

**COMPLETE MY JOY, OR DIFFUSE MY GUILT?**

Most families aim to be happy. While we may argue and accuse, take offense, assign blame, and carry grudges, our deeper goal is to celebrate that “complete joy” Saint Paul talks about. Our sovereign need to be personally right and to affix fault to others, however, is a serious obstacle to comprehensive happiness. Whose fault is it, anyway, and how does the assignment of blame help a situation along to final resolution?

Blame is a hot potato. From the moment it shows up, it has to be set down somewhere—preferably, in someone else's hands. In the world of the Bible, blame is often seen as a corporate rather than individual responsibility. If one member of a family breaks the law, everyone shares the consequences. The sins of the parents really do become the legacy of their children. So too with tribal offenses; or later, national ones. It doesn't matter who poisoned the pot if we all ate from it and are now sickened. The real question is: Who's got the cure? Inevitably the answer is God, which means making things right with God is more immediately vital than ascertaining the offender. There'll be time for that later—should the community survive the sickness.

The prophecy of Ezekiel is intended to address the matter of fault. His generation lives in exile because someone screwed up: kings or priests, the past generation or the present. Since everyone's hauled off to Babylon, the solution to the trouble is more critical than the source. Ezekiel's argument is that the nation isn't suffering from some epic corporate crime, but actually a multitude of tiny offenses. We each bought our own ticket to Babylon, he suggests. And the way out is as individual as the way in.

Jesus examines the nature of personal accountability in the story of sons responding to their father's command. One son gets the ritual of obedience right in saying yes. But the answer he delivers to his father is still wrong, since he has no intention of following through. The second son gets the ritual dead wrong with his no. But as he fulfills his father's command, we're forced to recognize that this son is truly obedient.

Which brings us back to our quarrelsome families, our divided nation, our fractured church, or our shattered global community, as you prefer. Which is the more vital task: to bury all opponents in the assignment of unassailable blame, or to seek the healing, peace, and reconciliation we all desperately require? One thing is sure. Our joy will not be complete until it is COMPLETE—that is, until everyone gets a share in it and has a reason to be happy. Alice Camille-Religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including *This Transforming Word* and other titles found at [alicecamille.com](http://alicecamille.com).

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS****Catholicism: The Pivotal Players**

Bishop Robert Barron's “Catholicism: The Pivotal Players” is a film series that illuminates six people who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of civilization. Join our guest presenters, **Richard Boileau, Michael Van Dussen and Catherine Cherry**, on **Wednesday evenings, October 11, 18, and 25 from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m.**, as they help us to unlock the truth behind the first three influential people of this series: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas and Michelangelo, and to see how Christ's Incarnation is on display through their minds and lives. The remaining three pivotal players will be presented in February and March of 2018. Please register by **October 9**.

**St. Monica's Book Club**

New to St. Monica's, our Book Club will meet every other week, on Sunday evenings at **7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory**, beginning on **October 15**. This year, we are reading “Fully Human, Fully Divine: An Interactive Christology” by Michael Casey. A solid blend of theology and spirituality, this refreshing book introduces the reader -- in an interactive way -- to the humanity and divinity of Jesus, and applies its significant points to the reader's spiritual life. Please register by **October 11**. For information, contact Barbara DeLorenzi at [bookclub@stmonica.ca](mailto:bookclub@stmonica.ca) or through the office. The book will be available for purchase at the first meeting.

**Video Divina**

This year, Fr. Lloyd's film series looks at movies that courageously examine the multi-faceted experience of Love. Join him on **Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory** to view the movie **The Other Son**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

## MASS INTENTIONS SEPT.30 TO OCT. 8, 2017

### Saturday, September 30: St. Jerome

4:00 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
Aniello D'Addio By his Wife Franca  
Antonio Bei By wife Gabriella Bei & Family

### Sunday, October 1: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo  
Salvati, Pietro Di Meglio, Chiara Di Marco, Deceased members  
of the Battaglini Family.

11:00 Joseph Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family  
Angela Ciccarelli By the Ricci Family  
Doris Sanders By the Kaylor Family

### Monday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Nazzareno Angelini By Maria Palucci & Family  
Flavia Spurio By her Mother

### Tuesday, October 3: Weekday Mass

8:00 Kim Hyunsook Bona By Sohpee, Catherine & Stella

### Wednesday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 Cruciano Nardinocchi By his Mother

### Thursday, October 5: Weekday Mass

8:00 For the Ancestors of the By the Lara Family  
Lara & Brinckhaus Families

### Friday, October 6: St. Bruno

8:00 Ilario Maiolo By his Family

### Saturday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

4:00 Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By his wife Elvira Nudo  
Arcangelo Canci By Franca D'Addio  
Teresa, Terzo & Marisa Zanca By the Family

### Sunday, October 8: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Giuseppe Fiori By his Wife & Family  
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased members of the Cullen Family  
and Doris Sanders.

#### Your Generosity...

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of September 23-24, 2017 totaled \$2,928.85. Special collection for Faith First totaled \$1,159.00.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN



**Development  
and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA

This year's fall campaign entitled: "**May Peace Be With Her**" continues our look at how women in

developing countries play a pivotal role in positive changes in their communities, and are natural peacemakers. Next week we will be distributing a brochure in the bulletin that will outline their leadership initiatives and how we can support them through D & P. Please be sure to read it.

**OUR PARISH SECRETARY ELIZABETH LIAUTAUD  
IS RETIRING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017  
AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH  
A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW PARISH SECRETARY,  
PATRICIA TUCK WHO BEGINS OCTOBER 2, 2017.**

## COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF HEALING

Join us for a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Healing on **Saturday, October 15 at the 4:00 p.m. mass.** Seniors, as well as those with chronic illnesses (physical or mental) or in need of surgery, are invited to experience the sacrament at this time. If you would like to receive this sacrament but are unable to come to church due to illness or infirmity, please contact the parish office at 514-481-0267.

## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR THE HEALING MASS

Volunteers are needed to drive parishioners who will be attending the Communal Sacrament of Healing at the 4 p.m. mass on Saturday, October 15. If you are able to help, please sign up at the back of the church or call the parish office 514-481-0267.

## MENTORSHIP MINISTRY A CALL FOR MENTEES

The Mentorship Ministry is a group of Catholic friends journeying with God and each other. We are seeking MENTEES, young adults (18-35 years of age) who are embarking on or have begun on their career path and would benefit from contact with a Mentor. Mentors are available to guide you on your career path with their experience and friendship. To sign up as a Mentee or for further information on the Ministry, please email Patricia Tuck at: [mentorshipm@gmail.com](mailto:mentorshipm@gmail.com).