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## ARE YOU WILLING?

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest or a religious? If God is calling you,

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## ON STEWARDSHIP

The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

## 2023-2024

### Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023** at 10:00 AM EST.

**Important Information:** All applications must be submitted online via the Student Online Application for Registration (SOAR) website.

Space is limited in some school locations. Parents are encouraged to apply early. Please check with your local school for details (contact numbers below).

## PSALM 27

*The Lord is my light  
and my salvation.*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND

### HOLY COMMUNION

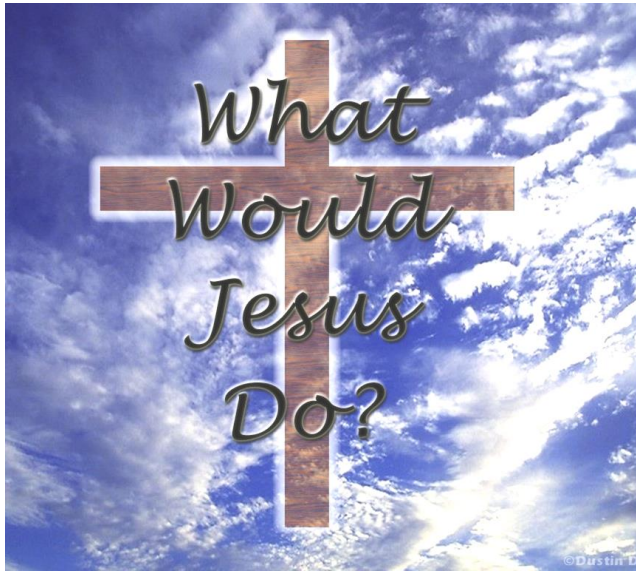
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

**For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).**

### Schools in the area:

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| St. Anselm       | 416-393-5243 |
| Holy Cross       | 416-393-5242 |
| Canadian Martyrs | 416-393-5251 |
| St. John XXIII   | 416-429-4000 |



## What Would Jesus Do?

This Sunday's Gospel (Mt 4:12-23) invites our attention to the call of the first disciples. It is coupled with Jesus' command: "**Reform your lives**". Without reform or the radical change that is daily conversion, discipleship is not possible. **For this we must be willing to ask ourselves again and again, "What would Jesus Do?"** and be equally willing to act repeatedly upon our answer.

This question and its acronym "WWJD" are worth exploring. A WWJD web site asks how these four letters became so popular in the youth of America. A youth group from Calvary Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, brought this question. "What would Jesus do?" to its popularity. **Inspired by the 1896 book by Charles Sheldon, "In His Steps", the youth group tried to apply this question to the choices they all had to make daily.** As a tangible reminder, they were simple cloth bracelets that bore the letters WWJD. The fervour of that Michigan youth group might strike a similar fervour in each of us to lead us to

truer discipleship. To begin the process of reform, we might consider the following scenarios.

A note in the bulletin makes known **the need of a parishioner for a ride to church.** The address is in your neighbourhood but you'd rather not be burdened with this weekly responsibility. What would Jesus do?

Your telephone rings and a voice on the other end asks you to **help out at the school's fundraiser** this Saturday. You have a movie date planned, so you decline with the excuse that you're already committed elsewhere. What would Jesus do?

Your **neighbour is in the hospital.** She's a widow and has no family in the area but you hate the smell of hospitals and, after all, you might "catch something" and get sick yourself so you don't visit. What would Jesus do?

Like the Corinthians who favoured certain preachers over others (2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Cor 1:10-13,17), you try to find out **who will be presiding at which Mass** (or worship service) so as not to be bored to death by Rev. Blank or lulled to sleep by Rev. Doe. What would Jesus do?

Initially it may seem that these examples drawn from the very ordinary events of everyday life have little to do with discipleship. **But in a very real sense, these little events and our responses have everything to do with discipleship** because the question "What would Jesus do?" must be levelled at every important and seemingly insignificant moment of our lives.