### **MASS INTENTIONS**

# The church is currently closed Fr. Will be saying Mass for your intentions as requested.

Wednesday June 9 -

**Thursday June 10** - Mary and Vincent Downey and deceased members of the Downey family.

Saturday June 12 - Alec MacDonald

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR June 7-12**

MON - Rev. George Stortz

TUE - Rev. Robert Hetu

WED - Parish Staff

THU - Rev. Robert Stainsby

FRI - Rev. Mark Sullivan

SAT - Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

#### THANK YOU! FOR YOUR ON GOING GENEROSITY

If you leave a message on the parish phone, someone will get back to you as the secretary will be in the office a few days a week and Fr. Charlie will be checking messages.

Like Us on facebook.com/mstblssdscrmnt! Tweet Us



@MSTBLSSDSCRMNT! Follow Us @branchesoffaith! We are on social media. Stay up to date, with happenings in the parish, faithful posts, and much more!

Spread the word that we have social media to your family and friends, so they are also up-to-date. See you online!





Join Halton Alive in touching the hearts of over 6500 residents of long term care and retirement homes through our 2021 Inspire Hope Campaign!

#### **Sidewalk Chalking Initiative:**

**Volunteers needed to chalk at 45 locations during June & August!** Sign up to draw colourful designs and messages on walkways to bring joy and encouragement to the staff and residents as they go in and out. Includes discussion starters for families, teachers and groups.

Sign up at <a href="www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehope">www.haltonalive.ca/inspirehope</a> or contact Tawnya Stanus 905-632-3232

## The Body and Blood of Christ June 6

All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do. (Exodus 24:3-8)

When Moses splashed blood od sacrifices animals on the altar and then on the people, he was sealing a covenant between them and God. And just like any other sacred agreement, something was required of both parties. For his part, God was promising to bless the Israelites and take them as his own "treasured possession". For their part, the people were promising to worship him and obey his commandments.

Centuries later, when Jesus shed his blood on the cross, he established a new covenant with us. For his part, he promised to cleanse us of sin "once for all". He also poured out his Spirit, who would write his law on our hearts rather than on tablets of stone. For our part, he asks us to follow his commandments, seek his forgiveness when we stray, and reflect his love and mercy to the people around us.

This means that you are not just a passive recipient of this precious covenant; rather, you have a part to p[lay in upholding it. Of course, God doesn't expect you to do it on your own. He has given you his Holy Spirit and all the grace you need to be faithful to him.

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi. As you receive Jesus in daily communion today, take the opportunity to actively affirm the covenant God has made with you. Just as he renews his covenant with you every time you receive the Eucharist, you can renew your love and commitment to him. Tell him how grateful you are that he has bound himself to you in an unconditional, irrevocable bond of love. Then open your heart to his grace and let it strengthen your determination to love and serve him all the days of your life.

"Father, thank you for the covenant love you show me in the Eucharist."



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Wednesday June 16 – Frank McCarvell Friday June 18 – Alfred Bruer Saturday June 19 – Robert & Georgina Fogarty

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR - June 14-19**

MON - Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos

TUE - Rev. Francis Salasiar

WED - Society of Christ

THU - Rev. Ronald Hodara

FRI - Rev. William Foote

SAT - Rev. Michael Isabelle

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 8th to July 16th, 2021

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0

For more information check the website for the Carmelite Nuns: www.thecarmel.ca

#### **CHURCH ENTRANCE UPDATE:**

Progress continues on the external entrance of the church. The railings should be in place next week which will bring the project to completion.

We were able to do this because of your generosity to the One Heart One Soul campaign.

### Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time June 13

"We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ." (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

The thought of appearing before Christ at the end of our lives is, at best, unsettling. That's because we will receive recompense for what we have done, "whether good or evil". We know the many times we have fallen short. So how can we have any hope that Jesus will welcome us into his heavenly kingdom?

First, we can remember that Jesus himself will be our judge. On the cross, he promised the criminal beside him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise". He refused to condemn the woman caught in adultery. He welcomed tax collectors into his kingdom, including Matthew, who became one of the Twelve and a saint. These gospel stories give us reason to believe that he will treat us with mercy as well.

Second, while we may find it painful to remember some of our past sins and misdeeds, Jesus views our lives very differently. He won't see only our sins, he'll also see our good deeds – even the ones we weren't aware of. You may be surprised by the effects your love has had on the people around you!

Finally, while we're still here on earth, we shouldn't burden ourselves worrying about whether we have done enough good works to earn a spot in heaven. Jesus has already saved us through his "one righteous act" – the shedding of his blood on the cross. Our good works are the way in which we respond to the love that God has already shown us.

Place any fears you may have about Jesus' judgement into his loving and merciful hands. Remember that each day is a fresh start to "aspire to please" him in all things. Jesus is a judge, yes, but the most kind and merciful judge you will ever encounter!

"Jesus, I thank you for the mercy you show me every day.

When the manager of a chain store was moved to a new town he looked around for a church to attend. He tried one after another without much success, until he attended one service in which the preacher quoted the Scriptural sentence: "We have left undone the things we ought to have done, and we have done the things we ought not to have done."

With a sigh of relief, the newcomer muttered: "Thank the Lord, at last I've found my crowd."