

What do you remember?

Have you noticed the different robes worn by our priests at Mass? Do you know their names and what the colors signify? Since taking the R.C.I.A. course, I've researched a few more interesting and beautiful facts I wish to share.

Collectively, they are called **vestments** and are sacramental. This means that they are set apart and blessed by the Church to "excite good thoughts and to increase devotion in those who see and those who use them".

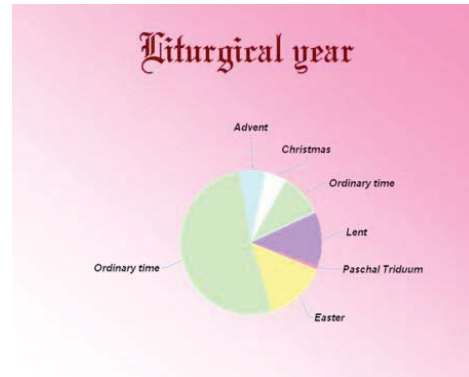
The first vestment worn is the **Alb**. This white tunic is worn by both the priest and deacon, and completely covers the celebrants' body. It is to symbolise innocence and purity.

The next item is the **Cincture**, which is a cord fastened around the waist, and represents chastity.

The **Stole** is a long band of cloth, several inches wide, that fits around the neck of a priest and is worn diagonally over the left shoulder and tied below the hip on the right side of the deacon. The stole is a symbol of authority and is the most blessed of all the vestments.

The outermost vestment worn by the priest at Mass; which hangs from the shoulders in front and behind is the **Chasuble**. The **Dalmatic**, worn by the deacons is quite similar to the chasuble but has sleeves.

The Stole and Chasuble/Dalmatic are normally a matched set and are worn in the color specified for that day's (or occasion's) Mass in accordance with the liturgical year.



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Nancy Hyde

The Charitable donation receipts you've been gathering all year may be worth more than you realize.

- You only get a 15.25% tax credit for your first \$200 of donations, but 29% for everything over that. Therefore, instead of claiming your donations every year, it may be more beneficial to save them over a period of years and claim them all at the same time. That way, the reduced rate for donations under \$200 is applied only once. The donations you made in 2007 can be claimed any year up to 2012.
- The reduced rate for donations under \$200 applies both to donations claimed on your return and donations claimed on your spouse or common-law partner's return. So, instead of each of you claiming your own donations, you should claim them all on one return.

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The Parish is pleased to welcome Mrs. Esther Drobot, the newly appointed, chair of the Social Fund Raising Committee.

Esther is planning to oversee as many fundraising activities as possible, whilst maintaining the social aspect that brings about community closeness.

Her financial background and training will be assets in this huge task.

Esther's first major challenge will be the Christmas Bazaar in November. Should you wish to assist, please contact Esther at edrobot@smcdsb.on.ca or 733-0254. Welcome and Good Luck.

Margaret J. Davey

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Message from Fr Keith Wallace, Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We now move from one season to another – from the hazy, lazy days of summer towards the coloured leaves of autumn. It is time when many people reflect upon the direction of their lives, their families, their discipleship and faith. I offer you a strong invitation to pull up to the table of our parish Family. We readily see how remarkable the active faith of Holy Spirit Parish is. Perhaps this is your moment to step forward, to discern and use your gifts as God has uniquely called you. Communion and community naturally leads us to a desire for a place of our own – our church – part of Archdiocese of Toronto – God's Church. A church building that reflects our Parish Family. A church building that is used by all – Parents and Tots – Pre Teen – Youth – Seniors – Men – Women – Retreats – Socials – Weddings – First Communion – Confirmation – Reconciliation – Masses. A home for you and me; a home to glorify God.

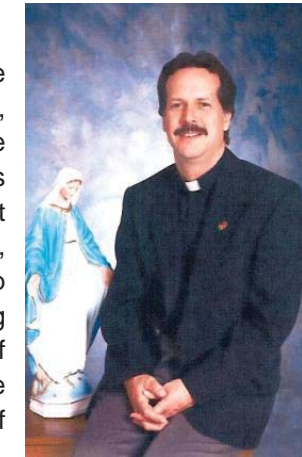
Please offer our new prayer for our New Church:

**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit O Lord,
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
Most Holy Spirit grace us and lead us
to our new place of community
our new place of worship. Amen**

This prayer will be offered at the end of Mass each first Sunday of the month.

