



Mandatum nouum do vobis

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” John 13: 34.

The most striking part of this in the above biblical passage is the revolution of love by Jesus. He raises the bar on how we should (sacrificial and unconditional) love of one another. The phrase “just as I loved you, you are also should love one another” clearly expressed it. The words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 25:35-36 put love into perspective or in practical terms: “I was hungry and you gave me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me”.

Happy and Blessed Week!!!

Some thoughts on today's scripture



MASTER IS THE TIME when we both remember and celebrate the new life which has come to us through our Risen Lord. What do we mean by this “new life”? Can you say that you have experienced this “new life” this Easter or, for that matter, in any previous Easter? Are you aware of becoming changed in any way – for the better – over the years? Or has the Easter experience simply passed you by?

The word “new” appears several times in today’s readings. The passage from Revelation speaks of a “new” heaven, a “new” earth and a “new” Jerusalem. Jesus in the Gospel speaks of a “new” commandment. What’s supposed to be “new”?

A new life in Christ, of course, is something that can come early or late into the life of a person. For many saints it came after quite a long period of loose and immoral living without God. St Augustine and St Ignatius Loyola come to mind. For others, like Therese of Lisieux, it came relatively early. She was already a saint when she died at the tender age of 24. For most of us, it is something that may come in waves. In other words, it will not be a once-for-all experience but something that comes at different stages in our life, each time bringing us to a deeper level of understanding, insight and commitment.

The “new life” that the Scripture speaks of is also referred to as “conversion”, a turning round, or, in Greek metanoia. It means a radical change of vision, of our priorities in life. It means new attitudes, new values, new standards of relating with God and with people and indeed with our whole living environment of which we are a synergistic part.

In the Gospel Jesus speaks of the foundation and heart of his teaching and message. These are his parting

words to his disciples before he goes to his passion and death. What is this message? Is it to be faithful in keeping the Ten Commandments and leading a moral life? Not exactly. Does he warn us to be sure to be in church every Sunday and to go to confession regularly? Not really. Does he tell us to use all our energies in loving God? Surprisingly, perhaps, no!

What he does tell us is to love other people – and to love them as he has loved us. This, he says, is a “new” commandment. The Hebrew Testament told us to love God with our whole heart and soul and so on; and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus has added a new element in telling us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us. And we might remember that these words lead the way to the “greatest possible love” that a person can show, that is, by letting go of one’s very life for others. This Jesus will very dramatically portray in the terrible suffering and degradation which he will submit to out of love for us, out of love for ME.

NELLA Pasqua, Dio glorifica il proprio Figlio e, attraverso di lui, glorifica se stesso. Rivela cioè la sua gloria, il suo volto più vero, il suo mistero d’amore. Tutto ciò accade mentre Gesù viene tradito: le tenebre del peccato degli uomini vengono rischiarate da questo amore più grande, che non si limita soltanto a vincere in noi il male, ma ci dona il comandamento nuovo, cioè la possibilità di amarci gli uni gli altri come siamo stati amati. A glorificare Dio, rivelando la profondità del suo amore, è proprio il nostro amore fraterno, frutto della Pasqua di Gesù. Dio, che «fa nuove tutte le cose» (II Lettura), anzitutto rinnova il nostro cuore e ci concede di dimorare nella verità del suo amore.

Le nostre lacrime vengono asciugate e noi veniamo chiamati a un impegno nella storia per trasformare la nostra terra, rendendola capace di accogliere la Gerusalemme santa che scende dal cielo. In questa celebrazione preghiamo affinché Dio apra anche a noi la porta della fede (I lettura), così che possiamo attendere con perseveranza e fedeltà il compimento di tutte le sue promesse.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment?

If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations,

Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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ShareLife Goal Update

Thus far our parish has raised \$ 6,510.00 toward our goal of \$ 30,000.00.

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

The final ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 5. Please give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

ShareLife -Aggiornamento obiettivo

Fino ad oggi, la nostra parrocchia ha raccolto \$ 6,510.00, del nostro previsto obiettivo finale di \$ 30,000.00.

"Possiamo centrare il nostro obiettivo ma soltanto con il tuo aiuto. Ti invito quindi a far parte di questa generazione di eroi con una donazione sacrificale a ShareLife. Mentre contempi le tante benedizioni che Dio ti ha concesso, ti prego di partecipare con me a donare a ShareLife al massimo delle tue capacità," - Cardinale Thomas Collins

Quest'anno, l'ultima domenica di ShareLife è il 5 giugno. Per favore dona generosamente attraverso la parrocchia oppure sharelife.org. Grazie per il tuo impegno a vivere il Vangelo.

UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



The Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

- By phone through the Development Office: 416-934-3411

- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Norbert Parish - Ukrainian Relief - Humanitarian Relief

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Calling all boys and girls in Grade 3 and up who have received their First Communion to join the rewarding ministry of Altar Servers.

For questions or concerns and to register, please contact the office at 416-636-0213.



Mass Intentions

Sat/sabato - May/maggio 14

5:00 pm - +Francesco & Caterina Perri
+Angelo Carcasole
+Iacomacci Felice
+Antonio Bove

Sun/domenica - May/maggio 15

9:00 am - +Vincenzo Palazzo

10:30 am - +Luigi Cocuzzoli

12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - May/maggio 17

7:00 pm - +Joe Foti
+Domenica & Francesco Scaramozzino
+Giovanni Aimola

Wed/mercoledì - May/maggio 18

7:00 pm - +Raffaele Costabile

Thu/giovedì May/maggio 19

8:30 am -

Fri/venerdì - May/maggio 20

8:30 am -

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



Pope Francis has launched a new synod, the Synod on Synodality, a two-year undertaking. This synod is set to listen to the Catholic faithful throughout the world. It will follow these basic steps:

1. Until mid-2022 Catholic faithful from all over the world can share their thoughts with their dioceses.

2. The input from people will be summarized and the bishops of each country will meet to discuss it.

3. The synod of bishops, carrying the input of the faithful, will meet in the Vatican in 2023.

For more information about the synod and to share your thoughts, please visit the website of the Archdiocese of Toronto, www.archtoronto.org.