

# Chrysostom Chronicles

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## The Butterfly Effect



A few years ago there was much talk about "The Butterfly Effect." This root of this theory is that tiny effect giant systems. A mere butterfly flapping its wings in Japan, can set into motion a chain reaction that eventually causes a snow storm in Canada. What is true of the natural world is also true of our faith.

Sometimes, when we look at the state of the world or when we come face to face with someone who is suffering, we feel at a loss to make much of a difference. What we offer seems so small and insignificant. However, our small actions, like those of the flapping of butterfly wings, can and do have far-reaching consequences. We should never fail to offer the small kindnesses, the feeble attempts at goodness because they appear to have no immediate effect on the major problems of the world.

There is an old Confucian proverb that states:

When there is goodness in the heart, there is goodness in the home.  
When there is goodness in the home, there is goodness in the town.  
When there is goodness in the town, there is goodness in the country.  
When there is goodness in the

country, there is goodness in the world.

One butterfly, emerging from its chrysalis, can change the weather system for the entire planet. We should keep in mind that although we may not be able to change the world overnight, we can, like the butterfly, set into motion a chain reaction that eventually alters the course of human justice.

Blessings,



Christine Way Skinner,  
Catechist & Editor

## Check out Your New And Improved Parish Centre!

During the quiet months of summer we have done a tremendous amount of work on the parish buildings. We started by renovating the two washrooms at the back of the church. The water fountain located there is now working. The decorative organ pipes which were a sore sight of peeling gold paint were scraped and repainted. We also renovated the principal meeting room in the parish



centre by lowering the ceiling, improving the lighting, replacing the carpet and painting. The front office (reception) in the parish centre was enlarged and painted. The other offices and hallway were repainted making for a much brighter and

cleaner space. Finally, the two washrooms on the upper floor of the parish centre were completely gutted and then renovated. No longer will you feel that you are a student attending elementary school circa 1955!

All this work was done thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners.

## E-News Picks

**U.S. Catholic Bulletin**  
[www.uscatholic.org](http://www.uscatholic.org)

This is the one newsletter I usually read every time it comes. The editors deal thoughtfully with issues and ideas that are relevant to Catholics today.

**Catholic Faith Education News**  
[www.silk.net/RelEd/ezine1.htm](http://www.silk.net/RelEd/ezine1.htm)

This is a great resource for teachers, Sunday school teachers, and parents. The website is updated regularly and provides links to every conceivable topic in Catholicism. It's the first place I go whether I am looking for a puzzle or a prayer! The e-zine updates tell subscribers what is new.

## Christine's Web Picks

[www.stjohnchrysostom.on.ca/christines\\_webpicks.htm](http://www.stjohnchrysostom.on.ca/christines_webpicks.htm)

Finally, check out my web picks on our own parish website. Whenever I find web sites that I think may be helpful to people, I post them on our website.





## Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic?

Each year, a number of people feel called by God to join the Catholic community. To help people discover if God is calling them in this direction, St. John Chrysostom

parish offers an **INQUIRY** group that meets each week beginning on **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm.** This is a non-judgmental, non-threatening, welcoming place for people to come and ask questions about the church. If you

# Sacramental Preparation

All **IMMEDIATE** sacramental preparation in St. John Chrysostom Parish is done at the church. The Catholic schools or Sunday School together with the family provides the **INITIAL** (or foundational) preparation for all the sacraments. If you wish to have your child celebrate one of the sacraments, you will need to register for the appropriate preparation programme in the parish.

## PARISH BBQ



Everyone is invited to the St. John Chrysostom **Annual Parish Welcome Back BBQ** on Sunday, September 19 at 1 pm following the 12:00 pm Mass. Come for food, games and companionship. Admission is complimentary for all parishioners; however, a donation to help cover costs would be appreciated.

## Altar Server Training



Are you a boy or girl eight years of age or older?

You might want to considered a ministry in altar serving ....

Training begins **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

Please call the church if you would like to participate.

## Faith Embodied

Last year, we began a new education series in which we learned how our faith has been expressed artistically in various cultures and in various times in history. The classes in making Pottery Creches and Ukrainian Easter Eggs were so popular we had to offer them twice.

This fall, we are going to make Jesse Tree wall-hangings. If you like fabric craft, quilting, and/or sewing, this is the Faith Embodied class for you.



The class will be held:

**Monday Evenings  
November 8, 15 and 22  
7 pm - 9 pm**

It is open to anyone from age 14 - 114 years of age! There will be a fee to cover the cost of supplies. Please call or email the church to register.

*Let justice roll down like water  
and righteousness like an ever  
flower stream. - Amos 5:24*

## Registration Dates

**FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**  
Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**CONFIRMATION:**  
Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION):**  
Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm

**BAPTISM:**  
By appointment

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

Welcome to St. John's Parish! We have a very vibrant and active parish.

Find out all about us at:  
[www.stjohnchrysostom.on.ca](http://www.stjohnchrysostom.on.ca)

## The Parish Team

**Fr. Bob Ouellette**, Pastor  
**Fr. Miro Michalik**, Associate Pastor  
**Michael Miranda**, Deacon  
**Christine Way Skinner**, Catechist  
**David Jafelice**, Music Ministry  
**Jean Lashley**, Parish Social Ministry  
**Christine Allen**, Parish Secretary

## CONTACT US

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