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Obedience Is Not Synonymous With Obey / but questions it deeply. Their analysing it is their hearing and testing it for its genuine value and truthfulness. It is not about getting their own way, but after following an informed conscience, the individual then acts accordingly. One who is dis-obedient then, is not necessarily so because they are going against what they have been told. Rather, one may be disobedient, because they have not taken the time to actually listen and to test what they have heard, but simply fall in line.

The readily accepted and assumed definition of obedience is the compliance with an order, request, or law or the submission to another's authority (*Websters Dictionary*). In other words, one who is obedient accepts what they have been told or asked to do, whether they agree with it or not. They are answering to the one in authority over them and by showing their loyalty. They neither question the authorities position or power over them, privately or openly. It goes without saying that they would never encourage others to question the said authority. When called upon, they either fall in line, or they are dismissed because they are seen as being dis-obedient. This is not entirely what obedience is to be.

Obedience is not about blindly and loyally acquiescing to an authority figure, but it is about becoming a responsible moral agent. Not even under threats or use of violence does one compromise on his or her fundamental values. They will never utter the words, 'I was only following orders' but instead will defer to the axiom offered by St. Thomas More, "I die as the King's true servant, but God's first."

Turning to the etymology of the word obedience, it comes from the Latin *obedire, oboedire*, be subject, serve; pay attention to give ear," literally "listen to," "to perceive". When we look at the Hebrew word for obedience which is Shama, – (שמע) it literally means, Hearing. One might conclude that both the Latin and the Hebrew corroborate our present understanding of the word obedience, they do, but not entirely. Hearing is not merely a physical or mental response to a request, and so do it. Rather, one who is obedient, hears what the person is saying to them, and then discerns whether they will do what they are told, or not.

Obedience then is both hearing what is being said, understanding it, the implications and consequences of following it or choosing not to, based on the grounds of one's conscience. But it is also about the submitting or not to a legitimate authority. The key here is that the authority does not rule over others using fear or protectionism, but is through the encouragement of open and honest dialogue. It is collaborative and collegial based on inclusivity that leads to a justice, that encourages all parties to fully participate in mutual respect, hearing one another, freely and unhindered. One who is obedient, hears and understands truth, and acts accordingly regardless of the consequences.

One who is obedient, does not accept anything at face value

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Truth and Reconciliation /

It is about Education and Action. It is essential to make our place of worship better partners with Indigenous communities and organizations. For more information, please contact: Dallas Boudreau at Justicefor-Indigenous@gmail.com

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022

Mass Schedule

Week of July 18th - 24th

Monday, July 18th / 9:00AM

+Mary Leigh

Tuesday, July 19th / 12noon

+Roger & Mariette Camire

Wednesday, July 20th /

11:00AM Exposition & Adoration

12Noon - SI Anna Maria Ertler

Thursday, July 21st / 9:00AM

+ Jaroslaw Wolniewicz

Saturday, July 23rd, 4:00 PM

SI MacLeod & Sullivan Families

Sunday, July 24th / 9:00AM

+ Rennie Melnyk

Sunday, July 24th / 11:00AM

+ Bill Brennan

Let us pray for those who have died especially,

Kate Balcombe, Doris Campbell, and Stephen DeCaro

and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Peter & Phillip Tomkin, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, Joe Hanrath, Bill Weber, Ron & Margaret Smith, John Dunbar, Verna Simioni, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Terry Jordan, Fr. Andrew Broda, John Schreurs, Irene Downey, Sharron Purdy, Timothy Pelyk, Kirsten MacDonald, Mike Berardi, Diane & Brian Haywood, Marion Majkot, Stephanie Jarvis, Esther Phillips, Joan Ranson, Peter Poustie, Merle Jordan, Evan Maroney, Sheila Bruce, Doris Lane, Sam Muzzi, Laurine McAllister, Carole Ruttan, Pam & Don Mackenzie



Martha: Caught Between Two Worlds

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It is Martha who first encounters Jesus and invites him into her home, where she shares with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. This is no small detail. She, a woman, spoke to a man in public, who was not her father, brother or husband. She has violated a social taboo which would bring shame upon her family. So, why did she invite him in the first place? We are given no indication from scripture, but perhaps it was that she was taken by his words and wanted to hear more. She was prepared to suffer the ridicule of her neighbours for speaking to this man in public. She cares less about what others think about her because she is more interested about learning from Jesus.

This potentially speaks volumes about the type of person Martha is. But once they are in their home, it would seem that Martha slips into a role, preparing a meal, which would be “expected” of her, a woman. There is the matter of hospitality which is expected of all Jews, but she is also fulfilling a role assigned to her. This is a striking juxtaposition of what we had just seen of Martha: in the town square she is ignoring the social norms and expectations imposed upon her, but readily accepts them in her own household. Martha is the perfect example for all of us who are caught between honouring one’s customs and expectations that others have of her (us) and the attempt to break free of them, and so becoming one’s own person.

