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Weekly Diary : 27th August—01st September 2018

Monday 27 th	: 08.00 am. Memorial of St Monica, followed by Novena
Tuesday 28 th	: 08.00 am. Memorial of St Augustine, bishop, doctor, followed by Eucharist Adoration. 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Regency Arcare Sanctuary Cove.
Wednesday 29 th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 30 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Friday 31 st	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary
Saturday 01 st	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 01 st	: 5.30 pm. : 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 02 nd	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. 05.30 pm. : 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of October will be on the 07th at 5.30 pm. : 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Mass Duty Roster : 1st/2nd September 2018

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm TBC	Jean Di Benedetto Monique Labutte	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Jean Di Benedetto Monique Labutte, June Molloy, Joe Dorego	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Bianca Battiss Charmaine Battiss	Antona Brown, Jackie Cameron Bernadette Swindley, Michael Nicholson	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Lynne Adamson	Rose Lopez Lynne Adamson	Rose Lopez, Kathy Fuller, John Lynch Pam Nelson, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Jamili Maatouk

Last Weekend's Thanksgíving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (3/9/18)

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\$1451.65	\$1794.45	\$44.00	\$65.95

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time B 26 August 2018—Issue No. 290

You Have the Words of Eternal Life

There is something very realistic and very relevant in what Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." What he had just said caused many disciples to leave him.

He then said to his Apostles, "Do you want to go away as well?" And Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom we shall go?" In that simple question, Peter was saying, We've considered it. We've allowed ourselves to ponder what it might like to turn away from you. He said implicitly, Lord, wherever we look for another Lord, another way, another friend, another philosophy, another view of God, another salvation, another meaning, they all come up short. We can't walk away. You have the words of life.

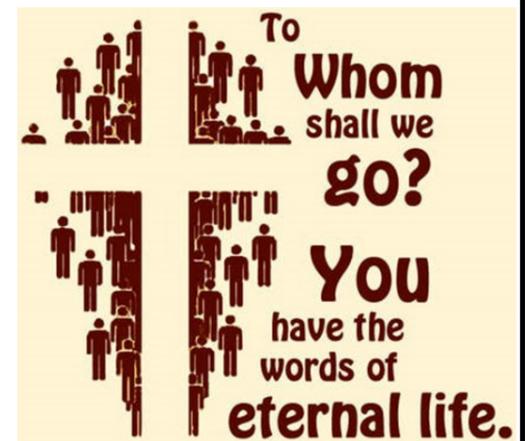
For many of us, what keeps us from walking away is the same thing that kept Peter. We may not have all the problems solved—the problems of following Jesus and saying yes to his teaching and his Lordship and his saving work. He may confuse us at times, and baffle us with things he says, and provoke us, and offend us. And yet, we say with Peter, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." No one was ever so strong and meek, so tough and tender, so authoritative and gentle, so profound and simple, so powerful and so willing to be killed, so just and so willing to be treated unjustly, so worthy of honour and so willing to be dishonored, so deserving of immediate obedience and so patient with people like us, so able to answer every question and so willing to remain silent under abuse, so capable of coming down from the cross in flaming judgment, and so committed not to use that power.

This is how thousands of people come to Christ. Not without tremendous struggles as they look around for a philosophy of life, a god, a world without God, a world without the sovereignty of God, a world with some kind of explanations that make more sense of more things. And they come back, like the prodigal son, and say, "Where shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

How does that happen? The key is in verse 63: "It is the Spirit who gives life." It is the Spirit of God who brings us to a final decisive commitment to Jesus. And his words give life to our spirit which was dead and unable to come. They illumine our mind and our heart so that we see him as more precious than anything else in the world.

That's why we say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." No, Jesus, I'm done looking frantically for another God, another worldview, another philosophy of life, a better Saviour, a better Lord, a better Treasure, a better friend. I'm yours. And Jesus will keep us. We will not go away from him. And he will not go away from us. That is what it means to have eternal life. And a very merry companionship. Those who eat me "abide in me and I in them." That's why Joshua said, "As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:2)

Fr. John Khoái



LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2.15-17.18 *We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "If you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 34:1-22 R. *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. **R.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. **R.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:32 – 5:2.21-32 *This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.*

Beloved, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 6:63.68 Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:53.60-69 *Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." When many of his disciples heard this, they said: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back, and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 103:13-15 *The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord: you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Arthur J. Cook, Halyn Eyre Curtis, Clyde William McKenna, Patricia Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Nichols, Mavis Harry, Kevin Harth, Anne Taylor, Leesa Halverson, Jim & Dan Lyon, Jack Lawton, Paul Lawton, Norma Nichols

SICK LIST: Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Cheryl Carter, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boehme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Awesome Catholic Way of Living Faith

I celebrate Eucharist every day. The Eucharist, more so than anything else, is what anchors my life, my prayer, and my discipleship.

I have Roman Catholic genes, particularly in relationship to the Eucharist. As a child, I was raised in family and community that was deeply Roman Catholic and within which the Eucharist held the central place... Our family went to Eucharist whenever we could... I was raised to believe that daily Eucharist was the ideal. My parents' dream was ultimately to retire to a place where, in their retirement years, they would have the opportunity to go to Eucharist every day... I inherited from them and from our parish community the belief that the Eucharist is the center-piece of Christian practice and that no season of life and ideally, no single day, should be lived without it. Through eight years of seminary training, daily Mass was simply a given, the air we breathed. When I was ordained to the priesthood, I understood, as part of the covenant that a priest makes with the community, that my role as priest contained the promise to habitually, ideally daily, celebrate the Eucharist as a prayer for the world. I've been ministering as a priest for nearly thirty-seven years and I have kept that promise. Unless circumstances don't allow for it, I celebrate Eucharist every day.

The Eucharist is my major faith-anchor. Whenever I can, I go to Eucharist each day.

- Ronald Rolheiser

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