

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family...3 Locations

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

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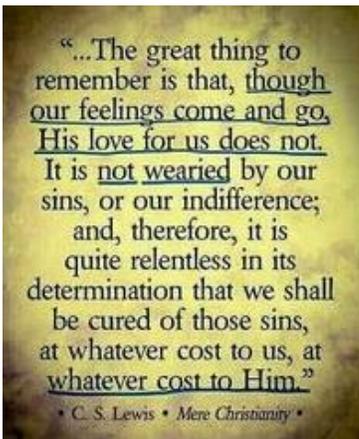
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March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday

(Year B)

WEEKLY REFLECTION



I am going to depart a little from the readings this week in order to focus on the day we are doubly honoring this Sunday: Palm Sunday and the Annunciation. While the Solemnity of the Annunciation gives way in the liturgical calendar to the observance of Palm Sunday, I can hardly think of a more fitting overlap for us to contemplate today, as they each give us different instances of saying Yes to God and bringing Good News to a troubled world.

I invite you first to recall the story of the angel Gabriel coming to Mary and inviting her to participate in God's plan for the salvation of the world. Obviously, the ask was not a small one on any level, culturally, personally, or theologically, and yet even with all the unknowns in the mix, Mary responds with her yes. *She agrees anyway.* In an act of pure faith and humility, she acknowledges that she is the handmaid of the Lord and

becomes the Mother of God.

Mary's yes to the Father at the Gospel's opening is complimented by Jesus' yes to the Father as it closes. All the Gospels tell us that when Jesus processes into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, He knows what He is walking into. Jesus knows that in entering that city He is entering into His Suffering and Death. *He goes anyway.* Despite anxiety and loneliness, discomfort and torture, Jesus prays "Not my will but Yours be done." This is happy news, Good News, for us sinners, for in an act of faith and humility that would make His Mother proud, Jesus shows His love for God and His love for us.

Each time we receive Christ, it revisits the events of Palm Sunday: Christ enters into the Jerusalem of our hearts, hearts which are burdened with many of the same troubles as the whole of that ancient city. Yet when Christ comes to our hearts, hearts which at times deny knowing Jesus, maltreat Him, or even kill the life He came to give us, *He enters anyway.* Why? Because it is the will of the Father that all should be redeemed, and Jesus says yes to the Father. Christ re-enters that turbulent city through the Eucharist at Mass, absolution in Confession, and the countless graces of the other Sacraments, so that we have a chance to live the life of God Himself. And Christ will enter that city again and again and again in order to redeem it for Himself and for the Father. Even if that city rejects or kills Him, He will set His face like flint, re-enter, it and become obedient to the endless love of His Father, even to death, even to resurrection.

As our Lenten journey draws to a close and the specter of the Cross comes more and more sharply into focus, let us prepare with Christ to love like Christ. Let us convert from our Jerusalem hearts into ones which mimic that of our Mother and of Christ. Let it be done to us according to His word.

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

Meet our New Pastoral Council

Chair

Frank Hughes



Age: 71

Retired President and CEO of Graybar Canada.

Volunteer Member of the Board of Hope Cottage, and member of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Past Chair of Advisory Board for the Sisters of Charity.

Married to Barbara and parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi since 1972.

Top 5 strengths: 1. Woo, 2. Communication, 3. Adaptability, 4. Positivity, 5. Strategic

“As Chair of the new Parish Pastoral Council, I am excited and look forward to working as part of our new team, to have open communication with all of our Parish members, and, most importantly, to listen. I ask that you keep us in your prayers as we go forward.”

Vice Chair

Stephen O’Quinn



Age: 57

Married with 2 daughters.

30-year Royal Canadian Navy.

Presently employed with Halifax Transit.

Top 5 strengths: 1. Responsibility, 2. Strategic, 3. Discipline, 4. Maximizer, 5. Analytical

What are your hopes and dreams? *“I would love to see Holy Trinity become a more vibrant Parish with everyone getting involved with evangelization and filling our churches with Disciples of Christ.”*

Colleen Owen



Age: 49.99+

Married to Steve Owen, mother of three boys; Bradley, Eric and Marshall. Currently teaching high school Math in Halifax and has been a member of St. Elizabeth Seton for 20 years.

