

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family...3 Locations

~ St. Elizabeth Seton ~ St. Francis of Assisi ~ St. John Vianney ~

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April 8, 2018 – Divine Mercy Sunday

(Year B)

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Have you ever heard or said a word so many times in a short period that it starts to sound weird or just loses all meaning? Unfortunately, this can happen to ‘church words’ - rob them of their audacity and punch. Words like grace, faith, and love become jargon rather than inviting us into a deeper relationship with God. However, this week the readings seem designed to remind us of the impact those words and ideas can have on us when we open up to them.



Without wishing to make the words go weird on us, I do want to first outline what we mean by them. Grace is God’s free offering to us, as both a gift but also as an invitation which can be accepted or rejected. Faith and good works are our necessary responses to God’s grace; by these two things we accept or reject what God wishes to give. And finally, love is the result of grace and faith; through it we are led to sharing ourselves fully with God and others! With this in mind, let us now look to the readings to see these interaction among these components of Christian life.

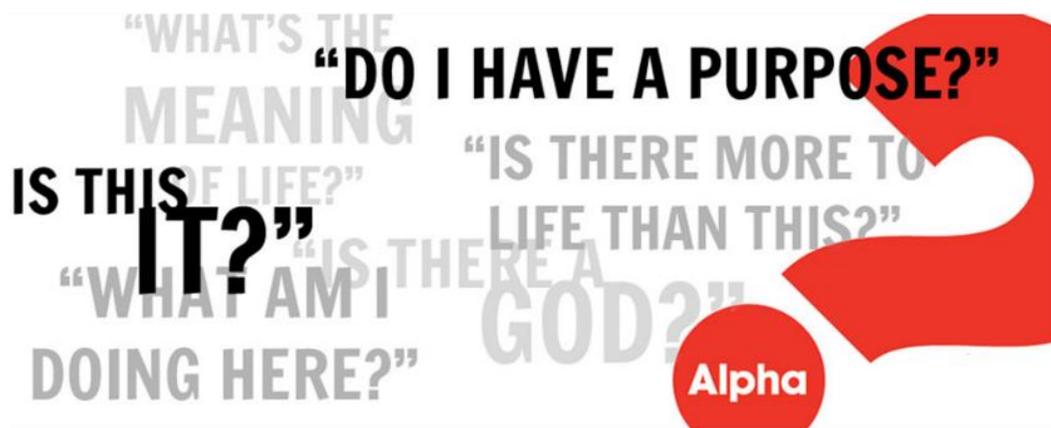
In the First Reading, we hear of the first Christian community. They have received God’s grace through their experience of Christ, and we see their faith-based response: calling others to belief in Christ and the actions of giving of their possessions according to need. Through this description, we can see the love for God and love for others pouring out of that first Church community!

John’s letter in the second reading gives us another perspective on this interplay. God’s grace comes through the water and blood of Christ poured out for us. John says that faith in this enables us to conquer whatever the world throws at us, and also requires us to uphold the commands of Christ—Why? Out of love! God’s love for us is shown through Christ, and our love for God is shown through obedience to Christ’s commands and example of total self-giving.

Finally, in the Gospel, the apostles are graced with seeing the Resurrected Lord and with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit through Jesus. Through Jesus’ interaction with Thomas, we see the importance of faith, especially in Christ’s words to him that ‘Blessed are those who believe without ever seeing me.’ These words call us, who live 2000 years after these events, to the same faith as the Apostles of the first reading! And the love of God and neighbor pours out through the forgiveness of sins and through the ministry of the Apostles and the advocacy of the Holy Spirit.

Each of these portraits of grace, faith and works, and love looks a bit different from the others, but likewise they will look different in each of our lives as well! Yet through the interplay of God’s gift and our response, we come to share in the new life, the divine life, which the Resurrected Jesus opened for us, now and forever. Alleluia!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation



The answer to these life questions can be explored at Alpha. Join us for breakfast followed by an inspiring talk and small group discussion. Our daytime Alpha will be held on Thursday mornings beginning April 12th from 9:45 am to 11:45 am at St. John Vianney in the Hall. Please join us and bring a friend who may also be looking for answers. Signup in the Foyer or call the Parish Office at 902-865-2112 Ext. 0. Look forward to seeing you there!

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP



As Catholics, we are Christian disciples committed to follow the way of the Lord whose response to suffering was to provide care! As Christ healed the sick and broken-hearted with His acts of compassion, our present Christian response to suffering must be in keeping with Christ's actions by transforming suffering with meaning. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, there will be a brief presentation at all the Masses highlighting our growing Ministry of Care and

Companionship at Holy Trinity. If you are interested in joining this ministry or know of someone who is seriously ill, in the hospital or are confined to their home and who could benefit from receiving a visit and/or the Eucharist, there will be an opportunity to connect with a Minister of Care & Companionship following each Mass.

We follow the example of Jesus and Mary as we care for the sick and comfort the dying.

UPCOMING MASSES / CHANGES

MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED during the week of Monday, April 30th - May 4th as our priests will be attending a retreat with Archbishop Mancini.

