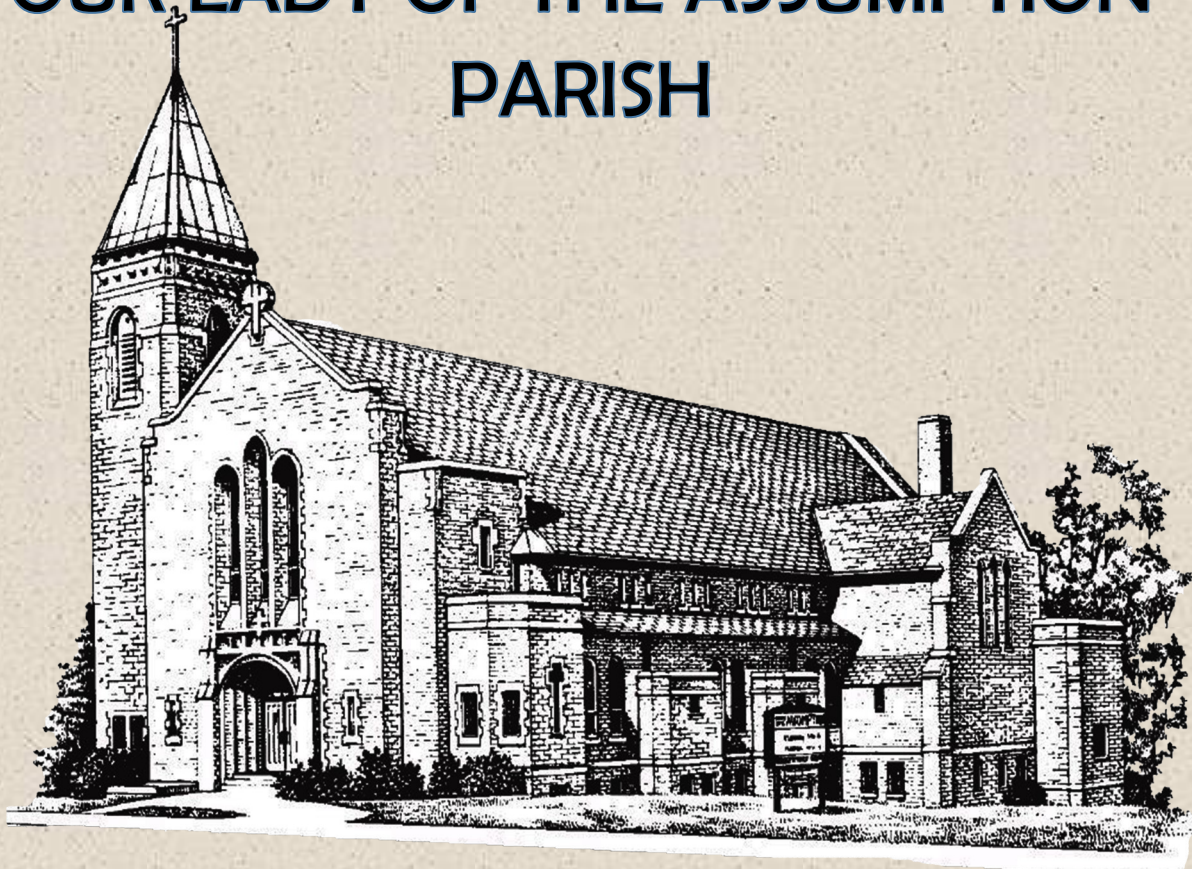




I was glad when
they said...Let us
the house of

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2021

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



August 23-29, 2021

Monday, August 23rd

No Mass

Tuesday, August 24th

7:00pm—Cristie Estrella

Wednesday, August 25th

7:00pm

Thursday, August 26th

7:00pm —Evanezza Correa

Friday, August 27th

7:00pm

Saturday, August 28th

5:00pm —Luis Bustamante
Cora Soriano

Sunday, August 29th

10:00am—Rene and Nitz Rosales

12:00Noon —Community of Our Lady of
Assumption
Juanita Ringonan

5:00pm —Mansueto Jaron

Arsenia Gelar
Alfredo Legaspi
Asuncion Corazon Legaspi
William Henry Pike
Thelma Estonilo

7:15pm



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members
of our parish and those who love
and minister to them.

