



*Today we continue excerpts from the book "Sacred Signs" by Msgr. Romano Guardini.
This week: **DOORS***

Every time we enter a church, if we but notice it, a question is put to us. Why has a church doors? It seems a foolish question. Naturally, to go in by...but the door serves more that a practical purpose; it is a reminder. When you step through the doorway of a church you are leaving the outer-world behind and entering an inner world. The outside world is a fair place abounding in activity, but also a place with a mingling of the base and the ugly. It is sort of a market place, crossed and re-crossed by all and sundry. Perhaps "unholy" is not quite the word for it, yet there is something profane about the world. Behind the church doors is an inner place separated from the marketplace, a silent, consecrated and holy place. It is very certain that the whole world is the work of God and his gift to us, that we may meet him anywhere, that everything we receive is from God's hand, and, when received religiously, is holy. Nevertheless men have always felt that certain precincts were in a special manner set apart and dedicated to God.

Between the outer and inner world are the doors. They are the barriers between the marketplace and the sanctuary, between what belongs to the world at large and what has become consecrated to God. And the door warns the man who opens it to go inside that he must now leave behind the thoughts, wishes and cares which are here out of place, his curiosity, his vanity, his worldly interests, his secular self. "Make yourself clean, the ground you tread on is holy ground".

Do not rush through the doors. Let us take time to open our hearts to their meaning and pause a moment beforehand so as to make our entering-in a fully intended and recollected act.

The doors have yet something else to say. Notice how as you cross the threshold you unconsciously lift your head and your eyes, and how as you survey the great interior space of the church there also takes place in you an inward expansion and enlargement. Its great height and width have an analogy to infinity and eternity. A church is a similitude of the heavenly dwelling place of God. Mountains indeed are higher, the wide blue sky outside stretches immeasurably further. But whereas outside space is unconfined and formless, the portion of space set aside for the church has been formed, fashioned, designed at every point with God in view. The long pillared aisles, the width and solidity of the walls, the high arched and vaulted roof, bring home to us that this is God's house and the seat of his hidden presence.

It is the doors that admit us to this mysterious place. Lay aside, they say all that cramps and narrows, all that sinks the mind. Open your heart, lift your eyes. Let your soul be free, for this is God's temple.

It is likewise the representation of you, yourself. For you, your soul and your body, are the living temple of God. Open up that temple, make it spacious, give it height.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in".

Heed the cry of the doors. Of small use to you is a house of wood and stone unless you yourself are God's living dwelling. The high arched gates may be lifted up, and the portals made wide, but unless the doors of your heart are open, how can the King of Glory come in?

PARISH OFFERING

The offering to the parish last Sunday was: \$5685
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 Angelus

The Angelus bells ring at noon and 6pm each day. Pray the Angelus, especially at those hours as a meditation and song of praise and thanksgiving to God for the Incarnation, and a meditative song of joy to Mary through whom the Savior, the Word, became flesh.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth we beseech thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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.**



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sunday, August 6
8:30am Open
10:30am Pro Populo
Monday, August 7
8:30 am Open
Tuesday, August 8
8:30 am Open
Wednesday, August 9
8:30 am Yvan Kinssec
Thursday, August 10
8:30 am Gowldbourne Drayton
Friday, August 11
8:30 am Bert Bunyan (Birthday)
Saturday, August 12
8:30am No Mass
5pm Herminia Gonzalez
Sunday, August 13
8:30am Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn canonization.
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, Patrocino 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.

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

