



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON
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July 26, 2020

My dear parishioners,

Welcome, as we go forward each weekend we are seeing more and more parishioners returning for weekend Mass. I would like to thank those that have committed to volunteering their time, to ensure everyone's safety. The parish office remains closed, as we await further instruction from the Diocese.

If you would like to have a Mass said for your intentions, please contact Denise, and she will arrange.

If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at dannett@dol.ca or her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.

At this time, there will be no regular confession times on the weekends. So, if anyone likes to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please give me a call and I will make arrangements.

Regards, Fr Francis

Tuesday, July 27th 7:00 pm

† Giovanni Bolzon

Offered by Lilliana Bolzon and Family

Wednesday, July 28th 8:30 am

† Deceased Souls of Covid 19 & Souls in Purgatory

Offered by the Sin Yan Too Family

Thursday, July 29th 8:30 am

† Margaret McCallum

Offered by Rich & Margaret Holmes

Friday, July 30th 8:30am

† Souls in Purgatory

Offered by Margaret Samko & Family

Saturday, August 1st 8:30 am

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck

Offered by the Estate

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a reason the old adage "life isn't fair" is overused. The fact that this pithy saying is true. The world often feels more random than fair. Sometimes good people seem to be rewarded. Just as often, though, there seems to be no rhyme or reason behind who succeeds or fails.

In today's Gospel, Jesus relies on simplistic analogies to help our understanding. Humans gravitate towards wealth, so he compares God's kingdom to a fortune waiting to be found in a field or a pearl of immeasurable value.

His final depiction, as foreign as it may be to anyone who doesn't work in the fishing industry, is perhaps the most powerful. We can picture the profitable fish being separated from the muck and imagine what it will be like when good and evil are literally partitioned from each other in our world. Victims no longer tormented by vicious perpetrators; the vulnerable no longer attacked by violent predators; the kind hearted no longer manipulated by the spiteful. Instead, all people will answer for their actions.

It is perhaps the greatest of all images Jesus give us of God's kingdom. Perfect justice distributed to all peoples. In God's kingdom—unlike our world—no one will be the victim of random actions; rather, moral integrity and personal prosperity will always be the rule.

Anthony Hume

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First Reading: Kings 3.5-12

Psalm: 119

Second Reading: Romans 8.28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13.44-52

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