

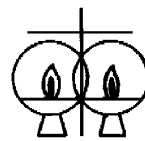
THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

What does it really mean “the Kingdom of God”? Jesus never gave a clear definition, but He gave various images and similitudes. In the Gospel today He tells us that it is like a “man who sows the seed and then he goes to sleep”; and day after day the seed will sprout and grow. Then in a second paragraph Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a “mustard seed”. It is so small that you can hardly see it, but it has the power of becoming “the greatest of all shrubs” with branches and birds nesting on it.

What can we learn from these similitudes? First, the man who sows the seed is confident that it will grow, even without much of his effort. He even goes to sleep, so that he practically does nothing to get that seed to grow. The Kingdom of God is not something that we can build on our own; we need the help of God. Actually it is better to say that the kingdom of God is a gift from God.

Secondly, in the mustard seed we see the inner power of this little thing. To our eye it is almost insignificant, but then it grows to be the greatest of all shrubs. The power of the seed is a sign that our faith has the power of a new life; has the power of growing into something great.

So, how could we define the Kingdom of God? Peace, justice, joy and love! Once we have these four values in our heart, in our family, in our country, then we have the Kingdom of God here on earth. Peace is not only lack of war, but an awareness and satisfaction of being in the right place at the right time. Justice is a precondition in any relationship with ourselves and others. Peace and justice bring us the joy that will make our lives meaningful and open the way to the real love, which is the ultimate goal of our life. So the Kingdom of God is more like a “state of mind and heart” and not a geographical place where we can live. It is a way of life more than a social or political institution; and surely it has nothing to do with being rich and wealthy. Actually wealth could be a big danger to the peace of mind, which is necessary in order to live in the Kingdom of God. “Blessed are the poor!”



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8:00am Charlotte Fagan
1:00pm WEDD: Sherwin Lopena & Maricar Gamil
6:00pm Frank Pinto

Sunday, June 17 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Rod & Dosithee Gaudette &
Romeo Gauthier
10:00am MESSA CON PIÚ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Lucia & Berta Fernandes
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
4:30pm Domenico Colussi
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, June 18

8:00am Thanksgiving from Frank & Melissa Grainger
7:00pm Cardinal Ivan

Tuesday, June 19 St. Romuald

8:00am Manuel Gonzales
7:00pm Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

Wednesday, June 20

8:00am Joseph Trdak
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00am Anna Lombardi
7:00pm Antoinette Fernandes

Friday, June 22 Sts. Paulinus, John Fisher & Thomas More

8:00am Giuseppe Corrente
7:00pm Sandra Valentini

Saturday, June 23

8:00am Iris Moreira
6:00pm Rino & Maria Cesselli

Sunday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30am Larry Feijo
10:00am MESSA CON PIÚ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Thanksgiving from Keith Hendricks
4:30pm Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

***El café de la Amistad** nos ofrece la oportunidad de disfrutar diversos platillos típicos. Hoy estará a cargo del comité social.

* **La Familia Misionera** les invita a su encuentro de oración y reflexión los martes a las 7:35 p.m. en el Salón Scalabrini.

*Los niños y niñas interesados en integrarse como **acólitos**, por favor, ponerse en contacto con la Sra. Ana María Escobar.

La Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana los invita muy especialmente a la Asamblea de Oración y Alabanza el Viernes 22 de Junio a las 7:35 p.m. en el Salón Grande de la parroquia. El tema de reflexión será: **“Atesora tesoros en el Cielo”** (Mateo 6, 19-23).

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Please contact the office as soon as possible

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO, will take place on campus at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa, ON. The 2018 conference is July 13 – 15. UOIT is located at 2000 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa. For more information visit steubenvilleconferences.com

HOLY FAMILY ICON

The Knights of Columbus council have brought to our parish one of the “Holy Family Icons” blessed by Pope Francis, which on June 18 will continue its pilgrimage to other Councils in Canada. It is my desire that this occasion be the beginning of a pastoral mission to pray and plan a whole new FAMILY MINISTRY in our parish. As we continue to support the Youth Ministry just started, for the following year we want to concentrate our efforts and support on the Family Ministry. May the Holy Family guide us in this new pastoral journey.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. True devotion to the Sacred Heart means devotion to the Divine Heart of Christ insofar as His Heart represents and recalls His love for us.

SENIORS' GROUP On Tuesday, August 14th, the Seniors will be going on a pilgrimage with Fr. Walter to Marylake Retreat Centre in King City. The bus will leave at 9:00am sharp and returning by 5:00pm. For bus reservations, please call Vicky at 647-760-5954 or Agnes 416-319-2673.



SHARE LIFE Living the Gospel by helping isolated seniors. Through your generosity, ShareLife is connecting these seniors with the support they need by conducting home visits, making phone calls, and linking seniors with community resources. Our parish goal is \$55,000.00. To date, we have collected \$37,000.00. Please continue to give your donations for ShareLife. Thank you for your support.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION with Fr. Walter SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 21 Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice & Be Glad) -
 June 28 Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice & Be Glad)
 July 5 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 July 12 Word of Life
 July 19 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 July 26 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 Aug 2 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 Aug 9 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 Aug 16 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 Aug 23 Interior Castle - St. Teresa of Avila
 Aug 30 Word of Life
 7:30 pm in Zanon Hall. Everyone Welcome!

BUNDLE SUNDAY St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need. There will be a truck in our parking lot on Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th.

THE SCALABRINIAN SISTERS will have a Charity Garage Sale on Saturday, July 7th from 8:00am to 1:00pm at 1402 Hurontario St. Please support their Missions. Call 905-271-1342.