

**THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS**

*“... neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”*

Dark trees, silent sentinels of night, stood against the bright tangerine of the pre-dawn sky. As the sun crested the horizon I watched a pair of rabbits chase one another around the yard. The breeze was cool but held the promise of a warmer autumn day. A knock at my door and a familiar voice calling, “How’s your day?” heralded a short but loving visit from a son and I realized once again how very richly I’ve been blessed. The day ahead was a busy one but the sun, the memory of sunrise and that short visit carried me in His arms throughout. The richness in our lives isn’t always measured in monetary terms but when we’re blessed with sufficient we need to be prepared to share with those less fortunate.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus can be troubling, just as troubling as the reading from the book of the prophet Amos. The rich man seems totally unaware of the beggar at his doorstep and it’s easy for us to condemn that behaviour. All too often though we can do the very same thing. There are so many demands made for assistance that we can steel ourselves against that call, or that knock on the door, or the hand held out for change. And, let’s face it, there’s only so much we can give. If, however, our entire purpose in earning money is to give ourselves the luxuries we want we may find ourselves wanting at the end. I’ve always believed that where we go hereafter, depends in large part on what we go after here.

We would not sit eating and drinking and allow someone to starve outside our doors, surely not. But what do we do to feed the hungry? There are many kinds of hunger if we stop and think. People hunger for a kind word, a smile, a helping hand, a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on when things are going badly. And sometimes we’re not very good at feeding those needs. We can become so wrapped up in our own affairs that the needs of others go unnoticed and uncared for. Often we can ignore newcomers to our neighbourhood or our parish. We know so many people that those who are new to us seem to be forgotten.

There are many kinds of poverty and I wonder if Jesus isn’t reminding us to look for ways to alleviate some of that suffering. There are those who have been stripped of their identity by loss of a life partner, or a life’s work. There are those who are homeless. Like Abraham they are aliens in an alien land. There are those who have homes but do not feel welcomed there. The needs are many and we’re meant to do our part in helping those who are in need. When we turn a blind eye to the sufferings of others, like the rich man, we’re allowing others to starve – for affection, for a caring heart, for comfort. For the most part we’ve been richly blessed. Let’s not forget that there are others, right here in our own community who have not been. Let’s strive to do better than that rich man in the parable and to do what we can to ensure that the rich blessings we’ve received are shared by all. We know that winter is on its way but let’s not let the colder temperatures and bitter winds chill our hearts to the needs of those around us, hardening us to their plight.

The coming seasons of autumn, Thanksgiving, Christmas, are times when we’ll be asked to give to the food bank, to the Christmas gifts, but let’s not let these be the only times we give. Let’s not turn those in need into our rent-a-family plan, our Thanksgiving relatives, but let’s carry that attitude of giving throughout the year, ensuring that there is food and drink for all; comfort at all times and love in abundance.

Wishing you many blessings and many small miracles. Betty Bruch



**SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:**

In this weekend’s Gospel Jesus uses symbols and expressions which were in use in Israel: “the bosom of Abraham,” “between us and you a great gulf has been fixed.” This language may not be quite well understood today. It does not mean that the dead had contact with others and communicated with each other.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus gives the lesson that the riches we have is to be used to assist us to gain eternal life. The rich must share; the haves have a responsibility towards the have-nots. The rich man of the Gospel was punished only because he refused to help his brother in need.

The selfish abuse of wealth takes many away from God, for ‘you can’t serve both God and money.’ “You can either conquer the world or the world will conquer you; you must be either a master or a slave.”

If we condemn people and do not accept them, we ourselves will not be accepted and will have to ‘stand outside.’ Our life is a precious gift of God and we are responsible for the things entrusted to us. We have to use them for God’s glory and for our fellowmen. And our earthly life is the preparation for eternity. We have to do good, “as long as the day lasts.” (Jn. 9:4)

