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## WHO MADE GOD?

*By Nancy Nobrega*

One of our daughters lives in the United States so I often talk to my grandsons on the phone. Since they are young they get their Mom to call and then she hands the phone over to them. Nana "knows everything" and "Nana rules" so they sometimes ask for information and sometimes ask for permission thinking that I will overrule my daughter when she has already said no. One day, when he was 4, Ryan called and asked me, "Nana, if God made me and you and Mommy and Daddy (etc. etc.) who made God?" I wasn't really ready for that but the Holy Spirit helped me and I replied, "Honey that is the most important and best mystery of all!" I felt ok about that answer because it really is the truth and he was quite satisfied and ran off to play. Kids accept and love mysteries and isn't everything a mystery to them? That's all he needed to know.

Isaiah, St. Paul and St. Matthew didn't ask

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any more questions either. Prophets like Isaiah did not have easy lives telling the truth that more often than not no one wanted to hear. Isaiah told us that we must trust the Lord to love and care for us even when we are in hard times. God does not give up on us so we should not give up on him. Even today the truth is often hard to hear or sometimes believe. We are however given the task of being prophets by our covenant with God at our Baptism. Richard Rohr tells us the prophets are not so much those who tell the future but “ones who see clearly in the present.”

St. Paul’s life was transformed when he “met” Jesus on the road to Damascus. He had been a harsh and cruel man, persecuting Christians until he met Jesus and became a disciple - fully engaged. He heard the truth and off he went to spread the word, travelling throughout his world and eventually dying for the truth.

St. Matthew did not have an easy life either. He was a tax collector - shunned by his community. He was the only one of the three from the readings and Gospel today who met Jesus in His humanity. His life was also transformed when he heard the truth of Jesus’ word.

He connected the Old and New Testament when he wrote in his Gospel that Jesus was the Messiah that the Old Testament prophets had foretold. He also died for the truth.

These men who were chosen by God to spread his word were not chosen because they were saints. As we have so often heard, they were just ordinary people like you and me. We have our good days and bad days and there are times when we are not proud of what we do. We are not asked to die for God, but we are asked to let our “old life” die - the life that we are not proud of. We ask God for help often and every time we share in the Eucharist we pray, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” We ask for God’s grace to help us let our old lives die.

In today’s gospel Matthew tells us that as soon as Jesus called to Peter, Andrew, James and John they left their whole lives behind to follow him. They were humble fishermen and “immediately left

their nets to follow Him.” They did not doubt, they saw the truth. At the end of Mass, Father sends us off with the grace of his blessing and tells us, “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” Fr. Norm, in his homily last week ended by quoting St. Francis. *“Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.”* We don’t need to be prophets like Isaiah, or evangelists like Paul or gospel writers like Matthew, but we are just as important to God.

God made us too. Each one of us can show the truth of God’s word by our actions and we just need to have “no doubt” about the truth, just like little children, like my Ryan, that God’s grace will help us in our enthusiasm and commitment as it did and does for these great men and the little children whom God so loves. That is the joy that we must feel, the truth that we must see - our task and our purpose, to help one another see God. It is a mystery and it’s all we need to “know”.

### SUNDAY’S READINGS:

ISAIAH 9.1-4

PSALM 27

1 CORINTHIANS 1.10-13, 17-18

MATTHEW 4.12-23

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of **February 8/9, 2020** as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

## HUMANITARIAN AID TO AUSTRALIA

Donations will be collected until February 2, 2020 using the yellow envelopes.

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## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In a Motu Proprio published September 30, Pope Francis asks that *"the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. [Celebration of the Word has] ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."*

This weekend at all Masses, we will be recognizing the contributions of all liturgical ministers who proclaim the Word for us. This includes Lectors, Cantors, and the Choir.

## JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

**February 1/2** is the next John Ford First Sunday Food Drive. Although all donations are accepted, please note we cannot accept items which are opened or not in their original packaging.

We are in most in need of:

- Canned tuna, salmon
- Canned corn (Whole, cream style corn)
- Cream of chicken, mushroom or celery soup
- Canned tomatoes
- Dry lentils, split peas
- Mayonnaise, mustard
- Vinegar
- Salt, pepper, garlic powder
- Flour, baking soda, Magic Baking Soda
- White or brown sugar
- Peanut Butter
- Jam

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## SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, January 19, 2020 \$4,628.14



## MASS INTENTIONS

JAN 26<sup>TH</sup> – FEB 1<sup>ST</sup>

### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Helen B Teufel (+)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Myriam and Paolo Scoppio (+,+)

4:30pm Mario Sanson (+)

### MONDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Olimpio Ottaviani (+)

### TUESDAY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

7:30am

12:10pm Rene Bercasio (+)

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Charles Grieco (+)

12:10pm Fernandes Family (liv.)

### THURSDAY

7:30am Donna Horning (+)

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+)

### FRIDAY ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:30am

12:10pm Vito Lozupone (+)

### SATURDAY

5:00pm Philomena Noronha (+)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Raffaele Amoroso, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Gemma Ciavarella, Mary Jane Cowan, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Romulus DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maryanne Hodges, Roberto Martello, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Hilary McCormack, Rosy Menezes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Betty Veit, Alexander Wu, and Emilio Zaic.

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