

The stone that the builders rejected

Jesus makes a chilling prophecy to the religious leaders of his day. God had entrusted them with the care of his people--"his vineyard." He describes their ancestors' brutal treatment of the prophets. False prophets had been hailed, but true speakers for God had been beaten and killed. Now God sends his divine Son. Knowing that



they will reject him too, he bluntly tells them that they will lose all. He quotes verse 22 of Psalm 118. It refers to stone cutting. Builders cut blocks from quarries and preferred to have straight edges. Occasionally it might crack unevenly and be useless for normal purposes. It could prove valuable, though, as a cornerstone. If the ground were uneven, the off-edge stone might fit exactly for this special purpose. The psalmist is saying that God has a way of using things and people who do not seem to fit by human standards. The Lord is able to interpret people quite differently. Jesus was crucified on a rock--Calvary--that had been rejected because of an earthquake. The cross is the foundation of the Church. Could others be rejected for leadership failure? (Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Mass of Thanksgiving

All parishioners are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Mass Monday October 9th at 10:00 am as we give thanks to God for the many gifts.



Please bring a donation of canned goods or other nonperishable items for the "St. Francis Table" and the "Good Shepherd Refuge". A collection will be taken for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families in our community. Please join the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society after the Thanksgiving mass for refreshments in the basement. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul want to thank parishioners for assisting their charity work.

Social Ministry

Would you like to meet others in St. Leo's Parish who have similar interests? We also would like to meet you! We are the "50+ Open House" program. As the name suggests you can come for any amount of time and for as long as you can between 9:00 am and 11:00 am each Tuesday in the basement hall beneath the church and can enter by the Stanley Avenue entrance. We have talks interesting for the age group, prayers, wholesome videos, gentle exercise and celebrate some of the important feast of the church. Hopefully we will see you beginning October 10th 2017.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you have a family member, loved one or friend in the hospital, or shut-in at home, please call the Rectory Office so that arrangements can be made for



their pastoral care. Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick are available to all who are seriously ill.

Parish Headcount

Once again this year the Archdiocese will conduct a headcount in all the parishes and mission communities the weekends of October 14/15 and October 21/22. This will help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Toronto; it will include Saturday night vigil mass and Sunday masses.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm followed by the 5:00 pm evening Mass. Confession is also available for parishioners upon request by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

Would you like to be a gift bearer at our weekend Mass celebrations? If so, please inform one of our ushers when you arrive for Mass.

Ten Commandments of Church Manners

- 1. Arrive on time for the Celebration of Mass.
- 2. Turn off cellular phones before entering the Church. Do not bring computer games to Church!
- 3. Do not chew gum in Church. (Communion Fast is one hour prior to receiving Communion.) This includes gum!
- GENUFLECT: When entering the pew before Mass starts and exiting the pew after Mass has ended. Show respect for the blessed Eucharist present in the Tabernacle.
- 5. When children are restless, take them to the lobby or to the back of the Church.
- "Look" to where the action is on the Altar priest, readers etc.
- 7. Sing and pray with ENTHUSIASM!
- 8. When receiving Holy Communion, consume the host <u>immediately</u> do not walk away with it.
- Remain in your pew until the final procession reaches the back of the Church.
- 10. After Mass is completed, say a prayer.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend October 21/22 every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocation in countries where the church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world become self sufficient and flourish.

Serra Vocation

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Ministers of Hospitality wanted (Ushers)

This ministry is open to men and women of our parish. Ministers are needed who can greet all who enter the church before Sunday Mass with a smile and can provide a welcoming presence at the door. They are also responsible for assisting people in finding seats, take up the collection, oversee the procession of gifts, hand out bulletins and tidy the church. Ushers provide a very valuable service to the liturgy. If you are interested please call the parish office and ask to speak with Fr. Frank.

Looking Ahead

Join us at Christ the King Parish (3674 Lake Shore Blvd. W.)on October 19th @ 7 p.m. to learn more about the Peace of mind that comes from planning ahead. Catholic teachings on cremation and burial options at Assumption Cemetery and the importance of memorializing a loved one. All Participants will receive a FREE Estate Planning Guide Refreshments will be served Rsvp info@cc-fs.ca or Vanessa Censoni 416-733-8544 x2048.

Magnificat Breakfast

Saturday, October 28, 2017 9:30 am 12:30 pm Julius Banquet Centre 2201 Finch Ave. W., # 32, Toronto

Join us for our 40th Magnificat breakfast for women. Treat your mother, sister, colleague, friend or yourself to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, songs of praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Guest Speaker: Flora Edohen. Contact: Vicky Rousselle Cost: \$22 per person (tickets will not be sold at the door) Phone: 416-788-4552

Come & See Weekend - St. Augustine's Seminary Friday, November 3, 2017 7:00 pm to Sunday, November 5, 2017 12:00 pm

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. This is a time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information please contact us at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Speak Up!

Calling All Young People (16–29) - Mississauga Wednesday, November 1, 2017 7:00 pm 8:00 pm St. Ignatius Loyola Parish 2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W.,

As the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment approaches, we want to hear from you! Faith Connections and the Office of Catholic Youth will be hosting Live Listening Sessions with the Toronto Bishops. Young people 16–29 will have the opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' questions in preparation for the Synod! Your voice is important! Visit bit.ly/synodspeakup for more information and to RSVP.

Benefit Concert to End Abuse to Women and Girls

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm Lula Lounge 1585 Dundas St. West, Toronto - Presented by Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation. Enjoy live music with Canadian saxophonist Enrico Galante and vocalist Dan Madison, food and a silent auction, all for a good cause. All proceeds go to Catholic Family Services of Toronto's Women Abuse Programs. COST: \$40 in advance (\$45 at the door) PHONE: 416-921-1163

LET'S GIVE THANKS!

Thank you God for being there when nobody else was