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Holy Communion to Shut-ins  
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Saturday Vigil Music  
Sunday Choir & Organist

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Sanitizing the Church  
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**Is Anger The Only Response To Being Wronged? / Part Two**

As Christians, we hold the belief that Scripture is Divinely inspired by God. Meaning, this is God's self being revealed to us as to who God is, and equally, how this revelation is to impact us, inform us, and transform us. That being said, when we read in the book of Sirach, "**Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them,**" (Sirach 27.30), what are we to make of this? Does this not imply that though anger may have the appearance of being instinctual, a reactionary and an animalistic response if you will, but is not a moral or ethical one? Perhaps it is merely a remnant of our earlier evolution? What if instead we are being challenged to consider that it is not a norm for us as human beings. But in fact, we who wish to be instructed and taught by God, to be more aligned with our God, must actively work at removing anger from within us. Anger has the appearance of coming quite naturally to us, but if we adhere to this scripture passage, it is not to be accepted ever, as a natural response to any situation. This is a huge departure from how most of us think and feel, especially when we find ourselves in a situation where our dignity and humanity is being wronged and violated.

When we find ourselves in such a situation, to be asked not to get angry with the other, strikes us not only as being wrong, but as an act of defeatism and down-right unjust. Let me clear on this, we are not being asked to passively allow or condone unjust, inhumane, cruel or brutal behaviour, to happen to us or to another. NO. What instead maybe asked of us, is that when we address such behaviours, we are to do everything in our power, to stop these behaviours from happening or from continuing to happen, but not from a place of anger. Perhaps the reason for this is because God knows that anger itself is not about alerting us to some unjust or cruel situation that is presently happening. That once we become aware of the wrong, 'righteous anger' takes over, to bring about justice. What if anger is never about justice? Rather, anger is about hurting back the other, either to the degree that you have been injured, or we far exceed what has been done to us. It seems to me, that anger is more about vengeance and punishment, than it is about an instinctual response. Consider this, an animal attacks its prey when it is hungry; there is no malice. If threatened or possibly frightened, they become defensive; an act of self-preservation. All of their responses are not retaliatory or meant to destroy the other for a wrong done to it. As well, it would appear that the animal may show signs of caution around us, even fear, but they do not hold onto anger toward us, because we have destroyed their habitat. We instead, not only get angry, but we choose to hold onto it. Anger then, may truly be something particular to being human. Not a justification, but something that needs to be addressed. Let us continue with our enquiry as to what is it within us that seeks vengeance and why we hold onto anger? pah

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To all who participated in our food drive, your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. We collected over 430 pounds of food. Thank you.



Sunday September 20, 2020  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 20, 2020

For the beauty of the earth  
For the beauty of the sky's  
For the love Which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
Over and around us lies

Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise!

John Rutter



“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”

Col. 2.7

### Mass Schedule Week of September 21st - 27th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 21st</b>
9:00AM	<b>St. Matthew</b> +Percy D’Cruz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 22nd</b>
9:00AM	St Joe Hanrath
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 23rd</b>
11:00AM	<b>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</b> Adoration
12:00Noon*	St Zofia & Daniel German
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 24th</b>
9:00AM	St Anna Maria Ertler
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 26th</b>
4:00PM	+Maria Medon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
9:00AM	+Friedel Fleischmann
11:00AM (B)	People of the Parish
*Wednesday Mass / Sunday Obligation (B) Baysville	

**Confessions Sat. 3:15pm - 3:45pm or by request.**

**We Remember our Faithful Departed**  
**Dennis Diakun**  
&

**We join our prayers with those who are ill at this time ...**

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Joe Hanrath, Pamela Festing, David Phillips, Connie Gregory, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Ruth Anne Foley, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez & Patricia Quinn

*And for those who we hold in the silence of our hearts.*

**If there is someone you would like to add to this list, please contact the office.**

### A Prayer for Gratitude / Debbie McDaniel

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives,

Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.

Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times,

Strengthening us for your purposes.

Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us.

Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough,

For who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus's Name,

AMEN

### Ministry Schedule - Weekend of September 26th/27th

	Sat. 4pm	Sun. 9:00am	Sun 11 am (B)
Readers	Michelle Haskin	Judith Gottschalk	Bob Lacroix
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Sanitizers	Schedule Provided	Schedule Provided	Schedule Provided
Tuesday Sept. 22nd		Counters: Jarmila Svec & Wanda Roberts	

## Next Sunday September 27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“He who hasn't tasted bitter things hasn't earned sweet things.”**

Gottfried Leibniz

### YOUR STORY / OUR STORIES - Living in a COVID-19 World

What truly makes a family or a community for that matter, is that we intentionally take the time to create opportunities where we can share our stories, reflect on our common experiences, and express our highs and lows with one another, in a setting where it is all received through respect and honour. Over the past number of months we have collectively experienced something quite unfamiliar to us all. We were asked to radically change our style of living, something we would not have readily chosen. For that reason, most of us were ill prepared to change and to adapt to a new way of living. But we did, we have, and to a certain extent, we still are. I invite you to please send me a short reflection as to what you, your family or someone else you care for, experienced during the COVID-19 that reshaped your world. I would like to put them in our bulletin. When we share our stories we are not alone, and hopefully we are now stronger and better for it. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate so. You may send your reflection to me at: [Frpaulhogan@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:Frpaulhogan@peterboroughdiocese.org). Thank you.

### A COVID 19 Story /

### Losing My Job Because Of COVID

On Easter Monday, after celebrating the resurrection of the Lord from death, I received a phone call from my manager and the HR director: They told me that I was “released from my position” due to the cost reduction effort in light of COVID-19. They emphasized that was not due to my performance. Nevertheless, it was a shock to me as I did not see that coming. I joined many others who lost their jobs because of the pandemic. Continued »

### Parish Meetings and Gatherings

- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, **Tuesday, October 6th, 6:30PM**, Parish Hall
- C.W.L. General Meeting, **Wednesday, October 14th, 9:30AM**, Parish Hall
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive, **Tuesday, October 20th, Garage next to SVDP Office, 9:30AM - Noon**
- Parish Finance Committee Meeting, **Thursday, October 29th, 6:30PM**, Sacristy

The sense of disappointment and loss soon came upon me. I needed some time to digest what actually happened. Eventually I pulled myself together and did a self-exploration exercise. I joined a career coaching course online, polished my resume and started to search for jobs. It has been extremely difficult because almost every job that I applied for, there were over 200 competitors for the same position.

LinkedIn became my best friend: through the social media, I reached out to a lot of my friends and former colleagues. Some of them I have not spoken to for over 10 years. In the past few months, a significant number of them responded. Many of them have been extremely helpful in putting forward my job applications to their respective companies or contacts. There is no doubt that most people are genuinely good and generous. There is something good in a bad situation.

In the beginning of August, I started to attend mass again in person at my home parish, St. Basil in Toronto. The church could only hold 1/10 of its capacity and there has been very little singing among the congregation. The music was provided by the organist and the cantor. Even with the new arrangement, I felt very touched on the first Sunday that I went back to church. I received the Eucharist for the first time in almost four months.

I was especially touched by the gospel of that week: the story of Jesus walking on the sea. He encouraged Peter also to walk on water to meet him. Peter started to walk on water but his doubt caused him to start sinking. He cried, “Lord save me!” Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. “You have so little faith,” he said, “Why did you doubt?” I realized that I was Peter, the one with the little faith who was worried and full of doubts. My eyes suddenly filled with tears and realized that the Lord has been with me and will always be. There have been ups and downs in my job search but I believe that the Lord will guide me along the way. He will continue to send various angels (my friends and ex-colleagues) to help me. Eventually I will land on a job that will probably be better than the one before.

Those of you, who lost your jobs because of COVID-19, please do not be discouraged. Have faith in God, he will guide us along the way. Thank you to all of you at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Huntsville for welcoming me on Sunday, September 6th. I had a lovely visit not just to experience the beauty of nature but also the warmth of your parish. Alex Kwok

### Parish Pastoral News

**First Communion Celebration**  
Sunday September 27th, 2PM

**Confirmation Celebration**  
Sunday October 4th, 2PM

We have several **Communion Pyxis** that you may borrow, so to take the Eucharist to a loved one who is unable to attend mass. Please speak to the office. Thank you.

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