Again she addresses Jesus directly, wanting him to impose his authority as a man, upon Mary, having her come and to help her with the work. In all honesty, Martha had everything under control and was in no need of help. I wonder if this was not a ploy on her part not to be left out of the conversation that she was in ear shot. She could not give herself the permission to stop being dutiful. Martha wants to follow her intuition and sit at Jesus’ feet and listen with her full attention, but who would prepare the meal? She was the one who invited him in the first place, and it was not to merely feed him, but to be fed herself.

Jesus will not agree to her request to have Mary come and help her in the kitchen, but lays bare the dilemma that Martha is feeling: what is the better thing to be doing in this moment? Is it to fulfill your obligations, duties and what is expected of you, or to honour the movement within you to do and to become what you truly need? This often means going against our present conditioning and taking on a new mindset which ushers in a new way of being in the world. Becoming a free and liberated soul that no one can diminish without our consent. This is the better thing that Jesus speaks of. He certainly is not going to stand in the way of this, but instead, encourages it. No one can give us the permission to do this. This we do for ourselves, claiming it, owning it, becoming it.

Parish Group Meetings /

Tuesday July 19th 9:30AM - 12noon SVDP Food Drive/ Parish Garage

Sunday July 24th 10:00AM Coffee Sunday after 9:00AM Mass

Thursday, July 28th, 10:15AM / “On A Path To Healing” / Truth & Reconciliation Event at St. Mary’s

“Let everything happen to you,
beauty and terror,
just keep going
no feeling is final.

Have patience with everything
that remains unsolved in your
heart. ... live in the question.”

Rainer Maria Rilke

Parish Pastoral News

BBQ at St Kateri’s / St. Kateri Church invites you to join us on **Sunday July 17 for a BBQ at 12:00 p.m.** (after the 11:00 a.m. mass). In addition to hot dogs, there will be salads, lemonade, coffee and watermelon. Free will donation.

Parish-Family Photo Directory: / Avoid the Rush! Sign up early to get your choice of appointment time. The sign up sheets are available after mass (at both St Mary’s and St Kateri’s) or call the office to book an appointment time. Everyone is invited to have their portrait taken. If you are single and do not wish to have your photo taken alone, then bring a friend or your pet. Cottagers who join us for the cottage season are encouraged to sign up. So remember to sign up to have your picture taken for the Parish-Family Photo Directory. Thank you.

Mercy and Justice Group / I would like to begin a reflection/action group that will address issues of social justice here in our communities within the Muskoka area as well as beyond. It will be for all intensive purposes, formation of discipleship. It will require work and commitment on all our part. It will be challenging and often quite frustrating. Just being up front. If you are interested, **we will begin Tuesday July 19th after the noon Mass in the Sacristy.** All are welcome. You may want to bring a bag lunch. Also, please bring your bible. Fr. Paul

Gospel Reflection / Following the Monday 9:00 AM Mass, we will gather in the sacristy to discuss next weekend’s

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	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Readers	Victoria Baumgart	Al Cormier	Bob Lacroix
EMC	Diana Snowden	Diane Phillips	Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Walter Grys Ben Boivin Diana Snowden Tracy Shisko	Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk Craig Martin Walter Grys	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, July 26th	Wanda Roberts	& Bob Moore

“If there is some corner of the world which has remained peaceful, but with a peace based on injustice the peace of a swamp with rotten matter fermenting in its depths - we may be sure that that peace is false. Violence attracts violence. Let us repeat fearlessly and ceaselessly: injustices bring revolt, either from the oppressed or from the young, determined to fight for a more just and more human world”

Dom Helder Camara

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Week of July 18th - 24th 2022

Gospel. It will be a time to learn from one another and share our insights **Begins Monday July 18th in the sacristy.** Please bring your Sunday Missal. All are welcome.

Orange Ribbon / World wide, the Orange Ribbon, was adopted by the United Nations for the International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It was meant to raise awareness of the need to work as communities to end all forms of racial discrimination. It has been adopted by the Indigenous peoples of Canada in light of what has come to light around the Residential Schools here in Canada. At the entrance of the Church there are ribbons that you may take with you as part of your growth in awareness of the many racial issues here in Canada that are in need of being addressed.

Truth and Reconciliation Event

“On A Path To Healing”

Thursday July 28th, 10:15 AM at St. Mary’s Church.

Special Guests: **Joyce Jonathan Crone,**

Denyse Pigeau Kelly and Mi-She’ll Jessen

Please come out and show your support for our Indigenous Community by participating and learning at the same time - Drumming and Smudging