



Sacred Signs – STEPS

*An excerpt from **Sacred Signs**, a book of reflections on the liturgy by Msgr. Romano Guardini.*

“The more we think about these long familiar things the clearer does their meaning grow. Things we have done thousands of times, if we will only look into them more deeply, will disclose to us their beauty. If we listen, they will speak.

After their meaning has been revealed to us, the next step is to enter upon our inheritance and make what we have long possessed really our own. We must learn to see, how to hear, how to do things the right way. Such a learning-by-looking, growing-by-learning, is what matters. Regarded any other way these things keep their secret. They remain dark and mute. Regarded thus, they yield to us their essential nature, that nature which formed them into their outward shapes. Make trial for yourself. The most commonplace everyday objects and actions hide matters of deepest import. Under the simplest exteriors lie the greatest mysteries.

Steps are an instance. Every one of the innumerable times we go upstairs a change, though too slight and subtle to be perceptible, takes place in us. There is something mysterious in the act of ascending. Our intelligence would be puzzled to explain it, but instinctively we feel that it is so. We are made that way.

When the feet mount the steps, the whole person, including his spiritual substance, goes up with him. All ascension, all going up, if we will but give it thought, is a motion in the direction of that high place where everything is great, everything made perfect.

For this sense we have that heaven is “up” rather than “down” we depend on something in us deeper than our own reasoning powers. How can God be up or down? The only approach to God is by becoming better morally, and what has spiritual movement to do with a material action like going up stairs? What has pure being to do with a rise in the position of our bodies? There is no explanation. Yet the natural figure of speech for what is morally bad is baseness and a good and noble action we call high action. In our minds we make a connection, unintelligible but real, between rising up and the spiritual approach to God; and Him we call the All-Highest. So the steps that lead from the street to the church remind us that in going up into the house of prayer we are coming nearer to God; the steps from the nave to the choir (the sanctuary), that we are entering before the All-Holy. The steps between the choir (the sanctuary) and the altar say to whoever ascends them the same words God spoke to Moses on Mount Horeb: “Put your shoes from off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” The altar is the threshold of eternity.

It is a great idea that if we go up even a common stairway with our minds on what we are doing, we really do leave below the base and the trivial, and are in actual fact ascending up on high. Words are not very adequate; but the Christian knows that when he ascends it is the Lord that ascends. In him the Lord repeats his own ascension. That is what steps mean.”

Have a blessed week,

Father Ceriello (frjoe21@gmail.com)

PARISH OFFERING

The offering to the parish last Sunday was: \$5530
Thank you for your generosity and support of
Queen of All Saints!

PARISH WEEKLY GOAL

Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at Queen of All Saints will be celebrated on **Monday August 14 at 7:30 PM and Tuesday August 15 at 8:30 AM.**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 13
8:30am Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn Canonization
10:30am Pro Populo
Monday, August 14
8:30 am Open
7:30pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, August 15
8:30 am Catherine Brown
Wednesday, August 16
8:30 am Open
Thursday, August 17
8:30 am Open
Friday, August 18
8:30 am Harry & Ann Stegeland
Saturday, August 19
8:30am No Mass
5pm Open
Sunday, August 20
8:30am Open
10:30am Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH ESPECIALLY:

Shirley Cook, John Anthony Edwards, Marie Henry, Chimene Jean-Paul, Aaliya Khudan, Ramesh Khudan, Jr, Miyoshi Vital, Eva Rotelli, Mona Kinssec, Mrs Pancari., Camille Mills, Frederick Lue, Jo Ann Ciavolella, Rasheeda Pierce, Montas Pierce, Ella Pierce, Freida Pemberton, Andre Petties, Ronald St. Charles, Joan Vincent, Cordelia Howard, Joelle Earle, Adrian Texidor, Sylvia Baker, Bettye Pinkney, Yeshi, Ryan Chin, Al Adami, Theresa Powell, Bertram Powell, Martine Dallemand, Rosa Maria Santos, Raquel Cruz, Dora Acosta, Trinity Ramdin, Ursula M. Aird, Patrocinio Binuya, Gregorio Binuya, Rick Mc Gill, Joshua Sardinha, Ken & Alison Sardinha, Tom Moogan, Cordelia Howard, April Pinkney, Earl Hamilton, Akoshia K.Speede, Jamie Sardinha, Maureen Sardinha, Ricardo Allen, June Roberts, Joseph & Florence Wagner.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Fritz Galette, Nancy Breier, Aulander Askew, Gwendolyn Finch, Beate Petties, Barbara Small, William Sullivan, Maurice Holland, Margaret Vincent, Michael Marable, Catherine Brown, Eugenie Dupree, Beatrice Corless, David Rampersad, Minerva Matias, Sheila Palmer, Elvia Powell, Florence Merine-Philip, Angela Steele, Franklin Forbes, Faye Bradbury, Stephen Sardinha, Theresa Powell, Msgr. John Brown, Calvin Allen, Robert L. Casey, Eugene Pilgrim, Israel Correa, Joseph Bostie Jr., Margaret Wolf, Claire Tinnebery.



Back to (Sunday) School!

Our first day of Sunday school is **Sunday, September 10th, 2017.** Registration will begin **Sunday, August 27th.** Please contact the rectory for a registration form anytime before September 10th. Sr Katie will also be available after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, September 3rd to take registrations.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every Wednesday at 7:15pm in St Joseph Hall.

