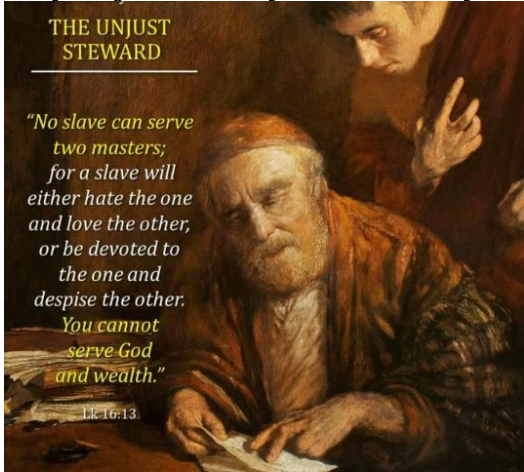


Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



We are all called by Jesus to share our gifts, to offer freely to God all we have received from Him, to pray for each other, and to give generously to our neighbours and to the Church of our time, talent and treasure. The Cardinal has prepared his annual message for Stewardship Sunday in both video and written form. We hope you will take a moment to read, just click the link below. If you do not have access to a computer please let us know and we can provide you with a written copy. <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/stewardship-sunday/>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25th
INTENTIONS OF THE DECOURCY FAMILY
Requested by The DeCourcy's

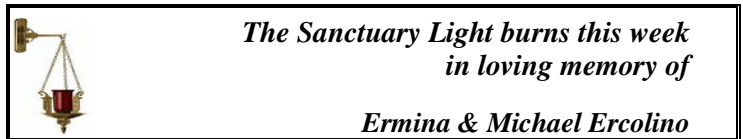
Tuesday, September 20th
+ JOE SISK
Requested by The O'Connor Family

Wednesday, September 21st
+ Requested by

Thursday, September 22nd
+ Requested by

Friday, September 23rd
+ Requested by

Saturday, September 25th
+ LUKE & MONA SEQUEIRA
Requested by The Pereira Family



Please Pray For The Sick
Mary Cairns, Stella Avery, Jonathan Pinto, Jewell,
Joseph Abate & Carmel Richard

PLEASE REGISTER: 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. Registration with a parish is much like a commitment to a family, sports team, school or organization. To be eligible for admission to Sacramental Preparation or to receive testimonial letters, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the parish. Register so we can help you!

From the Pastors Desk Welcome back! September always brings a welcome return to familiar routines in the parish. It is good to see so many ministries back to a fuller complement, to see altar servers, children's liturgy, choirs, social event, and all parish groups starting afresh after a summer break. We are called to fullness of life in Christ, and by keeping Jesus Christ at the centre of everything we do, our parish can grow into the hands and feet of Jesus that He asks us to be in the world. One of the most important things we can all do this year is help people return to church, so consider all your friends and neighbours who need encouragement, and reach out to them. Let us all pray that this is a year of grace in St. John's Parish.

.....Fr. John-Mark Missio

Gospel Meditation: On first reading the Gospel today, you might ask yourself, is Jesus telling us to be cheats? If we read Jesus' overall message, we can see this story not as applauding shady financial wheeler-dealing, but as commending a man who realized that the way he'd been living was wrong and changed his value system. It's a picture of life for us. The manager gave up his hefty commission (focussing only on what we can get in the here and now) to gain favour later on (a warm welcome in heaven).



Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Thank you, your support of the parish is greatly appreciated. If you would like to support your parish through the Pre-Authorized Giving program, PAG, please contact the office.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 2019, 2022. Rows: Sunday Collection (\$ 5155, \$ 3130), Offertory PAG: (\$ 1479, \$ 1183)

**In The News**



Every year in September, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work through the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of caring for the Church in Canada. The Collection will take place on September 24 and 25. We hope you will consider giving generously. To subscribe to CCCB news or follow them on twitter, contact them at [www.ccbc.ca](http://www.ccbc.ca)

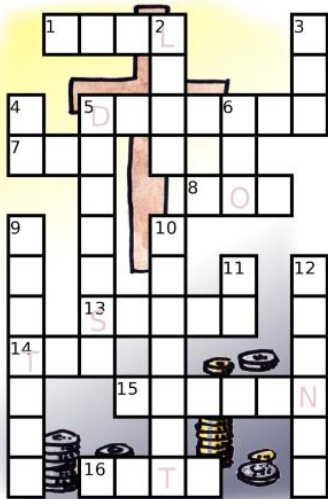
**RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS:** are invited to on Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. A relic of St. Peregrine will be in our Chapel during the retreat. Come, let Jesus hold you lovingly in His gentle arms and fill you with strength. Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga Cost: \$45.00 hot lunch included Contact: Jean – office@qoa.ca or 905.278.5229

**MARTYR'S SHRINE IS OPEN AGAIN!:** Over the past two and a half years, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Martyrs' Shrine remained closed to the general public. However, we are now reopened and events have resumed. The link below connects you to our events. Come visit us! <https://martyrs-shrine.com/events/>

Kids Corner:

**Cross-Word**

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.  
A=Across D=Down



- CANNOT
- HATE
- MASTERS
- SERVANT
- MAMMON
- THE
- SERVE
- HE
- DESPISE
- YOU
- TWO
- ONE
- LOVE
- NO
- DEVOTED
- GOD
- WILL

" \_\_\_\_\_ 4D \_\_\_\_\_ 10D can serve \_\_\_\_\_ 6D \_\_\_\_\_; 9D for either \_\_\_\_\_ 11D will \_\_\_\_\_ 16A the one and \_\_\_\_\_ 2D \_\_\_\_\_ 14A other, or he \_\_\_\_\_ 1A be \_\_\_\_\_ 5A to the \_\_\_\_\_ 7A and \_\_\_\_\_ 5D the other. \_\_\_\_\_ 8A \_\_\_\_\_ 12D \_\_\_\_\_ 13A \_\_\_\_\_ 3D and \_\_\_\_\_." 15A

**Parish News**

**INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION –**  
Guest preacher: In anticipation of the first annual collection for the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund in October, Fr. Trevor Scott, S.J., will be our guest preacher next weekend. Fr. Scott is part of the Jesuit Forum, which has been leading efforts at reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, and he co-authored the book, "Listening to Indigenous Voices". The following weekend, of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The Children's Liturgy program has resumed. At the 9 am Mass, all school-aged children from Kindergarten to Grade 2 are invited to attend. No registration is necessary. The children are called to the front of the church after the opening of the Mass and proceed to the church hall, where they participate in a discussion and activity based on the Gospel reading. The children return to sit with their family at the offertory. If you have any questions regarding the program or are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Marlo Taylor at 647.233.7636.



**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.



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

**Little Levity:** Paddy was walking to the mailbox when Murphy a local, walked up to him and asked if he could have 2 dollars to buy something to drink. "I'm so sorry; I don't have any change, just these large bills. "That's okay I could take one of those large bills" said Murphy. Paddy searched through and found his hydro bill, and handed it to him.. Murphy took one look at it tore it up and walked off huffing and puffing. "Well I never" said Paddy! "I don't know what he was so upset about!" Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa