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Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil) Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

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Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm Sunday at 11 am

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am Saturday at 4.30 pm

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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# Laying Down our Lives No Greater Love John 15.9-17

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" are the beautiful words we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today. Jesus goes on to say that He no longer calls us servants but His friends. This is the radical truth of our faith. That God became man in order to befriend us and show His love for us through His death on the cross. As stewards we too are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him.



While the most literal way to lay down our life is to become a martyr for the faith, few are actually called to this type of death. It is more likely that we are called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says, "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." This is how we can display love's greatest act in our lives, to live not for ourselves but to live for the Gospel.

As stewards, we can live for the Gospel by giving our time and talents to our parish community. Our lives are made out of time, so to freely offer our time to help serve those in our community is a beautiful way to lovingly give to others. Likewise, to give of ourselves through the sharing of our talents is another way to lay down our lives for Christ and the Church. Let us strive to commit more faithfully to our call of stewardship.

#### **Summary**

As stewards, we are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him for there is "no greater love than this." Since it's unlikely that we'll be called to martyrdom, we are instead called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Let us strive to accomplish this through a renewed commitment to stewardship.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



#### Monday, May 6th

12:05 pm † Harriet Pallones Capalla requested by Thelma Potal & family

#### Tuesday, May 7th

**12:05 pm †** John Amirthanathar on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance requested by Maureen Rajadurai & family

#### Wednesday, May 8th

**12:05 pm** In thanksgiving & for the intentions of Nathaniel Sevilla on his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday requested by the Sevilla family

#### Thursday, May 9th

12:05 pm † Fr. Peter Tammearu on his birthday remembrance requested by the Sevilla family

#### Friday, May 10th

**12:05 pm †** Vincent Simone on his birthday remembrance requested by Mary, Nancy & Dylan

#### Saturday, May 11th

**9:00 am** For the healing & blessing of Lettemichael Habtu & family requested by Nazaret Kiflu

**5:00 pm** † Evelyn Viola Mancuso on her 1<sup>st</sup> yr. death anniversary requested by Leo Mancuso & family

#### Sunday, May 12th

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am All living & deceased names of mothers written on the cards which are placed below this altar requested by their family members or friends

#### BOOK BARROW EVENT



This event will be held by the Legion of Mary this Sunday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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#### **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS**

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

# Continued ..... 10 Great Tips To Help You PRAY (not just SAY) The Rosary! - by Gary Zimak

**4. Been There, Done That** – When we look at Mary's life, we sometimes overlook her many struggles. Like us, Mary was forced to endure suffering and difficulties, often without a lot of explanation. Being the Mother of God didn't make her all knowing.

"In the Rosary we rejoice, sorrow and triumph with Our Lady as she walks the same path we have to walk. But now she has reached the end"

When we pray the Rosary, we should remember that Mary understands our problems and confusion. By meditating on the events in her life and the life of her Son, we can obtain help for our daily struggles from someone who is now in a place where we'd like to someday be!

- **5. Listen To The Word** In his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae (On The Most Holy Rosary), Blessed Pope John Paul II recommends that we supplement our Rosary meditations with Bible reading. After announcing the individual mystery, the late Holy Father encourages us to read an appropriate Bible passage. While this is not always possible (if we are praying while walking or driving, for instance), we can still mentally recall the details of an appropriate Bible story. This underscores the importance of becoming familiar with Sacred Scripture.
- 6. Savor The Repetition Sometimes it feels as if praying the Rosary is just "repeating a bunch of words"! In fact, one of the criticisms of the Rosary is that it is nothing more than "vain repetition". In his book, The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen addresses those who consider the rosary to be monotonous. Using the analogy of a husband telling his wife "I love you" or a mother proclaiming "you're a good boy" to her child, Sheen stresses that the words mean something different at each point in time that they are repeated. In the same way, each time we pray the Rosary, we are saying "I love you" to God, the Trinity, to Jesus and to Mary. With each successive bead (or decade) the meaning shifts as we contemplate a new aspect of Jesus or Mary's love.
- **7. Do Whatever He Tells You** Praying the Rosary, no matter how devoutly, is never a substitute for following the commands of Jesus and His Church. The Rosary should spur us on to live the mysteries in our daily life. In his book, The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales on Our Lady, St. Francis de Sales had this to say:

"The worldly-minded imagine that devotion to Our Lady usually consists in carrying a rosary in their cincture. It

seems to them that it is enough to pray it a number of times without doing anything else. In this, they are greatly mistaken. For our dear Mistress wants us to do what her Son commands us (John 2:5) and considers as done to herself the honor we give to her Son by keeping His commandments."

~ to be continued ~

### Mother's Day Cards



**S**unday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, the 11 am Mass has been reserved for Mass intentions for mothers.

Special Mass cards are available for the offering of these Mass

intentions. It is a special way to recognize moms, be thankful for them, and appreciate them for all their hard work and everything they have done for us in truly showing us the love of God.

These cards can be purchased in the foyer of the church after all Masses this weekend or at the parish office.

### SVAP Bundle Up Weekend Thiis weekend - May 4th/5th



②t is that time of the year again! Please consider donating your gently used items this spring for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Up this weekend, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to accept clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, draperies and NEW toys for use in the Society's programs and services to help those in need. A truck will be in the parking lot before and after mass to receive your donation. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling.

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