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I was asked by the Town of Whitby if I could make it known to our parishioners **NOT TO PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CARSON STREET** as cars may be ticketed by police. We are hopeful that the Town will place signage indicating this currently unmarked parking ordinance.

Thank you. Fr. Charles

CATHOLIC VS. PROTESTANT MUSIC

I think it has been all my life that I thought Christian music was Christian music, period. Oh I knew music sung in the Catholic Church at Mass was very different from other Christians but I largely thought that it was because of our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, which is true, but it's even more than that.

When I was pastor of St. John Vianney parish in Barrie we had occasion to hire a music director who would cover the liturgical music for all four Sunday Masses. Her background was Mennonite and she was highly qualified as both an organist and a pianist, along with vocal and violin abilities. She had been playing for several years in the local United church for their services and grew up in the Mennonite church which usually doesn't have instrumental accompaniment at all but saw choral music as the norm for their services.

After a few months of playing liturgical music in the parish we were talking one day when she told me that she noticed Catholic worship music was different than Protestant in that Catholic music sings about "our" relationship with the Triune God while Protestant music tends to focus on "my" personal relationship with Christ. Think of the many solid standards of the Catholic Church we all grew up with: *Faith of Our Fathers, O God Our Help In Ages Past, Lift High the Cross, Come, Holy Ghost* and so many others which predominantly sung of our communal worship of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In recent decades and in many ways coming from the "folk Mass" idea, personal praise music started to take hold in the Catholic experience of the Mass in many parishes.

THE PERSONAL AND THE COMMUNAL

In our relationship with God we need both a personal and collective sense of praising God, but for most of us Catholics the collective sense of praise is our first experience as we are brought to Mass each Sunday by our parents and grow up standing, sitting and kneeling in the midst of our fellow parishioners who are, as individuals gathered by the Lord to worship Him, we do so as a body. As Saint Augustine said, "We receive the Body of Christ in order to become the Body of Christ", and in this statement alone we see both the personal and the communal aspects of our relationship with Christ. It is easy to get off track in that an individual can claim they only need a personal relationship with Jesus and don't need to go to church for this. They might hold that Jesus alone is good enough for them and they don't need others, though this is 180 degrees contrary to what Christ Himself has taught. Liturgical music is the

sacred music that accompanies the liturgical rites of the Church, principally for the Mass but also for the Divine Office as well as Eucharistic Adoration and all liturgical services.

Dr. Peter Kwasniewski, a Thomistic Theologian, in an article titled *Sacred Music vs. Praise & Worship – Does It Matter?* writes, "Whenever the popes speak about sacred (i.e., liturgical) music, the very first quality they put forward is holiness or sanctity, which they describe as a certain worthiness of or suitability for the celebration of the sacred mysteries of Christ, and freedom from worldliness or even that which is suggestive of the secular domain. This is why it is especially important that liturgical music both be and seem to be exclusively connected with and consecrated to the liturgy of the Church. If the musical style is borrowed from the outside world and brought into the temple, it profanes the liturgy and harms the spiritual progress of the people."

Christian music which is often called Praise and Worship, while it might be suitable for a group to sing or for one's own personal listening, tends toward the personal individuals relationship with God and most certainly has its place in our day to day lives and inspires us to draw ever closer to Jesus. The words have such impact for the individual because they are personal and place me at the center of praise with the living God. The musical styles also imitate the music of the world either in being of a more upbeat, even rock genre, while singing of Jesus' love for me, saving me, helping me and walking with me. Yet, when we go to Mass and come before God in worship it is both my personal worship and prayer and singing but I do so *with* the entire assembly. It makes perfect sense, then, that the music for the Mass emphasize "our" collective worship of God and not songs of personal relationship that I happen to sing with everyone else.

