

# The Parkdale Messenger

Weekly news and musings from  
the little church moved by a Great Spirit

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## Worship this week:

PENTECOST

### “Missed Opportunities”

Rev. Doug McLeod

#### Scripture:

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Pope then went on to consider what prayer actually is. It is a dialogue, he explained, a personal relationship with the Lord, for which we were all created.

The Holy Father then went on to discuss four elements that are necessary for prayer:

#### 1. Silence, because every dialogue requires silence.

“And from God’s mysterious silence gushes His Word, which echoes in our hearts. Jesus Himself teaches us how it is really possible to be with the Father and He demonstrates it with His prayer.”

## ❖ Calendar

**Wednesdays** – (1:00 pm) Prayer group at Doug’s office.

**Wednesdays** – (5:30 pm) Homework Club.

**Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** – (12:00 pm) Knifty Knitters.

**Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** – (12:00 pm) Sunday afternoon at the movies.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>** – (6:00 pm) Free supper for the community.

## ❖ Reflections

### This Is The Highest And Most Sublime Prayer, Says Pope

By Kathleen N. Hatrup  
(Posting and pics, Nov. 15, 2017, <https://aleteia.org>)

Pope Francis gives four necessary predispositions for achieving an encounter with the Lord who is alive and with us.

Taking up week two of his new series of catechesis on the Mass, Pope Francis today underlined what he called a “simple aspect” of his theme: The Mass as prayer.

It is prayer par excellence, he said, “the highest, the most sublime and, at the same time, the most ‘concrete.’”



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#### 2. Knowing how to call God our Father

“We must learn to say Father, that is, to put ourselves in His presence with filial confidence.

#### 3. Trust and confidence, as a child

“Children know how to trust, they know someone will take care of them, of what they will eat, of what they will wear and so on...”

#### 4. Also as a child, allowing oneself to be surprised by God

A child “marvels even at small things, because everything is new to him. To enter in the Kingdom of Heaven it is necessary to let oneself be surprised Do we let ourselves be surprised by God who is always a

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God of surprises? Because an encounter with the Lord is always an encounter with someone living, it's not an encounter of [something in a] museum. And we're going to Mass, not to a museum. We go to a living encounter with the Lord."

## ❖ In the News

### LET'S GO CAMPING FUNDRAISER CONCERT

On the night of Friday November 10, Linda Robinson headed the performers of a musical soiree under the theme "It's a Canadian Thing". In the spirit of fellowship and contributing to the Send a Child to Camp, various acts were presented. From pop music to some old songs and poetry, the artists offered a sensitive portrayal of Canadian Art.



Hosted by Darlene Lucas, we all enjoyed the music of a young talented pianist, Jason, followed by the singers Donna Marshall and Sergio Granillo. Doing a heart felt performance, poems were read by Westwind Evening and Linda Robinson. More music came later by Todd Cooper, Randi-Mae, Charles Ellsworth and Linda Berry-Robinson.



Thank you to all who showed up to support the event, regardless of the extreme cold weather.



### Miss Penny Nickel needs your help!

Please help Miss Penny and the Knifty Knitters, to send our kids to Camp next summer.



### HOMEWORK CLUB

Book reports? Science? French? Scary? Too much? Donna Marshall is organizing the Parkdale Phoenix Homework Club. Starting this Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, free of charge, for grades 2-4. If you are interested call 647 631 9885 or email [parkdalephoenix@gmail.com](mailto:parkdalephoenix@gmail.com).

## ❖ Thank you to

- Ernie Wilmot for the flowers of the altar table.
- **All those who support our small food bank!**

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