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## Parish e-News

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**Happy "Earth Sunday"!**

**In-person church services at St Thomas' are suspended due to the province-wide Covid-19 'stay at home' order.**

**Services will continue to be recorded and distributed via Youtube every Sunday afternoon.**

**Service this Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter -  
Sung Eucharist**

**Stay home - Stay safe - Pray for our front-line workers!**

## **"Redeeming the Sacred Balance - Redeeming our Nature"**

**An online study from the Durham-Northumberland Deanery Christian Education Team**



**A six week study, via Zoom, of the podcasts of David Suzuki (recorded last year) which examine Covid-19 and the basic elements of life. We will reflect on the sacred nature of our planet, on our baptismal promise to "safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth," and on how the Gospel challenges us to live in humility, and with hope, gratitude, and compassion.**

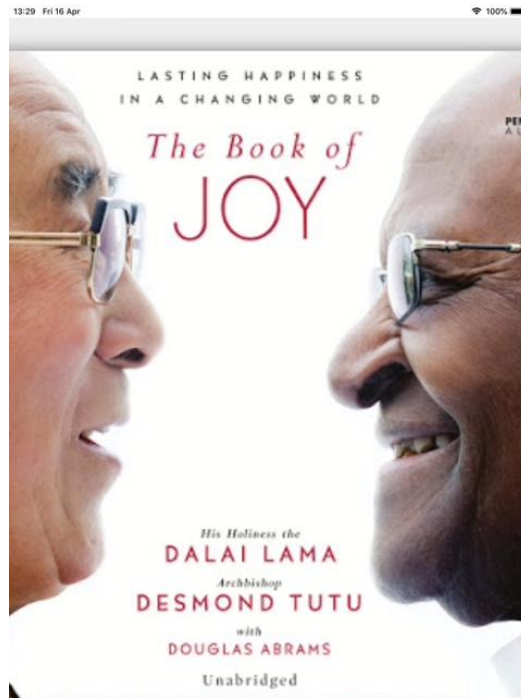
**Tuesday mornings, April 27<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 10-11.30 am.**

**Facilitator: Canon Susan Sheen**

**Limited number of spaces - register at:**

**[susan.sheen@sympatico.ca](mailto:susan.sheen@sympatico.ca)**

## More from the Durham Northumberland Deanery Christian Education team...



Tired of Netflix and bored with yourself? Sign up for a short series of Zoom discussions on *The Book of Joy*, where we will dig into the wisdom and humour of two great contemporary spiritual giants, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

**Dates:** Fridays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

**Time:** 10:30 am to 12 noon

**Register:** [saratheorganizer@yahoo.com](mailto:saratheorganizer@yahoo.com)

**Limit:** 15 participants.

**Facilitator:** Suzanne Lawson, St. Peter's, Cobourg, a seasoned facilitator who will keep the conversation moving

**What is required:** Buy the book immediately (try to support a local bookseller if possible). Read the short sections assigned before each session.

**Advisory Board and Financial Update** - Given the present 'slowdown' of parish activities during the pandemic, we do not plan to have an Advisory Board meeting any time soon. However, if you wish to receive an electronic copy of the 2021 First Quarter Financial Statements of the Parish, please contact the Priest-in-Charge. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of parish life, please do not hesitate to contact either of the Churchwardens or the Priest-in-Charge.

## News from St Thomas' Journeys Outreach Group -

"The past year has certainly been a challenge for all. No visits, no meetings, no dinners, and virtual church have become the new norm but, hopefully, only for a while longer. In the spirit of moving forward and getting back into doing Community Outreach, Journeys is taking on two projects:

- **Backpacks for Women Being Released from Custody from the Lindsay Correctional Centre**  
You will recall that we have supported this program for a couple of years. The new backpacks are given to women who are being released from custody and are likely not going 'home'; rather, they will likely be homeless. Toiletries, socks, snacks, and more are put into the bags--including something inspirational to read: a small Bible or book of prayers. Each pack cost about \$50.00 each to put together. We leave ample space for the women to add their own few possessions.
- **Zippaport** - This grassroots not-for-profit initiative was launched in 2020 with one clear mission: **to help make the process of receiving cancer treatments easier on children through customized clothing that is functional, comfortable and fun.**  
**The Vision:** To supply port-accessible clothing across Canada, free of charge, to families coping with childhood cancer. It costs about \$12 to supply each T-shirt.

We ask you to consider helping us help one or both of these groups. From now, until the end of May, we would ask that you consider making a financial donation to Journeys for this purpose. At the end of May, we will tally up donations and make as many backpacks as we can with money collected, and also send a cheque to Zippaport to support their good work.

**Please make cheques payable to "Journeys" and mail to St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0.** If you feel you would like to support only one of the groups, please write "Backpacks" or "Zippaport" in the memo line of the cheque. Journeys is an outreach ministry of St Thomas' Church and a charitable receipt will be issued by the church for your donation. Thank you!

-- The Journeys Outreach Committee."

**Note: Journeys Outreach meets on the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Please contact the Priest-in-Charge for the Zoom link if you would like to join this meeting. All are welcome!**

**The parish secretary continues to work from home and is available during office hours at the office telephone number (705-932-2233) or via the parish email [cavmanparish@nexicom.net](mailto:cavmanparish@nexicom.net). Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9.15 am - 11.15 am.**

**For any urgent matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231. If the voicemail is turned off, please call his cell number (705-313-9002) and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.**

***The Churchwardens continue to be extremely grateful for the generosity and faithfulness of parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings during this on-going pandemic.***

***Weekly or monthly offerings (for those who are not already on PAR) can be made in the following ways:***

- ***By regular mail*** - to St Thomas' Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0. ***(Please be sure to use the post office box number (not the street address) when sending items by mail).*** Cheques only please--made out to St Thomas' Church. *Post-dated cheques, for future contribution periods, would be welcome and very much appreciated.*
- ***By e-transfer from your bank account.*** Please call Gail at the parish office at (leave message) or email her at [cavmanparish@nexicom.net](mailto:cavmanparish@nexicom.net) to arrange.
- ***By pre-arranged 'drop off' at the home of the Priest-in-Charge.*** Please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time.
- ***By pre-arranged 'pick-up' from your home*** - please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. All public health protocols ('physical distancing,' etc) will be strictly followed.
- ***By Pre-Authorized Remittance:*** If you wish to enroll in PAR, please call the parish office during office hours. An authorization form will be mailed (or emailed) to you.
- ***By using the secure online donations link on our parish website.*** Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>