COMPANIONS FOUNDATION DAY MASS will be celebrated on Friday, May 4th at 7 pm at St. John Vianney. There will be no 9 am Mass that day.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Third Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Acts 3.13-15, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 John 2.1-5
Gospel: Luke 24.35-48

NEW WEBSITE AND LIVESTREAMING

Visit our new website at www.holytrinityns.ca to keep up to date with all news and events at our Parish. You can also easily watch our Sunday 10am Mass Live by clicking on the YouTube Link on the welcome page of the website. Missed a homily? Catch up by clicking on Fr. Ken and Fr. Bryan's homily button to hear the most recent Sunday message.



Easily subscribe to the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit YouTube page to receive notifications of when LIVE events are happening! It is as easy as:

On your computer

1. Search for YouTube in your Google Search bar or enter YouTube in your web browser. On you iPad or Mobile Phone, download the YouTube App.
2. In the search bar for YouTube, type **Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit** and select.
3. Watch the instructional videos to help you subscribe and receive notifications for upcoming events.
4. Share with your family and friends! YouTube lets you share videos directly to your Facebook or Twitter account. What better way to evangelize your family and friends.

- HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL UNIT - FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
	Sunday Collections	Budget	+ / -
February 4	\$9919	\$9635	\$284
February 11	\$8919	\$9635	-\$716
February 18	\$7908	\$9635	-\$1727
February 25	\$9623	\$9635	-\$12
Totals:	\$36369	\$38540	-\$2171

LAY ASSOCIATES' NEWS

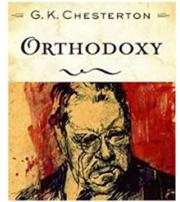
PRAISE AND ADORATION EVENING ~ to help open ourselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, a special Praise and Adoration evening will be held on Friday, April 20th at St. Elizabeth Seton beginning at 6:50 pm with praise & worship music. The evening will include initiation of our newest Lay Associates; a talk on Baptism in the Holy Spirit; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; individual prayer ministry and music by our Music ministry. The evening will conclude around 8:30 pm with some time for fellowship. We welcome everyone to join us and bring a friend.

ORDINATION OF BR. PETER HANNA ~ It is with great joy that the Franciscans of Halifax are asking you to join them in praying at the Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of **Br Peter Hanna** by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Mancini. The ordination will take place during a Eucharistic celebration on **Saturday, April 21st at 10:30 am** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax. All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING will take place on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm at St. John Vianney. Contact Judy Fraser at 902-864-2778.

BOOK STUDY

The wit and wisdom of one of Catholicism's greatest modern writers is on display in this explanation and exploration of faith. G. K. Chesterton offers in this book "not whether the Christian faith can be believed, but of how he personally has come to believe it," and in taking in his depth of intellect and imagination, we may again rediscover our own wonder and awe for the beauty and audacity of the Catholic faith in our age!



All are invited to participate in this study, hosted by Alex Craven, Faith Formation Coordinator for Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit. Sessions are offered Sunday evenings and Tuesday mornings at St. John Vianney Church. If a copy of the text is needed, one may be ordered through the church for \$20. If you have questions or wish to enroll, please contact Alex by **April 5** at [902-865-2112 ext.23](tel:902-865-2112) or faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca.

Session A: Sundays: Apr 8, 15, 22, 29, & May 6, 13, 20, 27, & June 3 @ 7:30 PM – 9 PM

Session B: Tuesdays: Apr 10, 17, 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5 @ 9 AM – 10:30 AM

FR. SIMON'S BOOK

FOREWORD BY FR. JAMES MALLON
**Divine
Renovation
Apprentice**
Learning to Lead a
Disciple-Making Parish



Fr. Simon Lobo, CC

Fr. Simon Lobo, Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, has written a book entitled, "*Divine Renovation Apprentice*" which is an insight into ministry from Fr. Simon's personal experience. Copies can be purchased from the Parish Office at a cost of \$20 each.

PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Jordan under the spiritual Leadership of Fr. Kenneth Lao on October 20-31, 2018. For more information, call Lolita Bruneau at 902-478-3855.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. ELIZABETH SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are offering a \$500 bursary to grade 12 students who are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton and intend to pursue post-secondary education. Application forms are available at the Church or by contacting Steve O'Quinn, 902-865-8775. Deadline is May 12th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting a visit from Marc LaSalle featuring a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The presentation will include a video and the Rosary which will take place on Sunday, April 22nd from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Columbus Club, 252 Cobequid Road. We invite all parishioners, along with their families and friends, to join us. Light refreshments will be served.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. John Vianney Council No. 7077, is having a Mass offered for current and past council members and members of their families on Friday, April 27th at 9:00 am at St. John Vianney. Knights of Columbus members, widows of past members, their families and all parishioners are invited to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH will take place on Sunday, May 6th from 11am - 1pm in the Hall at St. John Vianney. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, beans, toast, juice, tea & coffee. Contact Basil Weagle at 902-864-8159.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEAL EVENT (C.O.M.E.) ~ Sackville Community Partners invite you to come to a free hot meal (including dessert & beverage) on Thursday, April 19th from 4:30-6pm at Knox United Church Hall, 567 Sackville Drive. Contact: 902-865-9216.

