

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?

Generations of Faith Campaign Update - 2018

Just over three years ago, Queen of All Saints, along with every other parish in the diocese, began a five-year capital campaign.

At that time, parishioners and friends of Queen of All Saints made commitments to the campaign amounting to a total of over \$900,000.00. Our commitment to the diocesan share was \$300,000.00 with the rest coming to the parish.

I want to thank those who made commitments to the campaign and particularly those who have been fulfilling their commitment along the way during the past three years. Those regular payments have enabled us to go forward with the work we outlined when the campaign began.

With great gratitude, I want to encourage you to keep up with your commitment. If you have fallen behind, or have yet to begin, please make every effort to restart or begin the fulfillment of your pledge.

The remaining areas of work on the parish include urgent structural repairs in the rectory; the renovation of the kitchen in St Joseph's Hall; an upgraded sound system in St Joseph's Hall; and a second restroom in St Joseph's Hall.

We can only begin these projects when we have the full participation of those who made commitments to the campaign. Thank you for your great spirit of sacrificial giving and your support of Queen of All Saints.

If any one has not been part of the campaign, but would like to make a contribution to the parish for the work we have outlined, please contact me!

God's blessings,

Father Ceriello

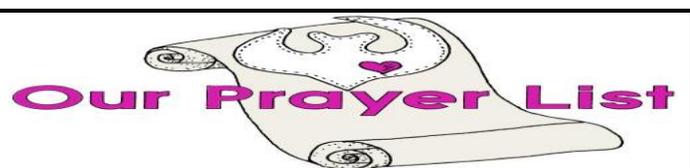
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PARISH OFFERING

The offering to the parish last week was not available by the time of printing. 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 PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Marlene McIntosh, Mirlande Guerrier, Danielle Prout, Faith Prout, Marie Henry, Deborah Khudan. Joseph Aitken, Stacy McGhie, Ruby Allen, Dorothy Brown, Jacques Maurice, Idolly Hutchinson, Bettye Pinkney.

PRAYER LIST FOR DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Jose Torres sr, Jacqueline Jones, Syble Iantha Deshong, Renee Wolf Calvin, Margaret Walker, Sylvia Baker, Mary Brown, Jacqueline Goings, Elizabeth McCormick McDonough, Carmela Pergamo, June Catherine Roberts, Roderick Estrellado.

(Please call the rectory to add the names of your family members.)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul clothing drive will be held on Sunday, September 30th, 2018 from 9am to 12pm in front of the church

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 2nd

8:30am Open

10:30am Pro Populo

Monday, September 3rd

8:30am Open

Tuesday, September 4

8:30 am Candida Jimenez

Wednesday, September 5

8:30 am Open

Thursday, September 6

8:30am Open

Friday, September 7

8:30am Mrs & Mr Richard Brown & daughter Theresa.

Saturday, September 8

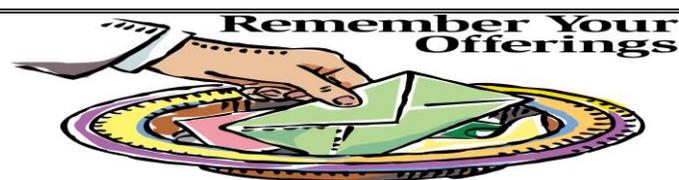
8:30 am No Mass

5pm Open

Sunday, September 9

8:30am Open

10:30am Pro Populo



Your Weekly Offering during Summer

Please remember the importance of your weekly offerings during the summer months. This time of the year affords many of us the opportunity to get away for a while for refreshment and renewal. It's a blessing we should make the most of if we can.

Your weekly offering to Queen of All Saints, even when you are away, is still very important as we try to meet our normal operating expenses that do not change with the summer season.

If you use the envelope program of giving, please make every effort to continue regular, weekly offerings. If you are travelling, please try, when you return, to "catch up" with the offerings you may have missed while you were away.

Many parishioners make their weekly offering through their bank that automatically sends a check to the parish.

Thank you for your understanding and your generous support of the parish.