

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Times

February 7th, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday
11:00 am

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† Delores Thompson by Shannon Corrigan

† Henry Mercaldo by the Himbury & Shepherd Families

**Celebration of Ken & Lillian Trudel's 50th Anniversary

world, and creation is not yet finished. God works, *ergázetai!* Thus human work was now seen as a special form of human resemblance to God, as a way in which man can and may share in God's activity as creator of the world.

At the peak of stress and confusion and forced to respond to the developments of the Covid 19, we have missed the announcement of Pope Francis on the year dedicated to St. Joseph the worker. "In every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat,' like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane," the pope said. "All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation." While entrusting ourselves to the care and guidance of the fatherly care of St. Joseph in this situation that we are in, we need to also play our part of working out our faith and help out the others in our care.

The short narration of St. Joseph in the Gospels show his hard work and prayerful dedication. Let's redefine our commitment to our faith-life and participate in the joint work of our parish community.

Fr. Eslin Pereira, cmf

Pastor's Messages

"Ora et Labora"

"Ora et labora" means 'Prayer and work'. "Ora", indeed, this is the starting point that sets the direction for the entire human life. But our consideration would remain incomplete if we did not also at least briefly glance at the second component, indicated by the "*labora.*" In the Greek world, manual labour was considered something for slaves. Only the wise man, the one who is truly free, devotes himself to the things of the spirit; he views manual labour as somehow beneath him, and leaves it to people who are not suited to this higher existence in the world of the spirit. The Jewish tradition was quite different: all the great rabbis practised at the same time some form of handcraft. Paul, who as a Rabbi and then as a preacher of the Gospel to the Gentile world was also a tent-maker and earned his living with the work of his own hands, is no exception here, but stands within the common tradition of the rabbinate. Manual work is a constitutive element of disciplined Christian life.

St. Augustine, writes, Christians, who thus continued in the tradition previously established by Judaism, must have felt further vindicated by Jesus's saying in Saint John's Gospel, in defence of his activity on the Sabbath: "My Father is working still, and I am working" (5:17). The Graeco-Roman world did not have a creator God; according to its vision, the highest divinity could not, as it were, dirty his hands in the business of creating matter. The "making" of the world was the work of the Demiurge, a lower deity. The Christian God is different: he, the one, real and only God, is also the Creator. God is working; he continues working in and on human history. In Christ, he enters personally into the laborious work of history. "My Father is working still, and I am working." God himself is the Creator of the

MASSES DURING THE CLOSURES MASSES ARE ALL BEING LIVE-STREAMED.

Wednesday 9:15 am

Thursday 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Friday - Adoration 5:00 pm

Confessions available call Fr. Eslin at 819-5576-6255

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2021 are at the back of the church to be picked up whenever the church reopens.

In the meantime, the tax receipts for 2020 have all been mailed.

If you contributed through Canada Helps, , they email the donors to remind them they can download their tax receipt by using the "Receipt Download Tool"

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Thank you for your generosity and support
Parishioners can contribute by mail, or by dropping the envelopes in the office mail slot. Donations are also being made through Canada Helps.

Contributions received during the last week of January was \$2,189.00

Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially:

Mary Dawn Johnston, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Lisa Paquette, Deslyn Agard, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, Jane & Bob Cameron, Patricia & Charles Jelley, Eddy Proulx, Terry Jolicoeur, Joseph Ritchie and Ken Trudel.



Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

CONFIRMATION 2021

Information and registration information was sent to the schools in December. Registrations (with supporting documents) must be received at the church by February 12th.

COMMUNION 2021

Information about First Communion 2021 will be forwarded to the schools after February 12th.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

If you are seeking a weekend format to prepare for marriage in the Catholic Church, please register with the *Catholic Engaged Encounter-Eastern Canada District*.

- Saturday February 20 & Sunday February 21st
- Friday April 16th, Saturday April 17th and Sunday April 18th
- Friday June 11th, Saturday June 12th & Sunday June 13th

If you have any questions prior to registration, please email the team at ceeecanada@gmail.com or call Ginette at 1-613-932-1360

Other online Marriage Preparation courses
Pre-Cana Marriage Prep Class (7 hours \$195 USD)
Catholicmarriageprepclass.com

Catholic Marriage Pret (3 to 6 weeks, 20 hours of active work, \$194 USD) (available in English, French and Spanish)
Catholicmarriageprep.com

Living our Faith in Love (8 hours, \$195 USD) (8 hours)
Livingourfaithinlove.com



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BN/Registration Number: 12896 7353 RR0020

*The air that we breathe,
the bread that we eat,
the heart which throbs in our bosoms,
are not more necessary for people
that they may live as human beings,
than is prayer for the Christian
that one may live as a Christ.*

St. John Eudes