*“What will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?” (Mt. 16:26)*

*A miser in France used to keep all his gold and precious things in a cellar under the floor of his house. One day he went down through a secret trap-door at the top of the cellar to gloat over his treasure. Then the trap-door banged down so that he could not get out. No one in the house knew about the cellar and the miser could not be found. People searched all over the place but could not find him. After a long time, they gave up and the house was sold. The new owner of the house wanted to have a new building built there. While they were digging to have a new foundation the cellar was found. When it was opened, the miser was found sitting at the table with all his gold glittering around him. (M. Nassan)*  
*The life of the rich man in the Gospel became meaningless because he used his wealth only for himself and neglected others. He was blind to the needs of others. There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. (Acts 20:35) The poor Lazarus in spite of his misery believed and hoped in God.*

**“God bless everyone!!”**

Fr. Thomas

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Oct 1/19	7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Deroo Family</li> <li>The Descamps Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerarda &amp; Family</li> <li>Gerarda &amp; Family</li> </ul>
Wed Oct 2/19	9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mecheal Lisabeth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorette &amp; Family</li> </ul>
Thurs Oct 3/19	9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all parishioners</li> </ul>	
Fri Oct 4/19	9:30 am <b>Adoration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matt Stebelski</li> </ul> <b>Visiting the house-bound</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trudy Konopetski</li> </ul>

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 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.



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
 Mon Sept 30/19: St. Jerome  
 Tues Oct 1/19: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
 Wed Oct 2/19: The Holy Guardian Angels  
 Fri Oct 3/19: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday

**LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCT 5 & 6**  
Saturday (5 pm)  
 Lector: Rita Weiler  
 Eucharistic Minister: Wanda Demaiter  
 Altar Servers: Lauren Provoost, Jeffery Lindsay & Kyle Kershaw  
  
Sunday (10:30 am)  
 Lector: Jenny Zamecnik  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Denn, Mary DeCloet  
 Altar Servers: Jennifer Vandewiele, Ethan Spriet & Chelsie Spriet

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPTEMBER 21/22, 2019**

<b>St. Michael's</b>	
Regular Envelope	\$ 525.00
Sept. Pre-Authorized Donations	\$ 190.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>

**Sacred Heart**

Regular Envelope	\$1,766.00
Sept. Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,360.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Loose	\$ 102.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$3,428.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,228.00</b>

**THE MISSIO**  
The Autumn 2019 Issue of the Missio has arrived and is available on at the back of the church.

**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. MICHAEL'S CWL**  
Welcome back to our first fall meeting on October 2nd in the basement of St. Michael's at 7:00 pm. I would like to invite all members to come out and join us for a short evening to take care of CWL business. Please bring any vegetables or fruits to display on the altar for Thanksgiving. They can be brought in that evening or the following Sunday. Anyone who has items is welcome to bring them even if you are not a CWL member. Also if you are still collecting stamps, feel free to leave them at the back of the church or give them to JoAnn or any executive member to be forwarded to the London CWL Diocesan committee. Thank you. JoAnn Deconinck

**THANKSGIVING APPEAL 2019**  
As Thanksgiving weekend approaches, we are reminded of our blessings of prosperity and family, as well as our responsibilities. Every year, our parish takes up an annual collection that raises the money needed to fund our parish locally and as part of our diocesan family. **100 % of the money collected in the Thanksgiving Appeal envelopes stay here at Sacred Heart Church to support our parish.** Caring for others and seeking social justice are deeply rooted in our faith: in the Gospel, Jesus directs us to help the poor, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Together, people and parishes are united in our incredible mission to bring Christ's light to the world. Please give as generously as you are able, and please pray for those in need. There is a special envelope in your boxed set.

**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.

**SALT + LIGHT CATHOLIC TV**  
Travel coast to coast with producer and host Emilie Callan on her new show "This Place: Real People, Real Faith." The show premieres on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 8 pm Eastern Time on Salt + Light TV – and the episode is a feature about the Diocese of London. For more details visit <https://saltandlighttv.org/> thisplace.

**FORMED**  
**PICK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**  
 FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS  
 FEATURED IN SEPTEMBER PRAYER  
 STUDY: ARE THE SAINTS AWARE OF OUR PRAYERS?  
 WATCH: DISCERNING GOD'S WILL, Prayer, DEEP CONVERSION  
 LISTEN: Let's Pray!  
 YOUTH: Prayer  
 READ: DEEP CONVERSION  
 FOR CHILDREN: Let's Pray!  
 SPANISH: ECHO

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**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 [jklsink@gmail.com](mailto:jklsink@gmail.com) or 519-550-03304.