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Monday to Friday 8:40 am

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
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Mass 7:00 pm

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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Aug. 8

1st Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8
 2nd Readings Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 Gospel John 6:41-51

No One Can Come To Me Unless Drawn By My Father



This Scripture passage reveals to us a wonderful spiritual principle we need to understand and live if we are to grow close to God. It's the principle of being drawn to Jesus by the Father.

First of all, it's important to understand the first part of what Jesus says: "No one can come to me unless..." This tells us that coming to Jesus in faith, growing in that faith, and growing in our love of God is not something we can do on our own. Coming to faith is a response to God's action in our life.

This is important to understand if we wish to establish an authentic relationship with Christ because it reveals to us the fact that we have to let God take the first step in that relationship. When we let Him do this, it's our responsibility to then respond.

Of course this does not mean we just sit back in a passive way waiting for God to reach out. God is constantly reaching out, constantly speaking and constantly drawing us to Himself. So our first responsibility is to tune into His gentle "wooing." This comes in the form of gentle promptings of grace inviting us to turn more completely to Him and to surrender more fully each and every day.

In our busy world it's so very easy to let ourselves become distracted by the many competing voices. It's easy to hear the pulling, and even pushing, of the world and all its enticements. The world has become quite good at penetrating our short attention spans and offering quick satisfactions that ultimately leave us empty.

But God's voice and His invitation are quite different. They are found in interior silence. However, we need not be in a monastery in order to achieve this interior silence. Rather, it's achieved by faithful periods of prayer each day, and a formed habit of turning to God in all things.

It's achieved when we respond to God's calling, and then do it again, and again, and so forth. This builds a habit of being drawn, hearing, responding and being drawn in even closer so as to respond again.

Reflect, today, upon how well you listen to God. Try to find at least a few minutes (or more) of silence today. Close your eyes and listen. Listen to God speaking to you. When He draws you, respond to Him with much generosity. This is the best choice you can make each day!

Excerpt from <https://catholicreadings.org>

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 15

1st Reading Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Assumption of Mary into Heaven Body and Soul



The Feast of Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary into Heaven both Body and Soul. This is explained in details (by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, during the Feast of All Saints) in the Apostolic Constitution of "Munificentissimus Deus – Defining the Dogma of the Assumption". It says

That the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

We commemorate Her Glorious Assumption into Heaven everytime we pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Virgin Mary, the Revered Mother of our Lord, is joined in a hidden way with Jesus Christ in the same decree of predestination. Just as St. Elizabeth said that she is blessed among women, She triumphed over sin and all its consequences and thus, just like Her Son, she earned the privilege of being exempted the degradation and decay of the tomb. She, therefore, overcame death and so, was raised up, both body and soul, to the Glory of Heaven, where She, as queen, is always seated at the right hand of Her Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. John Damascene, in reference to Mary in the 8th century, said, "Thy pure and spotless body was not left in the earth, but the abode of the Queen, of God's true Mother, was fixed in the heavenly kingdom alone."

St. John Damascene
 Our Blessed Virgin Mary is always available to pray for us and to deliver our prayers to His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. As stated above, She sits at the right hand of her Son, so let's all pray through her to plead to Her Son to shower us with mercies and grace. She is the best gift that we Catholic Faithfuls have found and embraced.

Prayer: Oh Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, we beg you to constantly pray for us to your Son so that we may never lack His graces and mercies. When we are unable to pray due to our worldly commitments, sickness and especially at the hour of our death, always pray for us. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS: August 16-31, 2021

Note: August 1-15 was already published in the previous bulletin issue.

AUG	TIME	MASS FOR	INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
16 Mon	9 am	Ernesto Salazar	+	Lydia Salazar
17 Tues	9 am	Olase Family	Thanksgiving	Fe & Vinda Olase
18 Wed	9 am	Juana Flores	+	Vivian & Gene Beltijar
19 Thurs	9 am	Daniel Houston	+	Eleanor Houston
20 Fri	9 am	Fred & Filipino Olase	+	Fe & Vinda Olase
21 Sat	9 am	Dr. Arla Rondilla	All intentions	Holy Cross
		Peter Taylor	Thanksgiving	Pauline Taylor
		All HC Volunteers & Parishioners		Holy Cross
22 Sun	5 pm	Michael Taylor	Thanksgiving	Pauline Taylor
	9 am	Nathaniel Nguyen	Thanksgiving	Karin Doumouras
23 Mon	11 am	Dale West	+	Ingrouville Family
	9 am	In Honor of the Precious Blood of Christ		Incoronata Ambrosini
24 Tues	9 am	Nick & Elizabeth Joyce – <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>	Thanksgiving	Pauline Taylor
25 Wed	9 am	In Honor of the Archangels - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael		Incoronata Ambrosini
26 Thurs	9 am	For All The Deceased Members of Ambrosini Family	+	Incoronata Ambrosini
27 Fri	9 am	Joseph Taylor	Thanksgiving	Pauline Taylor
28 Sat	9 am	In Honor of All the Saints		Incoronata Ambrosini
		All HC Volunteers & Parishioners		Holy Cross
29 Sun	5 pm	Mike Vong	Thanksgiving	Raquel Goco
	9 am	Rosalina De Vera	+	Corazon Beltijar
	11 am	Bill Burkholder	+	Nancy Ingrouville

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.

We also include in our prayers the health of Catherine Young.

Update regarding Healing & Reconciliation with Indigenous communities (Memo from the Archdiocese of Toronto, 19 July 2021)

The Ongoing Journey to Healing Reconciliation

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>), 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.”

We will continue to keep you updated as these initiatives develop. Additional information and resources can be found by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools.

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