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26th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time 29th September 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12:30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR animated by HAKUNA: Thursdays 7-8pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion:

Parents & children are expected to come to Sunday Mass at 9:45am.

Marriage Course:

5 consecutive Fridays (8:15-9:15pm): February 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Saturday 29th March afternoon (2-7pm)

Baptism Course. It is essential for parents to come to Sunday Mass regularly.

The preparation consists of two meetings.

Confirmation:

If an adult or a university student, you will have to follow the RCIA programme.
If a young person, we have a two-year programme.

Approach Fr. Ivano for any query about the programmes

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we
humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into
hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen*

(Today, 29th September is the Feast of the
Three Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael)

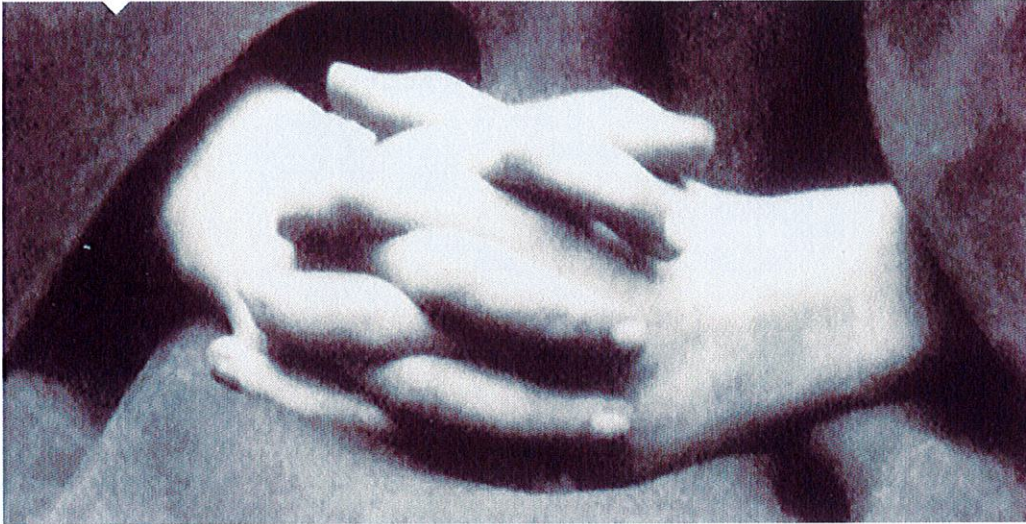


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If you live locally, consider helping. Do speak with Fr. Ivano

No Mass 12:30pm Mass this Friday, 4th October

unlimited hope



"*C'est la confiance*" is the title of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. The French word '*confiance*' has been rendered as 'trust', 'confidence'. Yet these translations give somehow the impression of a spiritual attitude or posture for me to take up, a bit like 'pull up' yourself' or 'be strong'. Not at all. "*C'est la confiance*" is in fact the answer Thérèse gives to a previous letter where Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart was basically asking, 'but... how do you do it? how can you love like this? I admire you; I am happy for you; I just don't have it and I don't believe I can possibly have the same love you have'. Faced with these important questions and the sadness which accompanied those lines, Thérèse took advantage and went to the heart of her spiritual wisdom with great sharpness.

The answer you are looking for is to be found in your desires! Hope comes from desires and immense desires bring about unlimited hope: "I sense in my heart immense desires and with confidence I ask you to come and take possession of my soul". And again, "I am certain that You will grant my desires; I know, O my God! that the more You want to give, the more You make us desire". Thérèse had "unlimited hope" in what God could do to the point that some of her sisters were a bit shocked to hear she believed it possible to go 'straight' to Heaven without Purgatory! To sister Febroine who was arguing the case for divine justice, she said: "Sister if you want divine justice, you will get divine justice. The soul gets exactly what it expects from God".

Where did she get all this confidence from? What made her desires boundless? Very simple. She had known the mercy of God. She probed the depths of divine mercy, and drew from them the light for her limitless hope. Our greatest poverty is the poverty of our desires. For Thérèse we are miserable not because we are poor sinners, our misery is our poverty of '*confiance*'. Are we condemned to misery, hoping for the best while caught up in the fear of being disappointed?

Next Tuesday, 1st October is her Feast Day: renounce all footnotes, postillas, doubts and parenthesis you have placed around the Love of God for you; ask for immense desires, ask for to desire to be a Saint, and a great Saint; ask to love, and to love as God loves; ask to forgive. and to forgive all. You will NOT be cheated. Your desires, all your desires will be fulfilled by the same God who has planted them in you. After all, it is about 'hope, and nothing but hope' - "*C'est la confiance et rien que la confiance*".

In. hanc.

Father Ivano