

**THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS**

*“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful in much”.*

The Ozone layer is thinning; the polar ice is melting at an alarming rate; fires are destroying our rain forests. We’ve not been good stewards of creation. We’ve not been faithful to our God and creator. Yes, those are big areas but when we read the gospel for this weekend we should come to realize that the reason we’ve not been good and faithful stewards in these larger things, is that we’ve not been faithful in the smaller things. The smaller things seem to be set aside while we attend to all those mundane tasks that occupy us daily: the job, the home, the interaction with friends and neighbours. I’m not suggesting that those things don’t have their place but they are not the most important things.

St. Paul tells Timothy in his second letter to his friend that if we are unfaithful He still remains faithful. And I for one, am really glad to hear those words. Imagine if you can what would happen if He became unfaithful. Everything and I do mean everything would fall apart. We’d not have sunrise and sunset; we’d not have seasons; we’d have no galaxy or universe! We would, in fact, cease to exist. It’s not a pleasant thought. And He doesn’t ask a great deal from us. Love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. Two simple commandments that, were we to follow them, the world would be a far better place.

However, we can find ourselves so caught up in daily living that we lose sight of opportunities to follow. We get up in the morning and start right into our day, forgetting to give thanks and praise; we sit down to eat and forget to thank Him for His goodness; we go about our daily tasks and lose the wonder of His love and faithfulness. Of course we go to Mass faithfully and pray for that hour, but I considered all the moments during the course of my regular days when I remain unaware of His presence in my life, I remember again that I’m not always His faithful and loyal disciple and follower. Those small moments in time when I could recall His goodness and love go un-thanked and I needed to change that.

Some years ago, I decided that I would find times during my day when I wasn’t aware of His hand and make sure that I recognized that little moment when I needed to be aware. At first I found it a bit challenging but now I find that those times are ever present to me. I thank Him when I arrive home safely after a day of running around, doing my daily tasks. I thank Him most times for the person who invented the seat belts that keeps me and others safe as we travel. I thank Him because I have good and generous people in my life who make my life so much easier. I thank Him that I was born and live in a country relatively free from fear and strife. Yes, these are small things, but over the course of my life I’ve discovered that most often God reveals Himself to us in those little things if we’re aware of His presence in them.

We don’t; usually see the parting of the sea but if we look carefully we can see Him in the eyes of children as they explore the world around with such curiosity. He reveals Himself in the blooming of flowers in the spring and early fall and He reveals Himself in those marvelous followers who feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, comfort the sorrowing. He reveals Himself in the beauty that surrounds us; in the birds that serenade us, in the little creatures who give us joy as we watch them frolic in the grass, in the murmur of water as it moves slowly. We need to see Him there and thank Him for His faithfulness and love.

Let’s endeavour to become the faithful people of His world and see those small things in our lives as powerful reminders of His presence to us.

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

**SEPTEMBER 22, 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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Rev. Thomas Kuriacko, Pastor

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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

**GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR**

Two of today’s readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ’s blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the “Nuptial Blessing,” one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Sept 24/19	7:00 pm	• Regina Zarycki	• Teresa Keenlside
Wed Sept 25/19	9:30 am	• Andre Van Hove	• Liliane Rigole
Thurs Sept 26/19	9:30 am	• Monica Boyd	• Gerarda Maertens
Fri Sept 27/19	9:30 am	• For all parishioners	

DATES TO REMEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues Oct 1/19	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed Oct 2/19	7:00 pm	Walsh CWL Meeting
Mon Oct 7/19	7:00 pm	Langton CWL Meeting
Wed Oct 9/19	9:30 am	Thanksgiving School Mass for SHS
	1:45 pm	Thanksgiving School Mass for STMS
Thurs Oct 10/19	11:15 am	Thanksgiving School Mass for OLFS
Sat Oct 12/19 & Sun Oct 13/19	Weekend masses	Confirmation- weekend of commitment & Enrollment
Wed Oct 16/19	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

**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.

**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.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPT 28 & 29	
<u>Saturday (5 pm)</u>	
Lector:	Marleen Vandewiele
Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon Jack
Altar Servers:	Sophie Butler, Ade'a Oud & Mvita Oud
<u>Sunday (10:30 am)</u>	
Lector:	Godelieve Townsend
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Jack & Marg DeBackere
Altar Servers:	Ryan Demeiter, Michael Demaiter & Joel Demaiter

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPTEMBER 14/15, 2019	
<b>St. Michael's</b>	
Regular Envelope	\$ 410.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 55.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Regular Envelope	\$2,134.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Loose	\$ 273.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$2,447.00</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,922.00</b>
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Mon Sept 23/19:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Thurs Sept 26/19:	St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues
Fri Sept 27/19:	St. Vincent de Paul

**CEMETERY SUNDAY**  
Last Sunday we observed Cemetery Sunday in our parish. We would like to thank everyone who could come together to pray for their departed loved ones and attend the prayer service in the cemetery and visited the gravesides of the family members.

**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](http://www.famfi.ca) or contact Karin Lansink at [jklansink@gmail.com](mailto:jklansink@gmail.com) or 519-550-03304.

**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.

**MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP - UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH!**  
The "MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2019" reminds us that the missionary mandate touches us personally. We are all missionary disciples! (Evangelii Gaudium) During this Year of Prayer in the Diocese of London, missionaries will gather to celebrate their personal formation in mission with Prayer, Witness, and Testimony! Prayers at Mass or while reflecting with the Missionary Rosary! Missionary witnessing of faith in ministry and action! And mission testimonies by lay persons and clergy who actively serve the missionary church.

- FYI: the following events are planned in a faith community near you:**
- Sept 25** - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor - 7 pm (Visiting missionary from Ghana)
  - Oct 3** - St. Joseph's, Stratford - 7pm (Praying the 5 decades for the traditional 5 continents - Project Haiti)
  - Oct 16** - St. Michaels, Sarnia - 6pm (The Many Faces of Mission in Sarnia Deanery)
  - Oct 17** - Holy Family, Wallaceburg - 7pm (Serving the Church in Northern Canada, CMIC)
  - Oct 19** - The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount, London 9- 6 ("Serving with the Heart of Christ" - WMS mass at 5 pm with Bishop Fabbro)
  - Oct 22** - Sacred Heart, Ingersoll - 7 pm (Mission groups in Action)

**FORMED**  
**PICK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**  
FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS  
FEATURED IN SEPTEMBER PRAYER  
STUDY WATCH LISTEN YOUTH READ  
FOR CHILDREN SPANISH

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**“FOR OUR COMMON HOME” - DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**  
The Amazon produces 20% of the oxygen we breathe. Yet its forests, streams and people are threatened because of the resources there. Join a workshop on Development and Peace’s new campaign, For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon,” a future for all to learn about the vital role the Amazon plays for the entire planet and the importance of standing alongside those who protect the Amazon. A future for the Amazon is a future for all!