Over the years there has been less and less liturgical music being used at Mass in many Catholic parishes with a tendency toward the use of the choosing of songs for the various parts of the Mass rather than music that is specifically tailored to the Liturgy itself. For example, the Opening Hymn is the congregational singing to our God who has gathered us together as His people in this, His House of prayer or about what we are here to do as a people who will experience Christ now in Word and in Sacrament. The Closing Hymn of Mass is a singing of a hymn which speaks of our having been nourished by the Word of God and the sacrament of the Eucharist as we are now being sent out to "love and serve the Lord", in the words of the Dismissal. At the Offertory, music which speaks of the gifts that are now being presented (bread and wine) along with our personal monetary offerings to the Lord (the Collection) are sung which reflect the very offering of ourselves to the Lord in response to His words to us in the readings and the homily. I remember so many Offertory hymns from when I was growing up. During Communion, hymns about the Eucharist and what we are doing as a people in receiving the Lord in Communion are meant to be the standard found at every Mass, wherever it is celebrated.

We need both the personal and the communal sense of worshipping the Lord in our lives and our worship of Christ each Sunday at Mass should reflect the latter more than the former as we follow the ancient custom of communal worship. (Fr.C)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, June 4th	8:30 a.m.
Wed, June 5th	7:00 p.m. † Fr. Phil Jones
Thur, June 6th	8:30 a.m.
Fri, June 7th	8:30 a.m. † Antonio Mastropietro
Sat, June 8th	4:30 p.m. † Antonio, Franco, Johnny & Rocco Tamburo
Sun, June 9th	9:00 a.m. † Rodrigo Nieto & Jose & Julieta Reyes 11:00 a.m. Victims of abortion

SVDP

In January, February, March and April of 2019 our Vincentians have made 46 home visits and distributed \$3575 in food vouchers. We spent \$989.60 on the following: a purchase of a second hand dryer, payment of 2 enbridge gas bills, payment of an outstanding car insurance and a Rogers Bill. We also bought a single bed and bed bug cover and arranged delivery from the SVDP Bowmanville Store. A \$20 WalMart card was given to a Mother to purchase Easter chocolates for her children and another was given a gas card. Many of our Neighbours In Need are single mothers who were in abusive home situations and a number of our families have an autistic child. In this time frame we have made referrals to a number of community agencies including: the John Howard Society, Rose of Durham, Bobby Orr School Gowns for Prom, various autistic services, the Saint Vincent de Paul thrift shop in Oshawa and the Health Department. We have been informing parents whose children are eligible for "The Canada Learning Bond" of how to proceed to access it. Recently our Vincentians arranged a pick up and delivery of a table and 4 chairs to a NIN. Thank you for your ongoing support. Without it we would not be able to service our NIN to the extent which we do.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

Join our Mother's Ministry! Our topic for June is Vocations. How do we answer the question, "Where is God calling me"? How do moms help their children realize that's an important question to consider? We'll talk about our call to motherhood and how we can encourage our kids to consider their own call. Our last meeting before we break for the summer will be on **Wed June 12 at 8pm in the Quiet Room**. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact annalisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit www.catholicmomsgroup.com for more information. New members are always welcome!

CWL is selling tickets for Father's Day Basket - \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. Draw will take place on June 16th



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Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Leo Knights of Columbus will serve Breakfast in the Church hall on June 9th following the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Everyone is invited to enjoy a **full Breakfast** of eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, biscuits, coffee, tea and juice. Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 - 12 - \$3.00, and Children under 4 - free. Hope to see you there.

St Leo Knights of Columbus will hold its next General meeting in the Church hall on Monday, June 3rd. at 7:30 p.m. All Member Knights are encouraged to attend.

Marriage Preparation Course

St. John the Evangelist Church
903 Giffard St. Whitby
Tuesdays 7pm – 9 pm

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, & 19.

To register for this course, please contact the parish office at 905.668.3676. \$150 per couple.

St. Gertrude's Parish Marriage Preparation Course

September 6/7th

Friday 6-9pm and Sat. 9am-6pm

Cost per couple \$200.00 includes lunch on Saturday

Please contact the parish office to register.

905-433-0828 or stgertrudeschurch@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca




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