Top 5 strengths: 1. Woo, 2. Positivity, 3. Includer, 4. Communication, 5. Maximizer

What do you love about Holy Trinity? *“What I love most are the good people here with good hearts that work together with our dedicated priests who love the Lord and want to share Christ with the world.”*

What are your hopes and dreams? *“My hope is that everyone can know the love and promise of Christ, so basically that we evangelize the world, that’s all!”*

Michelynne Gomez



Age: 34

Married, currently a stay at home mom/skating coach, formerly Occupational Therapist.

Top 5 Strengths: 1. Intellection, 2. Empathy, 3. Input, 4. Developer, 5. Learner

What do you love about Holy Trinity? *“I love how the HTPU community embraces the theological fullness of the faith, particularly Marian devotion and Eucharistic Adoration.”*

What are your hopes and dreams? *“I dream of a church and people that find their identity in Jesus and lay everything down for Him. A church that no longer settles for mediocrity but, with the inspiration and help of the Spirit, is fearless in its call to greatness and bringing our Catholic faith into the world for years to come.”*

Kim Pickup



Age: 42

Married to Ryan for 17 years, mother to Emma, Micah, Eli, Leah, Natalie and Rebecca. Educator and small business owner.

Top 5 Strengths: 1. Individualization, 2. Relator, 3. Strategic, 4. Belief, 5. Ideation

What do you love about Holy Trinity? *“The thing I love about Holy Trinity is that this parish is a part of me. It’s an extension of my family!”*

What are your hopes and dreams? *“My hope for this parish is that we will continue to grow in mercy and service. That in experiencing Jesus’s mercy personally, we will desire that same experience for everyone we encounter.”*

Urban Cannon



Age: 56

Married to Darlene for 35 years and has 3 sons.

An Entrepreneur of 2 businesses and member of Holy Trinity since 1988. Served a various boards and Advisory Councils as well as our own Parish Leadership Teams.

Top 5 Strengths: 1. Learner, 2. Connectedness, 3. Arranger, 4. Intellection, 5. Maximizer

What do you love about Holy Trinity? *“I think the word I would select to describe what I love about Holy Trinity would be opportunity. There is such potential with so many gifted people in our parish that are just waiting to find something that connects them to something bigger. He creates many opportunities for each of us to give our YES to be His servant. It is up to us to respond and I am always encouraged when someone steps up to become involved and serve others in a ministry.”*

What are your hopes and dreams? *“My dream is that we as a parish respond to that call, to step up and find the courage do go beyond what we are today and embrace what we can be. I can imagine a place that would feel like coming home for someone who finds themselves crossing that threshold again or for the first time and feeling welcome.”*

Holy Week Schedule 2018

Tuesday, March 27th

Chrism Mass – St. Mary’s Basilica.....12 noon
NO 7 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton

Wednesday, March 28th

Mass at St. John Vianney.....9:00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.....10:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 29th

NO 9 am MASS at St. John Vianney
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, St. John Vianney.....8:00 pm
(Followed by repositioning of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration until 10:00 pm)

Good Friday, March 30th (Divine Mercy Novena begins)

Children’s Service at St. John Vianney.....10:00 am
(Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross)

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at St. John Vianney.....3:00 pm
Tenebrae Prayer at St. Elizabeth Seton.....8:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31st

Easter Vigil at St. John Vianney.....8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1st – Regular Mass Times:

St. Francis of Assisi 8:00 am, St. John Vianney 10:00 am, St. Elizabeth Seton 12:00 noon

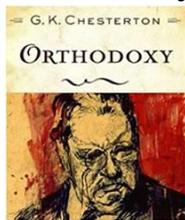


OUR NEXT ALPHA will be a little different than what's been the norm. We will be meeting in the Hall at St. John Vianney on **Thursday mornings from 9:45 am to 11:45 am**. The first one will begin on Thursday, April 12th. Please join us and bring a friend. Signup sheets in the Foyer. You can also register on line or through the Parish Office. Look forward to seeing you there!

- 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

BOOK STUDY

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 **by March 23** 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@holytrinityns.ca.



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

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

LAY ASSOCIATES NEWS

LAY ASSOCIATES MINI RETREAT will take place on Friday, April 20th & Saturday, April 21st - more details to follow!

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.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL of others around you and refrain from wearing "All Scented Products" as they may cause those who are scent-sensitive to have an unpleasant reaction. Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH will take place on Sunday, April 8th 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For updates of what's going on in the Archdiocese, visit www.halifaxymouth.org

~ 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
On Friday, recited for Peace in the World, as per Pope Francis'
 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.