

June 23, 2020-Reflections for Ordinary Time

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear God, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississauga's of the Credit. We are grateful for the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples who continue to share their ancestral lands with us.



A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

“Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. ‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. ‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”(Matthew 7:6, 12-14)

One of my COVID-19 projects is to restore the front lawn. In my attempts to grow green grass in barren parts of the front yard, I have realized that I may plant the grass seeds with good soil and water, but see nothing grow. As much as you try to get rid of the dandelions, there is always an additional set of weeds to take its place. It becomes frustrating. Despite your best efforts, all you find is a fresh problem.

However, when you see the small springs of grass grow where you had planted seed, you realize that there is something greater than you to make it grow. You realize that your job is to do those little things and wait to see where it will lead. Your job is just to plant and get rid of those weeds which are an obstacle for it to bloom. This is a life lesson for all of us who may feel that their work goes unseen or advice not accepted, somewhere and sometime it will flourish. Remember, our role is life to help others see God in their life. We are responsible to plant the seed in others to believe in Christ's life, death, and resurrection and cultivate it so the Holy Spirit can help them see the truth. The truth that God never wants harm to come to you, but only wants good. To realize the gift of mercy is far greater than punishment. To realize that when we look at each other, it is as God sees us above anything else.

I pray that we charge on forward towards the end of this unprecedented school year; we remember to continue to work towards planting the seeds of God's love, cultivate it in the example of Christ, and witness how the Holy Spirit can take our small gestures of kindness and change the world. May those who feel the weight of despair and uncertainty in their ability and talent don't forget your path to God will include roadblocks to overcome. May Christ's words take hold of your heart;“ Remember I am with you always till the end of days.” Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.