

September 15th, 2024

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday September 14th
4 pm + Ivan Smith

Sunday September 15th
9 am + Mary Lamanna
11 am + Mr. & + Mrs. MacMillan



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5~9
Psalms 116: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Second Reading: James 2: 14~18
Gospel: Mark 8: 27~35

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

We continue to follow the path of Jesus Christ strengthened by His Sacraments, guided by his Word, both scripture and sacred tradition, and drive to love our neighbour. We want to personally welcome you and thank you for joining our faithful community. Through living by faith, our church family is vibrant and growing. Through the power of invitation, we encourage you to extend a simple invite to someone who may wish to return to the church. **ALSO** ~ *welcome* to parents of young children and **Relax!** God put the wiggle in children; so don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.

If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child at St. Joseph's, feel free to go down to the hall where there are crayons/markers, colouring books and religious books your little ones can occupy themselves with, but please come back upstairs when ready.



But you ... who do you say I am? 'You are the Christ!'

The readings this week invite us to reflect on the person of Jesus, the Christ, and the challenges and possible suffering involved in being his follower.

In the **First Reading**, from Isaiah's third song of the Suffering Servant, we see a description of the ideal disciple. Despite intense suffering and misery, this person never loses hope and trust in the Lord.

However, as James points out in the **Second Reading**, we cannot call ourselves followers of Christ if we do not do what we can to help the needy, the sick and the poor.

When we come to the **Gospel**, we are invited, like Peter, to make our own profession of faith. However, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ also means accepting that hardships will come our way. We may well have to take up our cross to follow him.

This week, then, we may want to focus our prayer on all who suffer for their beliefs in the Lord, and for all those who are in need

of safety, food and shelter, wherever they may be.


ARCHDIOCESE
SEASON OF CREATION

Pope Francis called the Catholic Church to observe the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation." "This year stressed that Christians are called to live in faith and charity, caring for the environment is a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus' commandment of love." This season began on September 1st, The World Day of Prayer and ends on October 4th the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, parton Saint of ecolgy.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA
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PARISH COMMUNITY
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

 It is open to children from JK to Grade 3. During the Sunday Mass, Father will call the children forward and dismiss them to the Church Hall along with their teachers, where they will hear the same scripture readings of the day, presented in a way they can understand. They will return to their families at offertory.

Children's Liturgy is free of charge and does not require sign up in advance! This morning the Children's Liturgy Class will resume. Please encourage your little one to join in.

LADIES OF THE PARISH

The Ladies meetings will reconvene on the 3rd Monday of each month, beginning with September 16th @ 1:00pm. All are welcome and new members are encouraged to attend. There is a social after each meeting.

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

September	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 17 th	6:00 pm	** Good health of Natty
Wed. 18 th	6:00 pm	** Thanksgiving
Thursday 19 th	9:15 am	+ Leticia B. Walker
Friday 20 th	9:15 am	** Good health of the Maier family
Saturday 21 st	4:00 pm	Intention of the People
Sunday 22 nd	9:00 am	+ James Langdon
	11:00 am	+ Truus Stuyt-Doedens

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

The bulletin list for the sick members of our parish has been updated. As a result if you would like a name added, please contact the office.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building	\$ 353.00
Canadian Missions	50.00
<i>Total Donations Rec'd</i>	390.40
Envelopes & loose	821.60

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