

Motherhood Matters ~ New Book

by local author Dorothy Pilarski

Dorothy will be giving a short talk entitled How to Keep Christ in Christmas, followed by a book signing of her new book, **Motherhood Matters**

Monday December 19th ~ 7:30 pm

Ave Maria Centre of Peace Book Store & Gift Shop
331 Evans Ave.

416-251-4245

All in attendance will get a FREE Catholic Calendar!



**Looking at the
Text of the Roman Missal
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In the dialogue between priest and people at the start of the Eucharistic Prayer there are some important things going on. The priest says, 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God', inviting us to give thanks and to draw us deeper into the Eucharist which, as we know, means 'thanksgiving'. He asks us to join him in Christ's sacrifice of thanksgiving which is the Mass.

Giving thanks is at the heart of our faith. We are thankful for the many good things God has done for us; the wonder of creation, the joy of life itself, the comfort of family and friends. As Christians we see something deeper in the struggles of life and hardships that we endure. It is not easy, but we can learn and grow and become more fully human from both the joys and sorrows of life. All this should be part of our thanksgiving every day. It is perfectly expressed in the Mass; Christ's act of thanksgiving.

Our reply to the priest's invitation to give thanks helps us to recognize that this is something we are all called to do. We say, 'It is right and just.'

Notice we add to the idea that it is 'right' to give thanks another one that it is 'just'. Words like 'just', 'justice' and 'judge' recall our duty to do the right thing but these words have a meaning in the Bible that helps us understand the Mass more deeply.

The Old Testament picture of God as Judge can seem threatening – that he will judge us and therefore he may condemn us. This should not be underestimated for we must recognize the call to do what is right. But the Bible also portrays God as a Judge in a richer way. We are told he is the Judge who defends the widow and the orphan, who rescues the downtrodden and the oppressed.

A modern vision of judge tends to focus on one who weighs evidence and then makes a decision.

The biblical understanding adds to this. The judge not only makes an assessment, he helps, he provides a solution. When I look to Jesus to come as the Judge of the living and the dead I should see him as my rescuer, my Saviour. The priest makes this clear as he continues with the Preface. He says 'It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks'. In Mass the work of our salvation is being accomplished in each of us. As we give thanks we are being drawn into God's saving work. It is not only our duty but it is also the way in which God, our Judge, comes to our rescue. It is truly right and just.

Be a Voice in the Wilderness: Speak out against Euthanasia

Last year, Canada's parliament rejected Bill C-384, a bill to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide, by a vote of 228 to 59. After losing the political battle, the suicide lobby is bringing their demand for legalized killing to the courts.

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association has challenged the Attorney General of Canada to discard Canada's protections from euthanasia and assisted suicide. In *Carter v. Canada*, the BCCLA has asked the court to legalize "the administration of medication or other treatment that intentionally brings about a patient's death by the act of a medical practitioner." *If accepted by the courts, this definition would clearly legalize euthanasia.*

Here's how You can Let Your Voice be Heard:

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition provides a petition to enable all people in Canada to speak out in opposition to the attempt to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide through the courts. *You are strongly encouraged to either sign an online petition or print the petition (both sides) and have it signed by friends, family and members of your community: see*

<http://www.ncln.ca/blog/petition-to-the-attorney-general-carter-v-canada/>

Please return petitions before December 31.

Petitions that are returned to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will be used in upcoming efforts to defend our society's weakest and most vulnerable members against the threat of euthanasia.

Come Down, O Love Divine Advent Parish Mission on Salt +Light

Our Advent Mission with Fr. Thomas Rosica airs on **Salt + Light at 8:00 pm** this week:

MONDAY DECEMBER 19	Vespers
TUESDAY DECEMBER 20	International Rosary
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21	Mass
THURSDAY DECEMBER 22	Youth Witness, Adoration & Praise & Worship

During the Advent Mission, some parishioners requested the text of part of Fr. Tom's homily where he offers practical suggestions for living Advent well. Here it is:

"Build peace. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a kind answer even though you would like to respond harshly. Encourage a young person to believe in him/herself. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Make time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Listen more. Apologize if you were wrong. Be kind even if you weren't wrong!

Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine the demands you make on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express gratitude. Go to church. Stay in church a little while longer than usual. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it once again. Speak it even more loudly. Speak it quietly. Rejoice, for the Lord is near!"



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**Monday December 26, 2011
Tuesday December 27, 2011**

Monday January 2, 2012

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ~ Special Christmas envelopes are in the pews today for those who do not use Sunday Envelopes.

**Perpetual Adoration
Christmas Schedule**



Saturday December 24 Chapel closes 8:00 am
Sunday December 25 Chapel opens 2:00 pm
Monday December 26 Chapel open as usual
Saturday December 31 Chapel closes 8:00 am
Sunday January 1 Chapel opens 2:00 pm



**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS MEMBERS**

Next **General Meeting**
Wednesday, December 21st
in the **Parish Hall**

Mass 7:00pm
Meeting 7:30pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\$1,250.00 Capital Campaign
\$584.89 New Roman Missals

SEWING CLUB

\$400.00 Capital Campaign

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION	CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000
SUNDAY OFFERING \$8,386	SECOND COLLECTION \$729.00
Average Env. Donation \$14.71	TOTAL \$331,458.25

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19

8:00am Rita Brown by Helen Liscio
7:30pm Memorial Mass ~ Annina Cappellano

Tuesday, December 20

7:30pm Luisa & George Imbrogno by Imbrogno Family

Wednesday, December 21

8:00am Anna McConnell by McConnell family

Thursday, December 22

8:00am Mirco Cecavac by family

Friday, December 23

8:00am Sister Lodovica Fantin by Stefania Fantin

Saturday, December 24

8:00am Julia Longo & family by John & family
5:00pm Ollie Holowaty by family
8:00pm Florence Bengert by family
12:00am Joseph Lawrence & Erminia Aquilina by Muscat family

Sunday, December 25

8:00am cancelled
9:30am Maria Luigia Tatangelo & Petrozzi family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Elvira & Amelio Gaglia by Joseph Gaglia & family
12:45pm Joseph Zagar by Gunton Drive Neighbours



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

ERMINIA AQUILINA & GERALD MAILLET

MARIAN EUCHARISTIC INTERCESSORS

(MEI) meet in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray for personal intentions and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, on Mondays (8-9pm), Thursdays (9-10am, 8-9pm), Saturdays (10-11am). All are most welcome to join us.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK,
ESPECIALLY:**

Peter Calzavara, Matthew Murdoch, Griffin Brown, Margot Low, Dorita Hilder, Bill Batulis, Nellie McGlynn, Rebecca Bautista, Vincenzo Macri, Bernardino Pedo, Marie Demers, Robert Cellupica, Helen Bondi, Rhoel Val Rodrigo, Ronalda Campbell, Patricia Waters-Holst, Sean Waters, Joe Borg, Beverley Martin, Jean Bradbury, Thelma Noronha, Nathan Bertucci, Jonathan and Sarah Pupulin, Aidan Downey, Severino Bucci, Stephanie Thomas, David Quimet, Margarida Fernandes, Janice Rama, Olga Evangjeli Gheciu, Victoria Titi Idowu, Rita Birch, Evellin Gleciu, Bernadette Arulthasan, Donna Gillespie, Jameel Giscoombe, Eva Periera, Paul Mati Lincoln, Vittorio Rovito, Savanah Lewis, Evelyn Cletus, Helen Brunning, Giuseppe Miceli, Debra Ferguson, Jeannette Gregory, Anne Misquitta, Denzil Smith, Kate Bachinski, George Galison, Paul Lewin, Maria Di Puccio, Tim Fowler, Teresa Tomasi, Teresa De Santis, Dwayne Primeau, Ashley Correia, Antonio Santos, Linda Yard