



# MARTYRS' SHRINE

## LE SANCTUAIRE DES MARTYRS

Weekly Church Bulletin | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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### DIE TO LIVE

"For you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do." The views of Peter are not those of God says Jesus in this passage from the Gospel of Matthew. They resemble those of the devil who, during the temptations suffered in the desert, proposed to Jesus a type of messianism different of that which the Father had assigned to Jesus. Jesus must take the road to Jerusalem to die crucified there and resurrect on the third day.



We heard the words of St Paul last week reminding us that it was difficult to know the ways of God so different from those of humans. "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellors?"

So how to understand sentences like this one: « For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." This statement seems contradictory. But it is not the only paradoxes that we can find through Jesus' words.



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We must do our works with our right hand, and the left hand must ignore it. These works should shine before everyone, but care should be taken to accomplish them in secrecy. We must thus grow by our works, but at the same time become smaller. We must store up treasures in heaven, and in secure granaries, but be poorer among all. We must strive forward and not look at the plow behind, and yet rest, patient with serenity like a bird in the hand of God.

The Love of God is like a dense jungle. We have to accept this fact, and embrace it too. God's way is not mapped out like our roads. It is not indicated how many kilometers you have to drive to get from one city to another. It is difficult to make the views of God your own. You have to have a good GPS like the Holy Spirit.

The disciples received the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost which enabled them to progress in understanding God. We also received the Holy Spirit at our Baptism, but we must certainly ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us always more in order to know God and make his thoughts and purposes our own.

« For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. »

Commentators on this passage from Saint Matthew have addressed this paradox, and they have concluded that any disciple who wants to follow Jesus will have to make a radical renunciation. Whoever follows Jesus is no longer his own. He no longer decides for himself which route to take. He abandons himself to the master whom he has accepted to follow, making the life of faith an obedience of his whole being to God. To take up his cross will ultimately mean accepting to make Jesus' thought and destiny his own.

Fr. Louis-Martin Cloutier, SJ

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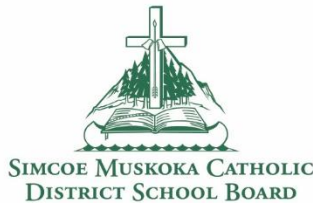


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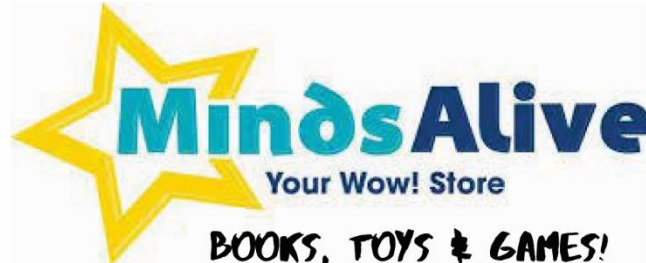
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