

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS

“For who can learn the counsel of God?”

A grey mist obscured the trees as the morning sun tried to peer through that veil. A cool breeze freshened the house as I opened windows and prepared for the day. Gazing at that scene, I considered how similar it was to the way in which I tried to understand this gospel. The great commandment of Jesus is “Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your soul, your strength and your neighbour as yourself”. Yet in this gospel we’re told that we if don’t hate our parents, our brothers and sisters we cannot be His disciples! How can this be? And to be true followers we must get rid of our possessions, take up our crosses and follow Him. Hard lessons!

I have mulled this gospel over many times and always come to that same dilemma. Yet when I’m really honest with myself, I believe that Jesus is telling us to keep things in their proper perspective. It’s when the “stuff” in our lives, when others become more important than God, we’re going to find ourselves in trouble. And putting things and others first can be easy to do. Media is always trying to get our attention telling us to buy the newest car, the newest style, a bigger house – stuff we will have to leave behind when we die because you don’t see a U-Haul trailer following a hearse!

Our days should begin with prayer and thanksgiving; a time to ask Him for His strength as we go about our daily work of serving Him. Serving God is challenging but the reward is something so far beyond our finite understanding that we find it hard to even imagine. On a cool afternoon, I sat out and listened to the sounds of life going on around me. I heard cars passing on the street, the sound of an occasional horn as some disgruntled or frustrated driver let someone know of his displeasure, but under it all, I listened to the cry of gulls, the honking of geese, the rippling of the water in the creek and found my peace in those less raucous sounds. It was a time to listen for the voice of God speaking to me in the quiet of my soul. Too often I’ll get caught in the sounds of the world rather than in the peace of nature and it’s then that I have to draw myself back to the stillness. It’s in the stillness that the voice of God helps us clarify His words. We are less likely to pay attention to Him if we’re constantly caught in the noise of the world around. And it’s tough!!

I heard a story a number of years ago that I find so true. It seems a native Canadian and his white friend were walking in Toronto on a busy and noisy street. The native man said to his friend, “I hear a cricket!” His friend asked how he’d possibly heard anything so small in that hustle and bustle. The man pulled a few coins out of his pocket and dropped them to the sidewalk and everyone around began scrambling after those few cents. The native man looked at his friend and said, “It depends on what you’re listening for!” So very true.

I don’t believe God created us to live in the busy-ness of life all the time. We need to make time to be still and be with Him for it will be in those moments that we come to realize that we’re meant to be with Him eternally and that makes discipleship a joy and a blessing. We will never find time to worship, we need to make time to worship, to pray and give thanks. It should be a time we carve out each day to sit and listen for the still small voice calling us to His peace. We need to ask ourselves what we listen for. Do we want to hear the voice of God speaking in the silence or do we simply immerse ourselves in the hustle of life and ignore His call to peace and work in His fields? At the end, our worth won’t be measured by the possessions we have but by the labours of love, by the moments we’ve stood, still and silent and heard His call. As we leave the lazy days of summer behind and settle into our fall routines, setting agendas for each day, let’s make sure that our agenda includes time at the beginning and end of each day to make time for prayer and praise, for joy and thanksgiving, for peace and quiet. Let’s make time to be in His presence and rejoice with Him, weep with Him and love others.

Wishing you a week of moments of quiet prayer and many small miracles. Betty Bruch

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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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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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

POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend’s Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year’s Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend’s scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with “timid deliberations” and “unsure plans.” Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to “let the good you do be voluntary.” Jesus instructs “great crowds” traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples’ lifelong labors. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Sept 10/19	7:00 pm	• For all parishioners	
Wed Sept 11/19	9:30 am	• Regina Zarycki	• Teresa Keenlside
Thurs Sept 12/19	9:30 pm	• For victims/survivors of sexual abuse and for reparation for the sins of abusers	
Fri Sept 13/19	9:30 am	• For vocations to priesthood & religious life	

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues Sept 10/19	7:00 pm	Mass + parents + Confirmation Candidates meeting SHC
Sun Sept 15/19	10:30 am	Cemetery Sunday - following the 10:30 am mass SHC
Tues Sept 17/19	8:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting with St. Mary's Church, Tillsonburg following the 7:00 pm mass at SHC
Fri Sept 20/19	9:30 am	Commencement of School Year Mass (all 3 schools) SHC

MASS INTENTIONS

We do not have many mass intentions for the coming weeks, if you would like to have a mass said for your loved ones, please call the office at 519-875-4438.

MASS CARDS

Did you know that you can have a mass said for someone living? For someone struggling with health issues or another of the many of life's issues that we face. We have special mass cards for the living—offering a mass for gift for healing. Drop into the office and check them out.

ST. MARY'S CWL TILLSONBURG

St. Mary's CWL is taking orders for Meat & Apple pies. The cost is \$4.00. To place an order, please call: Nora Marie Bruder at 519-842-8460 or Irene Gubesch at 519-842-3312.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPT 14 & 15

Saturday (5 pm)

Lector: Liz Deli
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Brian
 Altar Servers: Sophie Butler, Ade'a Oud & Mvita Oud

Sunday (10:30 am)

Lector: Wanda Demaiter
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Brian & Erik Dekeyser
 Altar Servers: Jennifer Vandewiele, Ethan Spriet & Chelsie Spriet

CEMETERY SUNDAY 2019

This year's Cemetery Sunday will take place on September 15th. Immediately after the 10:30 am Mass, we will proceed to the cemetery for special prayers.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

Reminder for Confirmation candidates & parents. There is a Confirmation information meeting for candidates and parents on Tuesday September 10th at Sacred Heart Church after the 7:00 pm Mass.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Fri Sept 13/19: St. John Chrysostom
 Sat Sept 14/19: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION- ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TILLSONBURG

Are you interested in developing your families' faith and in connecting with other families who share a common purpose? The Family Catechism program begins Sunday, October 20 at St. Mary's Parish, Tillsonburg and is open for registration online. Families with children and youth of all ages are welcome to attend. Please visit www.famfi.ca or contact Karin Lansink at ijklansink@gmail.com or 519-550-03304.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

St. Michael's

Regular Envelope \$ 526.00
 Building Fund \$ 45.00
 Loose \$ 92.00

Sub-Total \$ 663.00

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope \$ 1,602.00
 Building Fund \$ 195.00
 Loose \$ 131.00

Sub-Total \$ 1,928.00

Total \$ 2,591.00

SERVING WITH THE HEART OF CHRIST

A gathering for those who are involved, or would like to become more involved, in living the Gospel and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Speakers are Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ, and Luke Stocking. In addition to being on the faculty of University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Sister Mary has been engaged in a variety of ministries in Canada and abroad. Luke is the Central Ontario animator with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Both have dedicated their lives to Christ through advocacy on behalf of the poor. King's University College and the Mission Office of the Diocese of London will host this gathering on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 am – 6 pm at the Chapel at Windermere on the Mount & Parish Hall, 1486 Richmond Street, London. Registration is limited to 75 people. To register, call 519-963-1477 or e-mail campusministry@kings.uwo.ca.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille London/St. Thomas announced their Marriage Help Program for couples with marriages in distress being held on September 27-29 at the Michaelite Centre, London. Retrouvaille ("retro-vie") has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track and includes Post Weekend Sessions over a two-month period.

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