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Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading



For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the

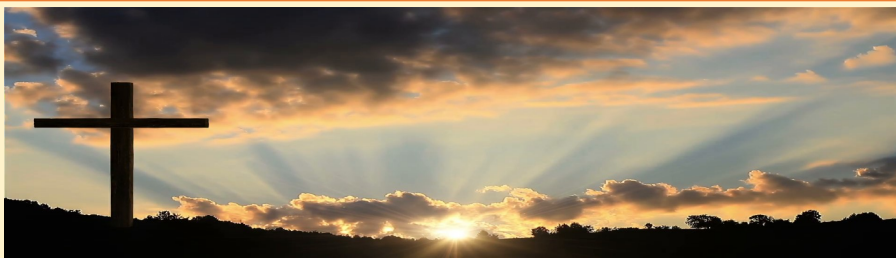
crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART
1 Thessalonians. 5:18



The Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation – July 19, 2021

As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

We are currently establishing working groups, each enriched by Indigenous voices, to help guide and support our efforts. To that end, the archdiocese has identified the following priorities:

- **Education** –initiatives to educate our clergy, staff and the faithful regarding the tragic legacy of residential schools and its continuing impact on Indigenous people, and to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality.
- **Outreach and Spiritual support** –initiatives to support survivors of residential schools and those suffering intergenerational trauma. These may include healing circles, personal or group counselling, workshops, speakers, listening sessions, opportunities for prayer, reconciliation services, and other spiritual supports.
- **Financial support** –the Archdiocese of Toronto is developing a financial campaign to support ongoing healing and reconciliation efforts. A diverse working group will assist in formulating the campaign framework and related details in the weeks ahead. In response to those who have expressed a desire to contribute immediately, the Healing & Reconciliation fund has been established. Donations can be made [online \(https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation\)](https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation), by phone (416) 934-3411 or through any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We recognize the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come. As we reflect on the role of the Catholic Church in operating residential schools, we echo the words of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1991:

“We apologize for the existence of the schools themselves, recognizing that the biggest abuse was not what happened in the schools, but that the schools themselves happened...We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools... Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing.”

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The history of residential schools in Canada.

A recent poll suggested that only 10% of Canadians have a thorough understanding of the history of residential schools. We know that many Canadians are not fully aware of the story of residential schools. There are numerous resources available for people to fully educate themselves on this important conversation. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, issued in 2015 is particularly relevant. The Archdiocese of Toronto has also compiled a number of resources especially to assist the Catholic community in learning more residential schools. These resources can be found by visiting:

www.archtoronto.orgresidentialschools.

