

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – SOME MUSINGS

“And Jesus began to weep.”

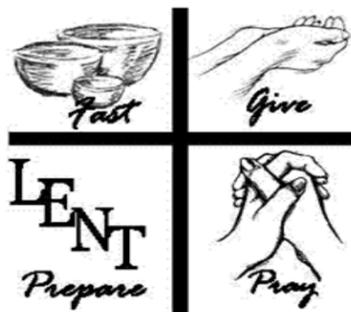
It seems that Lent just started and here we are more than half way through this wonderful time of reflection, of taking stock of our faith lives, recommitting to live more in the ways He would have us do. Yes, half way through Lent. We’ve done penance; we’ve fasted; we’ve given to Share Lent and other charities, but has it changed our hearts? This weekend’s gospel of the raising of Lazarus calls us forth to a new way of living. I’m sure that when Lazarus returned to his family, he was a different person. We do not go through experiences like that and not be changed in many ways. “Lazarus, come out!” As I reflected on this gospel story it occurred to me that we’re all being called to come out. But from what? We read that Jesus began to weep and I wonder why He does. He knows what He’s about to do and that His friend Lazarus will live again and yet He weeps.

I wonder what He weeps over when He calls. I’ve often wondered if He’s weeping over the lack of faith He sees in those around Him. Martha and Mary have been His followers for a very long time and yet have failed to understand who He truly is; their friends have heard of His miracles and know that He could have healed Lazarus had He come in time yet they fail to see Him as the Messiah. No wonder Jesus weeps. He must weep over the same things He weeps over when I fail to see His miracles in my life; He weeps over my lack of faith in His power to save and heal; He weeps because like Lazarus, there are many things that keep me bound from being His faithful and loyal servant and daughter.

I need to respond more readily to Him when He calls, “Betty, come out.” And when He says, “Unbind her and let her go” I need to go with the assurance that He is with me. When He opens the grave in which I’m lying I need to shrug off the garments of the dead disciple and put on the garments that will strengthen me to work in His vineyard with love of Him and my neighbours. There are many things that can keep us bound hand and foot – we doubt our ability telling Him we’re too young, too old, too slow of speech, too afraid. There’s always “too something” that prevents us from doing what we’ve been called to do. Henry Ford once said that whether you think you can or you think you can’t. You’re right! And with God’s help that is so very true. We can keep ourselves bound because we think we’re bound. We fail to listen to that still small voice calling us out of binding. We listen to the nay-sayers who would like us to stay right where we are, doing things that we’ve always done.

I woke the other morning wondering if I’d slept through spring and summer! There was a thick carpet of snow, reminding me once again that I should keep those winter things handy! And as I considered that, I looked out on a world wrapped in white – beautiful to behold. As I stood admiring the beauty, I was reminded once again that no matter how firm our resolutions, we may fall back into our old slothful ways. As I praised Him for the glory of creation, I also said a prayer of thanks that when we do fall, when we turn aside from Him, He will call us back, “Come out! And be unbound in my love for you.”

Wishing you a week of unbinding and many small miracles. Betty Bruch



Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

APRIL 7, 2019

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Church
24 Albert St.
Langton, ON



St. Michael’s Church
978 St. John’s Road
Walsh, ON



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 8:30 am (St. Michael’s)
Sunday – 10:30 am

Daily Mass

Tues. – 5:00 pm
Wed. to Fri. – 9:30 am

Reconciliation

20 min. prior to weekday mass
Sat. 4-4:45 pm
Sun. 8-8:20 am, or by appt.(St. Michael’s)

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Jack Grim, Deacon

Brian Hanley, Deacon

Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 9 am – 4 pm;

Baptisms – Contact Rev. Thomas—6 months notice **Marriages** – Contact Rev. Thomas— one year notice required

Schools – Sacred Heart, Langton - St. Michael’s, Walsh - Our Lady of Fatima, Courtland

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, “Sin no more.” (Jn. 8:11) Jesus came not to abolish the Law but to fulfil it. He does condemn adultery. (Mt. 5:27) Sin is sin and injustice is injustice. But ultimately what is important is: “Sin no more.” On the other hand Jesus teaches that we should keep ourselves free from all self-righteousness. Often we want to condemn others and forget thereby that we also need first of all to be righteous. All of us can throw ‘stones at others’ if we were without sin. But who is without sin? We are inclined to see dust in others’ eyes but ignore the beam in our own eyes. So Jesus’ reply is clear: “He who is without sin, let him throw the first stone at her.” The Jews left one by one starting with the leaders and the elders.

If Jesus, the one without sin could forgive sinners, how much more should we sinners forgive each other? If god is so merciful to the sinners, should we not be merciful towards our neighbors? What is demanded here is a radical change of heart. God’s forgiveness presupposes also our readiness to forgive, as we pray: “Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us.”

The Duke Wellington was about to pronounce the death sentence on a confirmed deserter. Deeply moved, the great General said, ‘I am extremely sorry to pass this severe sentence, but we have tried everything, and all the discipline and penalties have failed to improve this man who is otherwise a brave and good soldier.’

