

Dear friends of St. Paul's,

Last Sunday in my homily I had a quote from St. Andre Bessette. Brother Andre, a member of the Holy Cross Congregation, was a door keeper at College Notre Dame in Montreal. Brother Andre had a great devotion to St. Joseph and would pray with the sick for healing through his intercession. He was credited with many extraordinary healings and favours and so, many people came to the college to seek out the miracle Man of Montreal.

However, to quote Brother Andre, *"It is surprising that I am frequently asked for cures, but rarely for humility and the spirit of faith. Yet, they are so important."*

This week we have re-entered Ordinary Time and the Gospel for this upcoming Sunday is the call of the first disciples as recorded in the Gospel of John. (John 1:35-42). John the Baptist points out Jesus declaring, *"Here is the Lamb of God"*. Andrew and his companion approach Jesus and when asked, *"What are you looking for?"* They respond, *"Rabbi where are you staying?"* *"Come and see"*, says Jesus to them.

The world has now been dealing with the pandemic for over a year and we are entering into an even more restrictive lockdown. Again, our nerves are frayed; we are becoming more frustrated, depressed and despondent. We are angry and confused because we can not see the end.

But as we reflect on the words of Brother Andre and the Gospel for this Sunday may we pose the question: For what are we searching? What are we asking of God?

Brother Andre reminds us to pray for humility and the spirit of faith. The first disciples remind us that our search is fulfilled when we stay with the Lord and rest in him.

Announcements:

- **We have opened sign-up for the times for the celebration of First Reconciliation. This sign-up is for those who have registered their children. Please go to the parish website for details.**
- **Father Ed and Father John are available for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call or email to set up an appointment.**
- **The office is closed during the lockdown but Dianne will still be in the office occasionally. Please call and if you need a Mass Card or would like to drop off an Offertory envelope something can be arranged for pick-up or drop off.**
- ***Thanks to all of you for kindly continuing to support the parish financially during these days. Donations can be mailed to the church office or to contribute electronically you can do so by emailing an E-transfer to paul22@cogeco.ca or go to the website to donate by credit card (follow the directions on the Donate drop down). If you are donating via Canada Helps please note that they issue the tax receipts.***
- **We will be uploading the livestreamed Mass onto the parish YouTube channel. This will be available later on Sunday Morning. This may be a more convenient way to watch the Mass for some.**

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