

**P**ope Francis delivered the homily below as part of the four-hour **Prayer Vigil for Peace** held on September 7 in St. Peter's Square. It was estimated that 100,000 people joined the Holy Father for the vigil, which was the main event of the day of prayer and fasting for peace in Syria, and which included recitation of the Rosary, readings from Scripture, and Eucharistic adoration.

"And God saw that it was good" (Gen 1:12, 18, 21, 25). The biblical account of the beginning of the history of the world and of humanity speaks to us of a God who looks at creation, in a sense contemplating it, and declares: "It is good." This allows us to enter into God's heart and, precisely from within him, to receive his message. We can ask ourselves: what does this message mean? What does it say to me, to you, to all of us?



Pope Francis leads a vigil to pray for peace in Syria in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 7.

It says to us simply that this, our world, in the heart and mind of God, is the "house of harmony and peace," and that it is the space in which everyone is able to find their proper place and feel "at home," because it is "good." All of creation forms a harmonious and good unity, but above all humanity, made in the image and likeness of God, is one family, in which relationships are marked by a true fraternity not only in words: the other person is a brother or sister to love, and our relationship with God, who is love, fidelity and goodness, mirrors every human relationship and brings harmony to the whole of creation. God's world is a world where everyone feels responsible for the other, for the good of the other. This evening, in reflection, fasting and prayer, each of us deep down should ask ourselves: Is this really the world that I desire? Is this really the world that we all carry in our hearts? Is the world that we want really a world of harmony and peace, in ourselves, in our relations with others, in families, in cities, in and between nations? And does not true freedom mean choosing ways in this world that lead to the good of all and are guided by love?

But then we wonder: Is this the world in which we are living? Creation retains its beauty which fills us with awe and it remains a good work. But there is also "violence, division, disagreement, war". This occurs when man, the summit of creation, stops contemplating beauty and goodness, and withdraws into his own selfishness. When man thinks only of himself, of his own interests and places himself in the center, when he permits himself to be captivated by the idols of dominion and power, when he puts himself in God's place, then all relationships are broken and everything is ruined; then the door opens to violence, indifference, and conflict. This is precisely what the passage in the Book of Genesis seeks to teach us in the story of the Fall...



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PARISH

Readings ~ Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2 ~ 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2 ~ Luke 19:1-10

**Mass Intentions This Week — November 11 to 17**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced Mass intentions:

	Intention(s)	Offered by
Monday, 9am	✠ Toni Protsack	Rosary Group & friends
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Egidio Monardo	Jim & Winnie Magee
Wednesday, 9am	✠ members of the Fedorkow family	Marlene Nyilassy
Thursday, 9am	✠ Michael Stephan	Jim & Winnie Magee
Friday, 9am	✠ Frank DeWitt	The family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Larry Crooks	Allan & Joanne Crooks
5:15pm	✠ Connie Moore	The Pool family
Sunday, 8am	...the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners	
9:30am	✠ Maria Rosa Bellissimo	Cathie & Marie Dennis
11am	✠ friends	Bogumila
12:30pm	✠ family and friends of the Nardi & Naccarato families	

**November: Month of Remembrance** — dedicated to commemorating our loved ones who have died in the Lord. The shrine of St. Joseph will be suitably decorated and The Book of the Dead readied to receive the names of our dearly departed. All Souls' Day envelopes will be available for those who wish to have their loved ones remembered at the Eucharist.

**A PRAYER FOR DECEASED VETERANS**

O GOD, BY WHOSE MERCY THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED FIND REST, LOOK KINDLY ON YOUR DEPARTED VETERANS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY. GRANT THAT THROUGH THE PASSION, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON THEY MAY SHARE IN THE JOY OF YOUR HEAVENLY KINGDOM AND REJOICE IN YOU WITH YOUR SAINTS FOREVER. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

**Lectors+Wannabes Lector Workshop — Sat., Nov. 16, 11am—1pm**

Whether you're a new lector or have been a lector for years, you will learn something new to make you an even better lector. Lunch will be provided. Contact the parish office to register.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul 'Adopt a Family' — Help in all possible ways**

Once again our parish's St. Vincent de Paul group is asking parishioners to provide a family in need with special gifts at Christmas. The area covered by our group has expanded to include the Berry Rd./Stonegate area, allowing us to assist even more families. If you are interested in helping, please contact [carolmurray@rogers.com](mailto:carolmurray@rogers.com) or call 647-859-4805 by December 2.

