

CATHOLIC CORNER

MORE FROM THY KINGDOM COME REFLECTIONS.

This week's reflection is Ambassadors for Love.

Reading

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15. 12-14)

Reflection

The greatest gift of the Holy Spirit is love. We are most like Jesus when we love and adore each other, and when we love and adore the world. Love is not just romantic love. It is the complete self-giving that we see in Jesus. This is the love the world needs if we are to navigate a way through the huge challenges we face. Following Jesus, returning to the life of his Church, means being part of this great love affair. We become God's agents of change, God's ambassadors for love in the world. However small or fragile your faith is, most of us have strong feelings of love. They are from God. Use this love to change the world. One heart at a time.



Prayer

Life-giving God, fan the embers of my little faith. Help me see that the love I feel for those I love is from you. It shows me that you are real, that you are love itself. Be my friend. And today, draw me back into the fellowship of your church and help others, who also long for love and acceptance, to find it in Jesus, the one who lays down his life for his friends.

SSVP UPDATE



Hello from St. Vincent de Paul.

We wish to send out our heartfelt thanks to the Immaculata Community for your extremely generous financial and dry goods donations during this school year. Your donations enable us to help with works in the Okanagan, B.C. and the Yukon, nationally, and internationally.

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Locally rent and utility arrears and safe affordable rental housing continue to be the primary needs of our neighbours. Invincible Housing, a special works project of the society, are working tirelessly to support those in need of rental top-up monies. They work with other agencies in town to ensure those who reach out are able to feel safe in their home.

Ozanam Recovery House, another works of the society in Kelowna, has recently completed a kitchen renovation and garden re-landscaping and maintenance projects. This 19 bed facility continues to offer the opportunity of recovery for men struggling with addiction.

As our Church begins to open up and we work towards recovering together from the pandemic we must make a practice of keeping our hearts more open than ever. With this in mind we continue to send financial support to our twin in Haiti.

We continue to help with supplies for the Metro Community Church for their food program for those experiencing homelessness. We are beginning to support the "Community Fridge" that is at the Unitarian Church on Bertram and Cawston. There are fresh and dry goods stores here for those in need.

Without your support none of our service would be possible.

This next month will see me (Mike Wilson) celebrate six years as our Conference President. This will be the last month of my serving as President. In the Six years I have developed my spirituality through our meetings and increased my empathy of the needs of others from our local and international service. I have grown considerably in my faith. I have made life long friends who share in this rich and rewarding work in which we endeavor to seek and find the forgotten the lonely and the deprived. Our Society is always in need of new members please consider, during the new evangelisation of the Church, becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul.

THIS WEEKEND IS THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

This feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) began in 1294. About the first 12 centuries Communion was given in both bread and wine. Even infants received the sacred wine. Beginning in the

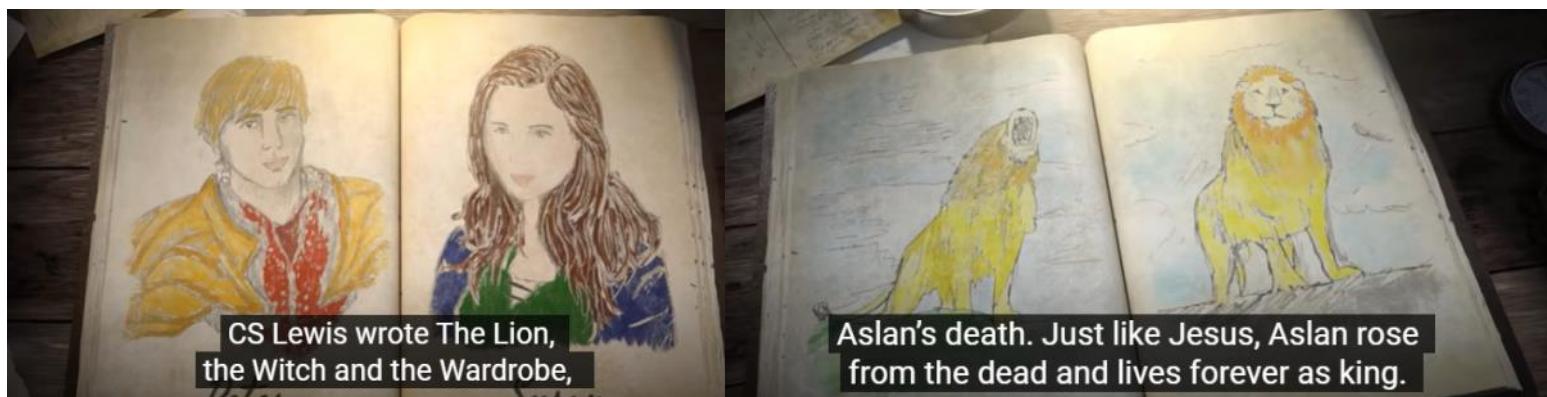


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12th century and continuing into the 13th, the practice of receiving the sacred wine began to be limited to the priest presider alone. Early in the 20th century, then especially during and after Vatican II, the practice was encouraged. Most people take it for granted but in reality, it has only been in the last 30 years or so that Catholics have been able to receive in the hand and under both species! More on this reflection and the weekend mass readings can be found in the document attached.

C.S. LEWIS AND THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Do you know why CS Lewis wrote the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe? Inspired by his Christian faith, this lovely film explores why. He made it his life's mission to adore and praise God with his writing. The works of C.S. Lewis are Studied in Religion classes throughout the school. I invite you to watch this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G56CspnYaTg>



Take care. Be safe. God bless.

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