

Pastor Message September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

It was so good to return to our Tradition of Celebrating Our Homecoming in the parish on the weekend after Labour Day . The last time we celebrated was the weekend of September 8th & 9th 2019.

We celebrated our regular Saturday 4:30pm mass (Eucharist) on September 9th with beautiful weather conditions. Those attending the Saturday mass were invited to return the next day to attend Homecoming festivities. On Homecoming Sunday: we merge the 9am & 11am masses into one mass (Eucharist) at 10:30am. For those who have not attended Homecoming, we have a tent set up and people can partake of a BBQ of hamburgers & hot dogs with soft drinks. As the people are proceeding to partake of the food, there are tables set up where parishioners representing different parish groups & liturgical ministries ready to answer questions and just be available to parishioners.

Well Sunday September 10th forecast was for rain and it was raining on Sunday morning. I want to personally **thank** Emile Lacoste & Eric Lasota and all the volunteers who came early to set up. In fact they set up under drizzling rainy conditions moving back and forth from inside our garage & under the tent. The faith & persistence of these volunteers paid off as the rain stopped right around communion time of our 10:30 am celebration and we were able to have our event outside. So at the end of the Eucharist, we were able send forth our congregation to go enjoy our Homecoming. Sharing some good “health food” hamburgers & hot –dogs & good soft drinks and of course some good socializing. Even though it was a little damp, everyone seemed to be enjoying their interactions with their fellow parishioners.

Finally everyone was invited to come and enjoy three cakes and coffee. The first cake highlighted St. Veronica’s Parish and the second cake for the 70 years of St. Veronica’s **CWL council** and the third cake Fr. Fred’s years as pastor of St. V’s. Thank you to everyone who attended this celebration.

Once again, it was great to celebrate our September Tradition of Homecoming!

Keep well in mind body and spirit

Fr. Fred

Please encourage other parishioners to visit the Parish Website “Cover Page” at: www.saintveronicasdorval.ca the above Pastor Message Sept 2023 is on the cover page.

Please note: You can find pictures of Homecoming on Events page of website.

Please pass on this info to parishioners who do not have access to website or emails etc.