**Next Weekend Christmas Toy Drive — accepted at all Masses**

Those wishing to support the Christmas Toy Drive are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child, newborn to 16 years. Gifts for teenaged children are always in greater demand.

**Drop-In Bridge — Thursdays, 1pm, parish hall meeting room**

All are welcome, partners not required! For more information, call Rena Guerard, 416-236-0728.

**Stretch & Flex — Not 'just for ladies' anymore! — Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30pm**

We meet in the parish hall; everyone is welcome to join. \$10/session. Wear comfy clothing!

**Next Weekend Soup Day after all Sunday liturgies — \$3/person and includes:**

soup, dinner roll, water & coffee. Proceeds to benefit the Peace and Reconciliation Centre in Bosnia-Herzegovina at which parishioner Michael Kelly interned through Intercordia Canada.

**Parish Housekeeping Items — Thank you for your ongoing support & co-operation!**

Parish registration forms are available at [www.sorrows.ca](http://www.sorrows.ca) or from the parish office. Please use them to: register as a parishioner; request offertory envelopes; advise us of a change in address or to update household information. (Please advise any former parishes that you have changed parishes, so that their records can remain up-to-date as well.) Registration forms are also available for Pre-Authorized Giving.

Kindly take a moment to **mark the amount** of your donation on the front of the envelope. This small details greatly assists the volunteer collection counters in their ministry.



**28th Annual Altar Servers Awards Ceremony**

On Oct. 19, five altar servers from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from Bishop John Boissonneau. We offer our sincere thanks to all of our dedicated altar servers and recognize this year's award winners...

- Emmaline Majerski
- Darren Pulickunnel
- Nicholas Tsiobanos
- Simon Pillar-Tahy
- R.J. Mienkowski

Each year, altar servers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are selected for this special recognition in light of their dedication, sense of responsibility and display of leadership in the performance of their duties at the celebration of the Eucharist and ceremonies throughout the church year. The Altar Servers Awards Program is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of Toronto. Founded in 1935 by a small group of lay people, Serra International has grown to comprise 1109 clubs in 46 countries with a total membership of more than 19,000 people on six continents. Read about their work at [www.serracanada.com](http://www.serracanada.com)

Following the *John Thornhill sm* series that normally appears in our bulletin? It returns next week. For now, you may scan the QR code to the right to read this week's installment online at <http://www.theemmausseries.com/c32sunday.html>



COMMUNITY

**Shepherds' Trust — envelopes this weekend, collection next weekend**

**A focused mission:** provide comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us. We each have our own memories of a Catholic priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives. Shouldn't they retire safely and with dignity? The Shepherds' Trust allows us to achieve this goal. **Your ongoing generosity is deeply appreciated.**

**New Directions in the Petrine Ministry of Francis, Bishop of Rome**

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB guides us through some of Pope Francis' writings, and provides insight into the direction the Holy Father has taken in the first eight months of his papacy. Q&A and reception to follow. Nov. 14, 7pm., St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, 89 St. George Street, Toronto.

**Theology on Tap West: In Today's World, Why Should I Share My Faith?**

On Nov. 11, 7—9pm, The Office of Catholic Youth invites young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guest: Bishop John Boissonneau. Christianity is ultimately a message of good news; how do I talk about my faith in a way that is relevant and insightful for others? His Excellency will share the 'why' in our witnessing. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! West 50 Pourhouse & Grille, 50 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga. RSVP appreciated; more info at 416-599-7676, [youth@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youth@ocytoronto.org) or [www.faithconnections.ca](http://www.faithconnections.ca)

**PLEASE NOTE | Registrations for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will be accepted until Friday, November 15**