Then he gave the man’s comrades an opportunity to speak of him. ‘please, your excellency,’ said one of the men, ‘there is one thing you have never tried, forgiving him.’ The general forgave him and it worked; the soldier never again deserted and ever after showed his gratitude to the Iron Duke.

Yes, ‘to err is human to forgive is divine.’

“HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!”

Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Apr 9/19	9:30 am	NO MASS	
Wed Apr 10/19	9:30 am 10:15 am 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ki-Young Jang CONFESSIONS at Sacred Heart Church See confessions times below (Dates to Remember) See confessions times below (Dates to Remember)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyoung Ok Jang
Thurs Apr 11/19	9:30 am	NO MASS	
Fri Apr 12/19	9:30 am 7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joan Molnar Stations of the Cross for STM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Molnar

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed Apr 10/19	10:15 am - 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Confessions at SHC
Mon Apr 15/19	7:00 pm	Mass of Christ at St. Peter's Cathedral, London
Tues Apr 23/19	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Wed Apr 24/19	9:30 am 10:30 am 7:30 am	Easter School Mass for SHS, OLFS & STMS 1st Communion Retreat for OLFS Finance Committee Meeting

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

At the entrances to the Church and at the back of the Church you will see boxes of empty baby bottles. Each year our parish participates in the Baby Bottle Drive that supports Fresh Start. Fresh Start has been providing 'hope and a future' to pregnant and parenting women in crisis for over 30 years! All of us are encouraged to fill an empty baby bottle with change or bills or include a cheque payable to FRESH START during Lent, to help protect the dignity and sanctity of life and to help fill a need in our community. **Please return your bottle no later than Palm Sunday (April 14th) in the offertory or at the parish office.**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – MARCH 31, 2019

St. Michael's

Regular Envelope	\$ 515.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 48.00
Sub-Total	\$ 578.00



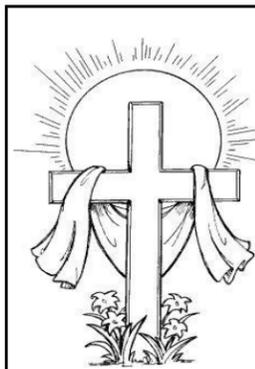
Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$ 1961.25
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Share Lent	\$ 10.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 119.70
Sub-Total	\$ 2190.95

Total	\$ 2768.95
Operating Goal	\$ 3700.00

Shortfall	\$ 931.05
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SH Building Fund	\$ 20.00
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Let us pray for **John McKinnon** who has been called for his eternal reward and his bereaved family members that the Lord may comfort & console them.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FULL DAY OF CONFESSIONS

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for **Wednesday, April 10th**. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parish are:

Sacred Heart Church:
10:15 am to 12:00 pm
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL NEWS

St. Michael's CWL will be having their cabbage roll fund raiser **Tuesday April 9th at the Vittoria Community Center**. All women and men are invited to come and help trim, roll, package the cabbage rolls during the day. You are welcome anytime after 8 am till done later afternoon. Many hands make light work and you are all welcome to come at whatever time you are available, morning afternoon or all day. Cabbage rolls are \$17.00 a dozen and must be picked up before the end of the day. Please call Loretta Freeman 428 5187, or JoAnn Deconinck 519 582 3477. **If anyone has canceled stamps that you have been saving for the CWL convention, please hand them in to a CWL member before the end of April**. Thank you. JoAnn

CALLING ALL POST-SECONDARY GRADS FROM OUR PARISH

Please join the Sacred Heart, Langton CWL for our Annual Potluck Dinner on Monday June 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Langton Community Centre. It is our pleasure to acknowledge your hard work & accomplishments with a small token of our appreciation. Any member of our parish who knows someone graduating from college or university in the spring of 2019 please contact Linda Elku at 519-875-5648 or email at lilku@execulink.com. Please have this information to Linda before May 31, 2019.

EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

There are Easter flower envelopes at the back of the church, as well as in your offertory box sets. This will give you a chance to contribute to our beautiful Easter decorations. Please be sure to fill out the envelope completely (include your envelope number) and place the same of the loved one on the envelope. The Easter Sunday bulletin will be dedicated to your loved ones and your donation will be added to your yearly contributions.



Share the journey with Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon.

On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend a warm thank you for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Columbia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria, and elsewhere! Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home! devp.org/give

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All are welcome to attend the Development & Peace Caritas Canada annual general meeting for the Diocese of London at Villa Angela, 20 Merici Way, Chatham, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Gilbert Iyamuremye, Director of the Refugee Office for the Diocese of London. The cost of \$15 includes snacks and lunch. Please RSVP and mention your dietary restrictions, if any, to marian.blonde@hotmail.com or gosmit@execulink.com.

CAMP OLALONDO MEMORIAL FUND

Do you know a young person within your parish that would like to attend a camp this summer but is financially unable to do so? The Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is directed toward helping young people experience camping activities, projects and leadership opportunities. For specific criteria and an application form, please visit www.dol.ca and click on "Family and Youth" tab, then "Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund." Alternatively, contact Heidi Julien at 519-433-0658 x 229. The deadline for all applications to the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is Monday, May 6. Submit your application online, by fax (519-433-0011), or by mail (Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund, c/o Diocese of London, 1070 Waterloo Street, London, ON N6A 3Y2).