

THE SHEPHERDS WALKING STICK

Most of you who pledged for the Ice Skating Challenge already sent in your donations for the parish building fund. I thank you, everyone! As I said, the challenge is trivial, but I thank you very sincerely for playing along, thus fostering parish community spirit. Of course, the amount we have raised is nothing to be scoffed at. In fact, I am now wondering how much we can come up next year if I will try skydiving! LOL..... Kidding aside, those who have yet to fulfill their pledge, you may mail a check payable to St. John the Evangelist Parish, or you may use e-transfer using the email address: stjohnparishmorden@gmail.com, or you may drop by the church and cast your donation into box at the foyer. You may use envelopes labelled Church Building Fund. Should you opt for the third way, do call or send me a message at what time you are coming, so that I can leave the doors open for you..... I also would like to thank the Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council for supporting the Ice Skating Challenge. Clare Agnew and Jewel White who represented the councils respectively were personally there to cheer me on and also served as camera ladies to document the event. I was grateful too for the presence of Irene Oliviero who coached me on how to skate safely..... So, the code red regarding covid-19 restrictions has been extended until January 22. Our church will remain closed and public celebration of Holy Mass is still prohibited until then. I feel very disappointed, to say the least. But, let us be patient and keep the faith..... The parish support envelopes for the year 2021 are already available. They are on the table at the church's foyer, otherwise you may find it in your parish mail box. I will leave the doors open from 8 AM to 5 PM today (Sunday, January 10), so that you may pick them up..... Finally, for those of you who have iPhones or ipads, there is another resource for spiritual nourishment especially while we still cannot have the Eucharist together. I cannot recommend enough the podcast The Bible

in A Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz). Do subscribe and listen to it every day. This podcast follows the “timeline” approach in reading the Bible. From the description: “With this podcast, you won’t just read the Bible in a year...you’ll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today.”