Pray for me,

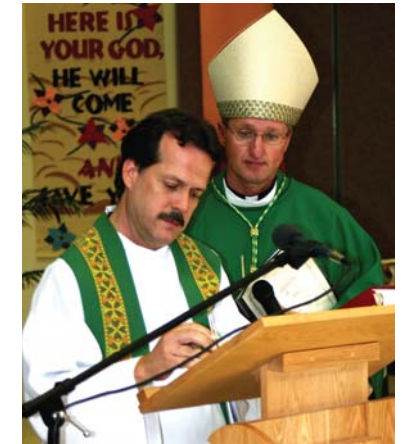
Father Keith



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Our apprenticeship is over. We are finally a fully accredited Parish with an established Pastor – Father Keith Wallace.

For those of you who missed his installation on July 7, 2007, it was a heart lifting ceremony with Bishop Hundt officiating and floral and spoken tributes attesting to the commonality of joy within the parish.



We are now bonded with Father Keith in the task of raising monies to build Holy Spirit Church. This will not be easy and we are fortunate to have the use of the beautiful chapel in St. Joan of Arc High School, in the meantime. The facility can hold up to 500 worshippers and has ample room for all other social needs. The chapel at 22 Wildflower Court seats 80 and mass is celebrated there daily with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays.

The parish is extensive with boundaries reaching Highway 90 in the North, Highway 400 in the East, Essa Township Side Road #10 to the South and the 8th Line in the West.

Father has been busy in the past year visiting every elementary classroom as well as celebrating monthly masses in all 4 schools. Parents and parishioners are encouraged to attend these masses. Concerned parents should be aware that all sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation must be performed within the Parish. Marriages and Funerals have the option of the use of St. John Vianney or St. Mary's Church... **continued on page 3**

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Sacred Spaces Sub Committee



As the tour of the church continues, we come into the church proper, referred to as the **Nave** (Latin for boat), which is architecturally the central, open space of a church. If the **Baptismal Font** is nearby the entrance or door, you will also find the **Paschal Candle**, which is a large candle usually fixed in a great candlestick specially designed for that purpose and is a notable feature of the service on Holy Saturday. Near the Baptismal Font you will also find the **Ambry**, which is a niche in the wall or a little chest, which contains three vessels of oil: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the sacred chrism. Christ means "Anointed". When one is anointed with holy oil; it is a sign of a special relationship with Christ, the Anointed One.

Margaret Nigh

Construction Sub-Committee



The search for Architects and Builders is underway. The building committee has visited three different churches during the summer months. The churches of St. Leo's, Merciful Redeemer and St. Francis Xavier are newly built churches and offered the group a constructive list of do's and don'ts. The building committee is also attending a presentation being made by a member of the archdiocese building committee on Sept 21 and on Sept 22 will be conducting an all day work session. The group is working hard to insure good decisions will be made in the building of our new church.

Communication Sub-Committee



Father Keith, in his ongoing effort to establish our community, has expanded the communication group. The purpose of this expansion is to assist all of our Ministries, where possible, to accomplish their objectives. The communication group will also be charged with increasing the awareness of Holy Spirit Parish through greater visibility of our activities amongst our own parishioners and our local area of Barrie. The communications group would welcome any and all suggestions that are felt would contribute to the growth of our parish community. These suggestions should be written down, complete with your name and phone number and placed in the collection basket, "Attention- Communications". Your help is anticipated and appreciated. Thank you.

David Doyle

Finance Council

HOLY SPIRIT FINANCIAL NUMBERS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2007	
TOTAL YEAR END BARRIE BANK BALANCES AS OF DEC. 31, 2006	\$24,493.96
REGULAR ACCOUNT IN BARRIE, DEC. 31, 2006	\$19,809.79
BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT, BARRIE, DEC. 31, 2006	\$4,684.17
ALL COLLECTIONS AND EXPENSES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2007	
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$69,405.37
BUILDING FUND COLLECTIONS, FUNDRAISING & BENEFACTORS	\$131,831.87
MISC. RECEIPTS INCL. INTEREST	\$30,670.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$231,907.99
CHURCH EXPENSES, (INCL. BUILDING FUND TRANSFER TO ARCHDIOCESE)	\$120,607.45
REVENUE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2007	\$1,300.54
TOTAL BARRIE BANK BALANCE, AUGUST 31, 2007	\$25,794.50
REGULAR ACCOUNT IN BARRIE, AUG. 31, 2007	\$3,962.63
BUILDING FUND IN BARRIE, AUG. 31, 2007	\$21,831.87
BANK BALANCE AT ARCHDIOCESE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006	\$401,397.88
TRANSFERRED TO ARCHDIOCESE	\$50,000.00
TRANSFERRED TO ARCHDIOCESE FROM 2006 BUILDING FUND	\$4,684.17
TRANSFERRED TO ARCHDIOCESE	\$60,000.00
INTEREST POSTED BY ARCHDIOCESE	\$8,559.23
BANK BALANCE AT ARCHDIOCESE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2007	\$524,641.28
TOTAL BUILDING FUND AT ARCHDIOCESE AND IN BARRIE	\$546,473.15
(INTEREST AND FUTURE BENEFACTORS DONATIONS T.B.A.)	

