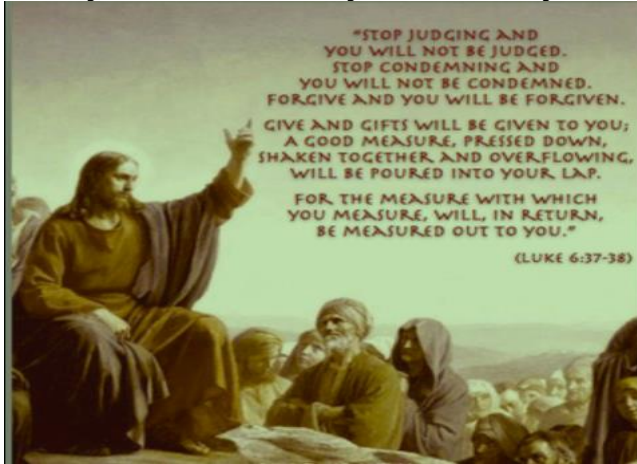


Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



The readings for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us to be patient. In the first reading the prophet is calling on the Lord and nothing seems to happen. The psalm sings of hearing God's voice. In the second reading Paul reminds us that the Spirit will give us self-control. In the gospel Jesus tells us that God does not answer to us, but we must trust that He is working in our lives.

**Liturgy Notes:** The Nicene Creed: Part 2 - The Poetry of the Nicene Creed. Continuing our meditation on the Nicene Creed, we consider the beauty of the words and phrases that are expansions of the truths of our faith already found in the more terse Apostles' Creed. "God from God, light from light, true God from true God". Such liturgical repetition takes us from a mere statement of these truths to a lyrical savouring of the unity of Father and Son, which is a truth beyond words, but savouring each repetition gives us a little more time to dwell on the mystery and take something of it in. You might think that the poetry goes "clunk" when we encounter the word "consubstantial", but the word itself carries both deep meaning and history. In the fourth century, as Christians struggled to put words to these eternal mysteries so that they could be professed and celebrated, it was hard to find agreement a word to describe the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit that did not have subtle implications that would lead to error. Even in English, when we try something that sounds close, like the former translation "of one substance", it does not do justice to the nuances of the Greek word *homoousios*, that indicates a unity at the level of being. The Latin equivalent is *consubstantialem*. Attempts to translate this word into English lose the robustness of the original, so it was decided in the most recent translation to keep it as close to the Latin as possible. Now when we profess that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father, it recognizes the importance of this word, and the solution to the theological disagreements it provided at the greatest of the early Ecumenical Councils of the Christian Church. The unity at the level of being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a precious dogma of the Christian faith, celebrated when we recite the Nicene Creed.

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION:** Our country continues to undergo an examination of our relationships with Indigenous Peoples. The Catholic Church in Canada has been deeply engaged in the journey of healing and reconciliation, most notably through the visit of Pope Francis this past summer. As part of our ongoing efforts, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a firm commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country. The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Bishops of Canada have made a \$30-million collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives among Indigenous Peoples. The archdiocese will contribute six million dollars towards the national pledge. The second collection today provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation) - thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 4th

For + JAMES & MARY MAILLOUX  
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, October 5th


For + FRANCES MARY CAIRNS  
Requested by The DeCourcy Family

Thursday, October 6th


For INTENTIONS OF MICHAEL LANNO  
Requested by Georgina Revells

Friday, October 7th

+ JOHN TAVARES  
Requested by Maria Tavares

 **Rest in Peace**  
*In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of*  
*John Burns & Maria Clara da Silva*

**Please Pray For The Sick**  
Lena Gilmour, Michael Lanno, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

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

	2019	2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 4692	\$ 1850
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1079	\$ 1183
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 1972	\$ 830

## In The News

**A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL:** to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values. We have a free estate planning guide to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will. Please contact us at [Development@archtoronto.org](mailto:Development@archtoronto.org) for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the correct legal names when arranging bequests or other planned gifts. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416.934.400 Ext. 561/519 or email at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

**RENEW YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE 2022:** We are very excited to be bringing young adults together again for RENEW Toronto. RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community. Join us on Saturday, November 5, from 10 am to 9:30 pm, at Canada Christian College (300 Water St, Whitby, ON). Registration is now open at [www.renewtoronto.org!](http://www.renewtoronto.org!) or Contact [youngadult@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youngadult@ocytoronto.org)  
Deadline to register is October 19th.

**THE CATHOLIC REGISTER:** is producing a commemorative magazine for the recent papal visit. The 64-page full colour magazine, From Penance to Progress, features Rome-to-Canada-to-Rome coverage with original you-are-there photos and articles from the Register reporter who was embedded with Vatican media for the entire visit. In addition, it will offer reflections on what the visit accomplished and content "prompts" to help individuals, parish groups and schools think about and discuss the way forward for truth and reconciliation. If you are interested in receiving a copy at the cost of \$16 please contact the office.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us for 4 afternoons of learning and discernment and address themes such as understanding the dying process, decision-making at the end of life, accompaniment, and the importance of building compassionate communities. These sessions will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish, 3220 Bayview Ave., on October 16, 23, 30 and November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Parish Hall.

## Parish News

### **ST. JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST**

**COMMUNION:** registration is now open for registered parishioners of St. John's parish with either Catholic School or public school students in Grades 2 or above. To begin the process please visit our website at [www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org).



**"LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES":** co authored by Fr. Trevor Scott, who is part of the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, is now available. Through eleven chapters, readers can - Increase their knowledge about the diverse Indigenous Peoples of Canada; Explore the history, practices, and underlying ideas of colonization; Transform to redress past wrongs and move towards right relationships; Explore pathways to right relationships, decolonization, and re-indigenization. Obtain your copy for the price of \$20 this weekend after all Masses or through the parish office next week. Fr. Trevor's homily from last weekend can also be viewed on our video channel.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** – continues until the weekend of October 9th. You can participate by bringing non-perishable food items and dropping them off at the altar until Thanksgiving. Donations will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge. *Urgently needed items: tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup & stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals, peanut butter.*

**INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?:** Never baptized, or maybe baptized Catholic, but in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist? We welcome you! The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for you! Classes begin this fall. Email the parish office to inquire.



**ARE YOU REGISTERED?:** We welcome all who have moved into our parish. To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Previous registration is necessary when seeking reference letters, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and other documentation. So please help us so we can serve you! Email the office.



**HAVE YOU MOVED:** Please put St. John's on your list to be notified about any change of contact information? Email us at the office. If you've moved out of the parish, when you arrive in a new parish, make a note to register there. They'll want to hear from you!

**Little Levity:** Fr. Michael was marching around the house with a can of ant spray when Maggie walked in. "Fr. Michael, what are you doing with that can of spray?" "Maggie, I found 5 ants this morning and now it seems we have 5 more!!!" "Well" said Maggie, "I guess now we have Tenants! *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*