coming from all parts of the world. Sojourn House already operates sites in Toronto that provide a safe place and an inclusive environment to people who have had the refugee experience. Sojourn House is dedicated to providing the best possible settlement services and programs that help residents transition and integrate into the community.

Supports provided at 3 Park Home Ave. will be based on individual needs, and will include help with the settlement process and case coordination with legal services, assistance with finding permanent housing, employment and education supports, and referrals to healthcare and mental health supports, and other community services. Recreation activities will also be offered on-site to engage residents and children. In addition, the City has made contact with the Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board to help support the children and youth at the site to smoothly transition into local schools.

More information about the proposed refugee shelter at 3 Park Home Ave. is available on the City's 3 Park Home webpage: www.toronto.ca/3parkhome.

If you have any questions about the program please email the Community Engagement Facilitator at 3parkhomeave@gmail.com.

Senior Residence Masses in September 2022

Wednesday, September 21st – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

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