Our financial statement shows that we have come a long way and are doing a lot better than a year ago.

However, we all know that there are many Catholics in Barrie who do not know that we have a place of worship and are finding it very difficult to go to church because they either cannot find a seat or a parking place in the other two churches in Barrie. As a parish, we are praying and raising money to build a desperately needed third church so that everyone can join us. But we must also ask for your help in spreading the word to your friends and neighbours about our fantastic parish and that we have four masses on the weekend.

We know that the archdiocese is ready to assist us, but we, (all of us), have to go all out and show the archdiocese that we truly want our own church, in Barrie, and are ready to seriously support it.

Some of you have asked us: 'How much should we donate in a collection?' To assist we are placing a chart of suggestions on the parish bulletin board. Please keep in mind that these amounts are only suggestions. If you can donate more, please do so, it helps you and us build our new church sooner.

We are still looking for a couple more parishioners that are willing to join our Financial Council. Please contact either Marek Mucha (252-0732) or me by phone (726-6235) or by e-mail.

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Thank you for your support and God bless.

Toby Collebregt

A Disciple in the Spotlight



Deacon Ed Seedhouse

"God affects the lives of those who allow him in."

Ed Seedhouse

Celebrating 32 years of devoted service in several parishes and including 8 arduous but rewarding years on the Pearson International Chaplaincy Team, Deacon Ed feels that God has touched his life and guided his choices.

Born in Toronto in 1932, Ed has a lovely wife of 53 years, Lucy, 4 daughters, 1 son, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. His extensive training allowed him the privilege of marrying four of his children.

Like many outstanding Catholics, Ed came late to the fold and like them has tales to tell. Instrumental in his road to conversion was seeing, almost 50 years ago, a man alighting from a taxi and entering St. Michael's Cathedral. Passing at the time, he wondered why a man would expend money to go to Mass on a weekday. Later at Mass, he was impressed by the universality of the congregation and their individual and collective closeness to God. Thus began this "thinking man's" journey to Catholicism in 1961 and the Diaconate in 1976.

Along the way he had many mentors including,

Father Ed Bader, Father Bill Cummer and Bernie Wilson, but can you imagine the support provided by Lucy and the children, who eg. as part of the Diaconate programme at St. Augustine's had to travel by subway, every Sunday, for two years to participate in the family aspect of the programme?

Deacons are officially retired at age 75 but Deacon Ed, who has never had a sabbatical, is now on a Liturgical placement in Holy Spirit Parish where he has served for almost 9 years. This allows him to pace himself and perhaps do what he does best, "Listen to God" and let us in by his homilies.

Margaret J. Davey

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The Parish is growing rapidly and with it more and more activities. Presently, meeting at each location are:

St. Joan of Arc	Rectory
Youth Group	Adoration
Parish Socials	Bible Study
Healing Masses	Bible Camp
Our Lady of Fatima	Parish Meetings
Children's' Liturgy	Polish Rosary
Bazaar	Cursillo



Indicative of the Parish growth is the number of children now attending the children's' liturgy – 65.

Father who is his own housekeeper, cook and (with the help of Vincent), the garbage disposer, will be pleased to visit and bless your home and would be most appreciative if a good meal is offered. It is now up to us. Tell your Catholic friends and neighbours about our Parish. Take extra newsletters to give them, volunteer for Parish activities, buy a brick for birthdays, etc. Do your best to make a meaningful commitment to the Building Fund. Let's aim for a Church by Christmas 2012.

Margaret J. Davey

OUR MINISTRIES



Bible Study Prayer Group

The Parish hosts a program of prayer, song then Bible study. The prayer group is based on materials of Dr. Scott Hahn and other resources. The group meets twice a month with a break over the summer and is resuming in September. Please call Father Keith 722-3771.

Baptism Team Ministry

Once a month Baptisms are celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish. Parents must attend a class on the Tuesday beforehand. We are looking for parishioners – young parents to share their Faith with these new families. Please contact Father Keith 722-3771.

Building Committee

This is the Ministry responsible for the planning of the new church building. Sub-Committees consist of: 1. Sacred Spaces, 2. Construction, 3. Communication. Each member must be committed to the process from start to completion.