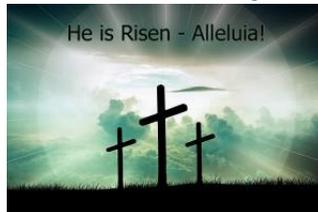
CHALICE is looking for a Fund Development Assistant for summer employment. This position is open to students who will be returning to school in the Fall. Interested applicants should submit their resume and cover letter to Catherine Ludovice at catherineludovice@chalice.ca by April 13th. To find out more information, visit their website at www.chalice.ca.

"The Resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost - not even our mortal bodies."

~ Henri Nouwen

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

He Has Risen - Alleluia! - Easter Message from Archbishop Mancini ~ Dear Friends,



I take this opportunity to share with you a few personal reflections on what Easter and the Resurrection of Christ means this year to me.

The journey of Lent has brought you and me once again to stand before the profound reality of the paschal mystery and to ponder the significance of the amazing and unexpected triumph of Christ's Resurrection. I am always struck by the experience that Christ's Resurrection explodes the ordinary and proposes the extraordinary by opening the door beyond death to eternal life with God. This, of course, is the heart of the good news, that there is more to life than death.

To read the rest of his reflection, please visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org

THE ART OF DYING: STORIES OF THE END OF LIFE JOURNEYS ~ The



The Art of Dying: Stories of the End of Life Journeys
May 16, 2018
Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C)

Archbishop James M. Hayes Centre for Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology presents a series of events about *The Art of*

Dying: Stories of the End of Life Journeys, beginning with Prophetic Witness: Accompaniment. Presented by: Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C). The presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at St. Coloumba Chapel on the AST Campus from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. This free lecture, the introductory event of the Hayes Centre's offerings for 2018/19 academic year, is made possible with the support of The Patrick Power Foundation, Morrow Foundation, Atlantic School of Theology and other generous individuals. See our website (www.astheology.ns.ca) or contact: Brittany Stanick, Academic Office Coordinator

~ Meet Our Staff ~

Pastoral Administrator: Fr. Ken Lao CC.....ext 0
Associate Pastor: Fr. Bryan Sabourin C.....ext 0
Deacon: Rod Rowlands.....ext 0
Administrative Secretary:
 Karen Smith.....ext 0
Finance: Marlene Bellefontaine.....ext 21
Dir. of Ministries, Comm & Evangelization:
 Catherine Kidson.....ext 24
Coordinator of Family Faith Formation:
 Alex Craven.....ext 23

SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE LORD

Saturday	4:30 pm	St. John Vianney
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday	10:00 am	St. John Vianney
Sunday	12:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney
Thursday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney
Friday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:30-6:45pm St. Elizabeth Seton
 Wednesday 8:30am-8:45am St. John Vianney
 Saturday 3:45-4:15pm St John Vianney
 or by appointment at any of our three Churches.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday at SJV following 9 am Mass and concludes at 10 pm with Reposition
 Thursday & Friday at SJV following 9 am Mass concluding at 10:30 am

PRAY THE ROSARY

Tuesday 6:30 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday (Pro-Life) 8:00 am	St. John Vianney
Thursday & Friday 9:40 am	St. John Vianney
<i>On Friday, recited for Peace in the World, as per Pope Francis'</i>	
Saturday 9:00 am	St. John Vianney

(Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle with Rosary)

MINISTRY OF CARE & COMPANIONSHIP AND HOMEBOUND:

If you know someone who is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound that would like a Parish Visitor or to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

CANCELLATION LINE ~ for cancellations due to inclement weather, please call 902-865-2112 Ext. 44 for the latest update.

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? RCIA might be just for you. Come journey with us as we explore the meaning of life and the Catholic spirituality. Contact Anne Marie Reid at reid.am@bellaliant.net to find out more about the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program.

PLANNING TO BE MARRIED in the Catholic Church? Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance in order to have time to prepare.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance. A preparation session will be arranged for you.

HEARTS ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP invite you to join them for *Praise, Worship & the Word*, Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, St. Elizabeth Seton. A great follow-up to Alpha for continued spiritual growth. Contact Ethel at 902-864-4927.

WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS take place on Thursdays from 10 am – 11:30 am; therefore, the Parish Office will be closed during those times.

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! Please refrain from wearing perfume/cologne to Mass. Thank you!

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING STUDY GROUP will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 am at St. Elizabeth Seton. Newcomers are most welcome. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

BEACON HOUSE MONTHLY REQUESTS: canned tuna, chicken noodle soup, boxed cereal, canned fruit, granola bars, cat food, canned corn, canned meat, powdered milk, cleaning supplies.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every Wednesday from 9:30 am – 10 pm in the Chapel at St. John Vianney. If you plan to come after 4 pm, please stop into the office and pick up your 'Adoration Pass' prior to. Adoration takes place as well on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. All are most welcome!

Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give alms to the poor, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinner, forgive injuries, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, pray for the living and the dead.