

AUGUST 4 & 11

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## OUR PERSONAL LENS

*By Nancy Nobrega*

*"a lens is a piece of glass that makes things look larger, smaller or clearer when you look through it." - OXFORD DICTIONARY*

It is through our personal lenses that we interpret our world. It is a world we all share. It is the same world but we just see it individually. Do we see things larger, smaller or clearer? There are so many different ways of seeing things, but it is really only through the lens that God has given us through Jesus - how Jesus saw the world - that we will really attain heaven on earth - Joy - God sent Jesus to show us how to see.

If we take that truth to the readings today and the Gospel, it can still get pretty confusing! The language of the readings and the Psalm is very old fashioned and at first glance quite severe. Jesus calls us fools in the Gospel. How do we reconcile a

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loving God with these words? Remember the lens of the writer. It was written by men in a different culture in a different time, but the truth remains. It is God's word. So, what is the truth that we search for here?

"Teacher" is common in all the readings today. The use of that word, upon contemplation, indicates that we are not complete; we are still learning, and Jesus keeps teaching and teaching and teaching, showing us in so many different ways, over and over again - the truth.

In the First Reading a stern teacher tells us that we should not be cross when other folks who have not worked as hard as we have enjoy the fruits of our labour more than we can.

That brings to my mind the Gospel about Mary and Martha, but it also reminds me how often as the oldest child I was always doing the dishes and tidying up while the others seemed to have no responsibility. How did you interpret that through your lens? Maybe that is why on my kitchen cupboard I have an anonymous quotation: "Responsibility and delight can co-exist".... and can we not all see that as truth?!

In the Psalm we are reminded that "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." Think of all the people who have different lenses who have read the truth of that. God is the constant. We pray "teach us.... that we may gain a wise heart." - that we may see the truth. The Second Reading tells us that "Christ is in all - we are all equal {in God's eyes}." Certainly there is truth there through the lens of Jesus.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus instructs that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" that we work and work for. He proceeds to tell a Parable to explain this truth that can be challenging in our present culture of conspicuous consumption and strong need for security in "things". That reminds me of Matthew 6 : 26 when Jesus tells us that He looks after the birds who do not work so hard to provide security for themselves, and are we not more important than they are?

Truth, the most important Commandment, is the only lens we need and the one we need to remember to use when we look into the eyes of one another....so we can see God in one another and love each other as we love Him. If we all do that, won't the rest fall into place?

All of the things we learn again and again through scripture. God does not give up on us if we don't see things the first time. Sometimes these truths are easy to understand and sometimes not so clear, obscured by our personal lenses, but with prayer and contemplation, also God's gifts to us, we may be blessed to see more clearly through the eyes, the lens of the Teacher.

#### AUGUST 4 READINGS:

ECCLESIASTES 1.2; 2.21-23  
PSALM 90  
COLOSSIANS 3.15, 9-11  
LUKE 12.13-21

#### AUGUST 11 READINGS:

WISDOM 18.6-9  
PSALM 33  
HEBREWS 11.1-2, 8-9  
LUKE 12.32-48

### CIVIC HOLIDAY

*Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, August 5, 2019 in observance of Simcoe Day.*

*Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, after which the church will be closed; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.*

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10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Doris and Michael Cornett (liv.)  
4:30pm

MONDAY *Civic Holiday (Office closed)*

9:00am Daisy Gladys Isabella Ross (+)

TUESDAY TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:30am  
12:10pm Margaret Mahoney (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Thalheimer Family  
12:10pm *Holy Souls*

THURSDAY ST. DOMINIC

7:30am Nguyen Trong Yen (+)  
12:10pm Muriel Boylan (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am  
12:10pm Antonietta Ciavarella (+)

SATURDAY ST. LAWRENCE

5:00pm Chudziak-Piotrowski Family



SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Andrzej Zwolinski (+)  
10:30am *Pro Populo*  
12:00pm Mary Gannon (+)  
4:30pm

MONDAY

7:30am Fr. Dennis Marmion (+)  
12:10pm Marilyn Frost (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Andrew Portoraro (+)  
12:10pm Kevin Goddard (+), Frank Burns (+),  
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12:10pm Katrina Teh (liv.)

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7:30am  
12:10pm Kathleen Angus (+), John King (+),  
Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+), Tom  
and Loula Prasses (+,+)

FRIDAY

7:30am Michael Rodrigues (+)  
12:10pm Luz DeGuia (+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Frances, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

**CANADIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION**

*The annual Canadian Missions Collection will be taken on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Your financial assistance helps 23 mission dioceses in our country.*

*A new initiative is added this year called the Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions, as we also need to help our fellow Canadian Catholics spiritually.*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Clare DeMello, Roberto Martello, Filomena Larocca, Rebecca Beaton, Gemma Ciavarella, Gordon Walsh, Mary O'Brien, Erika Farncomb, Michael West, Rita Moran, Rosy Menezes, Paul O'Brien, Barbara Boyle, Maria Teresa Blackwell, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Jose Gaitero, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Alexander Wu, Desmond Brownlee, Emilia Perejmybida, Hilary McCormack, and Jasper David-Fuchs.

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