

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

July 2, 2023



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023 (5:00 PM)

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a | Ps 89:2-3,16-19 | Rom 6:3-4,8-11 | Matthew 10:37-42

For the Rutigliano & Manchisi families

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 (9:00 AM) **No livestream this Sunday**

†Deceased members of the Binotto family

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 (11:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023

Ephesians 2:19-22 | Psalm 117:1bc,2 | John 20:24-29

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Genesis 19:15-29 | Psalm 26:2-3, 9-12 | Matthew 8:23-27

†Joseph, Teresa and Clinton Vaz Corera

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 21:5,8-20a | Psalm 34:7-8,10-13 | Matthew 8:28-34

†Silvano Zilio, †Kari Ann & Ted Diamanti and Thanksgiving for Kaitlin Jardine

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 22:1b-19 | Psalm 115:1-6,8-9 | Matthew 9:1-8

†Margaret Golob

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67 | Ps 106:1b-2,3-4a,4b-5 | Matthew 9:9-13

†Bernard Fernandes

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023 (9:00 AM)

Genesis 27:1-5,15-29 | Psalm 135:1b-2,3-6 | Matthew 9:14-17

Blessings for Louise Wilson and Special intention of Barbara Pelc

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wed. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday - St. Jude

Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday – St. Michael

Confessions: Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 am

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4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. Email campaign@archtoronto.org

As we begin these summer months, the pastor's blog will be a little more sparse. The summer is a good time to reboot, recalibrate and have fresh content for September. However, this week and next will not so much have a blog feel but a Q&A feel. I guess stump the priest is a thing now. LOL

The questions that were sent to me by a parishioner came from their personal reflection after my homily on the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time. By way of reminder, the content of the homily was to meditate on the bad news so that we can truly appreciate the good news. When I read the questions, I figured that others might also be asking the same questions. This week I will answer the question:

“How does evolution fit in with the picture you presented yesterday?”

Why I like this question is because it speaks to the faith and science debate which we get quite frequently from young people. As a graduate of an engineering program in Ontario, it was always a topic that fascinated me and had me in a constant tension with my faith and the applied sciences that we were studying. The principle that truth cannot contradict truth is what held me together. Both faith and science are seeking truth and that truth cannot contradict each other.

First, we must affirm the truth that the human race is descended from one man and one woman whom the Bible names as Adam and Eve. No truth in the bible is more clearly taught than this and definitively revealed in the book of Genesis. When it comes to the fall and original sin, the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: “The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents.” (CCC 390) The Catechism also states: “We cannot tamper with the revelation of original sin without undermining the mystery of Christ.” (CCC 389).

When it comes to the theory of evolution, we need to begin with a distinction, “inorganic” evolution and “organic” evolution. “Inorganic” evolution would be the development of lifeless matter. With “inorganic” evolution, “so far as the world itself is concerned, the world of mineral and rock and lifeless matter, there is solid scientific evidence that the fashioning of the world was a slow, gradual process extending over a long period of time. Some guesses run as high as two billion years.” (The Faith Explained, 50) This does not contradict the truth that God created everything out of nothing. If God chose to form the world by creating an original mass of atoms and establishing the natural laws that govern how these atoms would develop into the universe, He could have done so.

When it comes to “organic” evolution, the theory proposed is that all life as we know it today, even the human body, has developed through time from some very simple form of living cell. This theory, is just that, a theory. It is not clear and the theory requires much more scientific proof. Even with recent finds in South Africa, we are still searching for the “missing link” (a creature that would be halfway between ape and man). A book you may want to read IS *The Image of His Maker* by Fr Brennan to examine the whole question.

So what are we to do? Whether the theory of “organic” evolution is true or not true, what we must believe is true is that the human race is descended from one original pair, and that the souls of that pair, Adam and Eve (like every individual soul) were directly and immediately created by God. Why? The soul is a spirit and cannot “evolve” from matter. (I believe in God creator of all that is visible and

invisible) Even in the act of procreation, husband and wife provide the matter, but the spiritual soul which makes that body a human being must be directly created by God and infused into the child at the moment of conception in the mother's womb.

And so the theory of evolution does not effect what was presented in the homily which was focused on one aspect of the *kerygma*, the simple proclamation of the Gospel - the love story that God has written. The *kerygma* is usually given in 4 points:

- 1) God creates and breathes his life into us desiring to have an intimate relationship with us.
- 2) We sinned and lost that relationship with Him and are bound by the powers of sin and death. And as we read in St. Paul's letter to the Romans, *Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all people because all have sinned*. The Council of Trent in 1546 appealed to Romans 5:12 when it defined the doctrine of Original sin stating, the spiritual death and desperate need of salvation. And this is spread to us not by imitation (making the same mistake as Adam) but by propagation (by virtue of our genealogical link with Adam).
- 3) Yet, God rescues us from these powers by sending us His only begotten Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead.
- 4) In faith, we respond to what God has done by surrendering our life to Him and working with Him to rescue others.

Also, when I speak to many people about evolution, I emphasize that it is a red herring. As a person with a STEM mind, I am fascinated by such matters but it does not answer the big metaphysical and existential questions. These are the questions that kept me close to God. Sometimes we hide behind science because we do not want to ask the big questions (I am guilty of this) which will prompt in us the necessity for change: Who am I? Why do I exist? Where am I going? How am I going to get there?

Anyways, I could go on and on. Hopefully, the above answers the first question. I will answer the second question next week. Gotta keep you coming back and reading this during these summer days!

One last thing, please offer up 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory Be for our country and its leaders this Canada Day. Maybe a fast might be in order as well!

Fr Michael

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Every year the youth ministries across the archdiocese get together to compete against each other in an ultimate frisbee tournament! This year our parish will be joining Merciful Redeemer Parish to make one ultimate (pun intended) team! If we are going to win, we have to practice! The practices will take place at the school field across from Merciful Redeemer (2800 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga) and will be from 7-9pm. Check the parish website for the full schedule of practices including the day of the tournament! Please note that this is only open to those currently in grades 8-12 (going into grade 9-first year university). You do not have to commit to the tournament if you do not want to you can always just come and hangout!

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THURSDAY, JULY 27TH FROM 5-7PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

COST? JUST CONTRIBUTE WITH FOOD OR DRINK!



SSVP

While all of us are blessed to be in Canada, some of us are more fortunate than others. Last week our team made 16 home visits, and distributed \$1500 in gift cards plus 50 bus tickets. Thank you for allowing us to do this ministry.

Have a Happy Canada Day weekend.

SSVP HELPLINE

For assistance please call:
647-628-2058

Leave your name, number and a brief message and someone will get back to you at the earliest.

SHARELIFE

Thus far we have raised \$56,121 (45%) toward our goal of \$125,000

Our 2023 ShareLife Campaign continues until December 31

We ask you to share your blessings and give generously, through the parish using a ShareLife envelope (available at all the exits of the Church), or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of
Bridget & James O'Keeffe

Blessings for Louise Wilson

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Blessings for Louise Wilson

In thanksgiving

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

25th wedding anniversary blessings for
Kam & Shirley Lam Tze Ting

For the souls in purgatory

ST. JOSEPH

In thanksgiving

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