

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SOME MUSINGS

“And Jesus began to weep.”

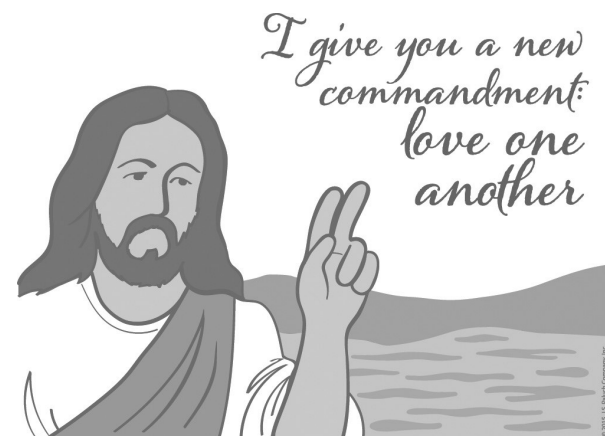
It seems that Lent just started and here we are more than half way through this wonderful time of reflection, of taking stock of our faith lives, recommitting to live more in the ways He would have us do. Yes, half way through Lent. We’ve done penance; we’ve fasted; we’ve given to Share Lent and other 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



MAY 19, 2019

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

ATTENTION : Fr. Thomas will be on Retreat from May 19th to 24th, and will be away for Pastoral Study Days on Tuesday May 28th. The weekday masses for these days are cancelled.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

One of the essential characteristics of Christianity is the observance of the commandment of love. Jesus says: “A new commandment I give you: ‘Love one another.’” Is it really new, the commandment of love? Already in the Old Testament we read that we have to love God with our whole heart (Deut. 6:5), and our neighbor as ourselves (Lev. 19:18).

But there is something new in Jesus’ command. Our love should have a measure, a criterion: we must love as Jesus loves us: “Love as I have loved you.” Therein lies the true mark of Christianity: loving others as Jesus loves us.

There is a gradation in the practice of Christian love (charity). God must be loved above all, and then the neighbors must be loved as one loves oneself. Often it is our pride that hinders the true practice of charity. Jesus humbled himself; he associated with the poor and the simple, and ate with sinners and publicans. He forgave even the bitterest enemy. Everywhere his love came first, even at the risk of his own life. What about us?

Jesus came to restore us to the love of the Father and reconcile us with Him. He is so good and forgiving that he lets it “rain on the just and unjust alike.” So also our love should be unselfish and pure without compromise. Our love towards Jesus must be made manifest through our love and concern for others.

Don’t look for flaws as you go through life;
It is easy enough to find them.
It is wise to be kind, and sometimes blind,
And to look for the virtues behind them. (Anon)

God bless you!! Have a great week!!

Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues May 21/19	7:00 pm	NO Mass	
Wed May 22/19	9:30 am	NO Mass	
Thurs May 23/19	9:30 am	NO Mass	
Fri May 24/19	9:30 am	No Mass	


DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues May 30/19	10:30 am	Crowning of Mary Mass for SHS at SHC
	1:45 pm	Crowning of Mary Mass for STMS at STMC
Wed May 31/19	1:45 pm	Crowning of Mary Mass for OLFS at OLF Gym
Sat June 1/19	5:00 pm	Youth Ministry Mass at SHC
Wed June 5/19	7:00 pm	Walsh CWL Meeting
Sun June 9/19	5:00 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at LCC
Tues June 18/19	5:00 pm	Graduation Mass for OLFS at SHC
Wed June 19/19	5:00 pm	Graduation Mass for STMS at STMC
Sun June 23/19	8:30 am	Group First Communion for STMS at STMC
	10:30 am	Group First Communion for SHS & OLFS at SHC
Mon June 24/19	5:00 pm	Graduation Mass for SHS at SHC
Tues June 25/19	1:45 pm	Year End Mass for OLFS at OLFS
	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER -CONTINUED

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed June 26/19	1:45 pm	Year End Mass for STMS at STMC
Thurs June 27/19	9:30 am	Year End Mass & Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus for SHS at SHC

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – MAY 12, 2019

St. Michael's		
Regular Envelope	\$ 500.00	
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00	
Loose	\$ 190.25	
Sub-Total	\$ 700.25	

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$ 1859.00
Loose	\$ 167.30
Sub-Total	\$ 2026.30

Total **\$ 2726.55**



A special congratulations to **Noah Martins, Alex Blizman, Ava Deconink & Holly Spriet** who received First Communion last weekend .

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF

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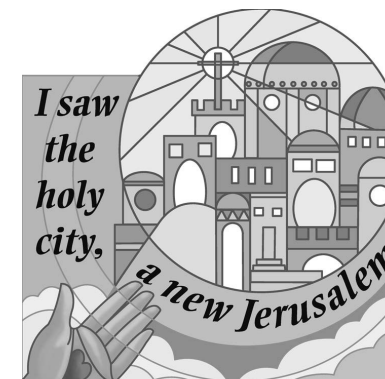


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Mary's Parish in Tillsonburg is hosting Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 2019 from 8:30 am until noon each day. The theme is Cool Kingdom Party – Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus! Children going into JK/SK up until grade six in September are invited to attend. Registration forms for campers will be in the parish the beginning of June. Youth in grades 7 and up are welcome to apply to be group leaders for the camp. Application forms are at the parish office. Deadline to apply for a leadership position is May 27th. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley at 519-842-3224 ext.23.

PRIEST PENSION FUND COLLECTION

This year's Priest Pension collection will be taken up on Father's Day weekend, June 15-16. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Your generosity is a sign of the care and affection that we feel for our priests, who retire after many decades of years having ministered to our spiritual needs. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, this Father's Day let's give back!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

This years Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner will be on Sunday June 10, 2018. We gather at Langton Community Centre at 5:00 pm and Dine at 5:30pm. Welcome to all Altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, music ministry, ushers, CWL, K of C, St. Vincent de Paul, funeral servers and commentators, Altar guild, cemetery board, Parish Council, finance committee and their families. All our volunteers and their families are welcome to join. Please let us know the number of the members attending so that we can make arrangements for food. Those attending are welcome to bring a salad or dessert. Thank you.



LANGTON CWL NEWS

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 lelku@execulink.com. Please have this information to Linda before May 31, 2019.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553.