Together We Pray

“For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

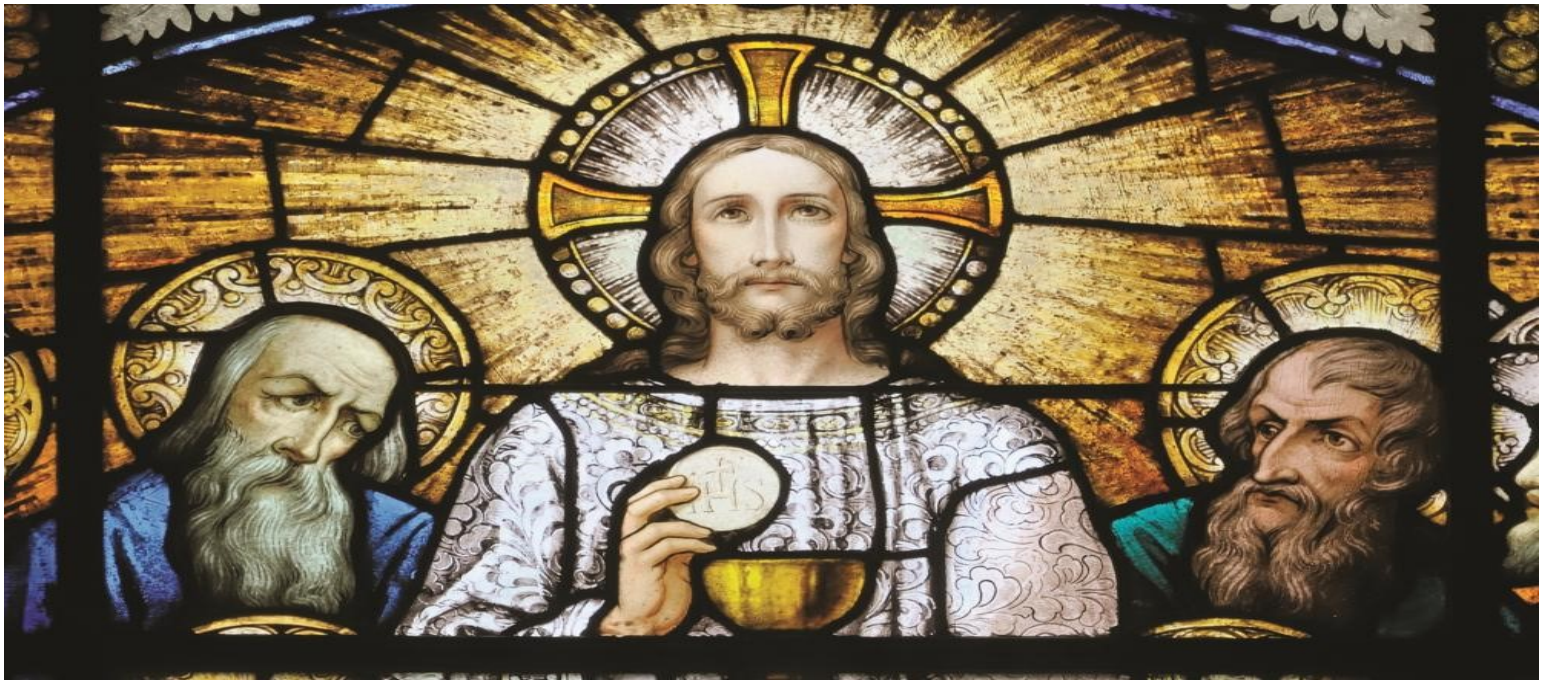
God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.

Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.”



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If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

Registration for the 4 the Annual Parish Ministry Conference

Calling all parish ministry leaders, coordinators and volunteers: Registration opens Saturday, August 7 www.archtoronto.org/conference If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with others serving in parish ministry, to pray together, to learn together and to be re-energized, you won't want to miss this upcoming conference! Come join us from October 26 through October 30 for our virtual 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, "With Burning Hearts!" Space is limited so register right away.

CHURCH- STEAM BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

After consulting the members of the Finance Council and Kris Sharma, the consultant from Sharma & Partners Inc.), the parish is planning to replace the old steam boiler in the Church. We processed the different tenders and are now waiting for the final approval from the chancery office to execute this project. The estimate amount of this project is \$ 246,568 (with contingency and tax included).

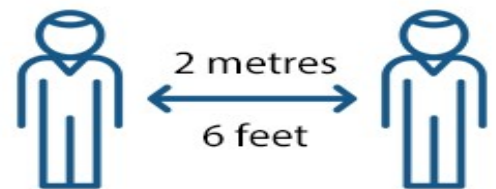
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FEDERAL ELECTION?

Federal Election Resources from a Catholic Perspective

From: Neil MacCarthy, Director

With a federal election scheduled for September 20, Catholics are encouraged to learn more about the parties and candidates seeking our vote. If you or your parishioners are looking for resources to learn more about the positions of the federal political parties from a Catholic perspective, Catholic Conscience have prepared a number of resources that will assist Catholics in voter education and engagement in the days leading up to the federal election. Catholic Conscience is Canada's non-partisan Catholic civic and political engagement organization. These resources can be accessed at: www.catholicconscience.org/canadafederal-current. All those eligible to vote are encouraged to do so on or before September 20, 2021.

Physical Distancing



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 6,965.70

Catholic Mission \$2,678.25

T-Shirts Revenue \$1,200

