

**THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSING**

*“He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”*

The gusty winds have stripped most of the leaves from the trees behind me leaving them barren and cold looking. During the spring and summer months they were lush and so many shades of green. Now they’re a stark reminder that winter will soon be upon us. I look at the trees and know that they would make excellent places from which to view the world below. Like Zacchaeus I too am “short in stature”, always looking for places where I can get a good view of things that go on around me. I sit near the front in most places so those wonderfully tall people do not block my view. I might be a lot taller if I didn’t have so much turned up for feet but since that isn’t the case, I understand this poor man’s plight all too well. Perhaps he too, wanted to be just a little taller so as not to draw attention to himself by doing something as undignified as climbing a tree. I think of Zacchaeus’ consternation when Jesus called him to come down from his perch in the sycamore tree. Does he blush? This Jesus, about whom he’d heard so much, says He wants to come and spend some time sitting, eating, drinking and talking with the tax collector, and, it appears, he’s a dishonest tax collector as well. It’s really not surprising that those around said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”

It’s interesting to hear those words. Consider for a moment. We receive the Body and Blood and Jesus has come to be the guest of ones who are sinners. Perhaps we’re not dreadful people but it’s easy to fail Him in so many little ways. We fail to thank Him for all the little blessings that come to us on a daily basis: the warmth of a hug, the joy of laughter, a warm meal. We fail to praise Him for the glory that surrounds us: the beauty of sunrise and sunset, the clear blue of sky, the scent of rain-washed earth. We fail to love others the way He’s asked that we do. So many little ways to fail. I’ve discovered that for me, it’s not the sins I commit but rather the good things I leave undone that alienate me to some extent from my Lord and my neighbours.

We should be very grateful that He’s come to seek the lost. When I’m weary and out of sorts, He’s there to console; when I’m joyful, He’s there to share my joy; when I sit quietly in His presence, His hand rests gently on my head. We need to thank Him that He came to seek out the lost and the sinners. He is Creator and we are creature.

Remembering that is the beginning of our submissiveness to His will. We’re living in a world that is changing more and more rapidly with each passing day and it can be easy to think that we’re the ones in charge. We’re not! If we look around, part of the problem in our world is that we do think we’re in charge and have polluted His created world. Like the tax collector in last Sunday’s gospel, let’s pray, “Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.”

We are quickly coming to the end of the liturgical season we call Ordinary Time. The time has changed and the days seem shorter, the nights longer. Let’s not let the darkness enshroud our hearts and keep us alienated from Him and from one another. Let’s work to build His kingdom where we are and prepare a place for Him in our hearts, in our homes, in our community and in our world.

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



**NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

**31ST 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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**Parish Clergy**

Rev. Thomas Kuriacko, Pastor  
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:**

The world and all it contains is like a grain of sand compared with the greatness of God. Yet God loves all that he has created, and overlooks people’s sins so that they can repent. This we get from today’s First Reading. The Gospel gives us an example of this in the way Jesus seeks out the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, and calls him to repentance.

At that time tax-collectors were put in the same category as thieves, murderers and prostitutes. Furthermore, because they worked for the Romans, they were regarded as traitors, and treated as outcasts. We can understand, then, how the good people of Jericho were offended when Jesus went to the house of Zacchaeus. But Jesus justified his action by saying that Zacchaeus too was a son of Abraham, and therefore entitled to the mercy of God as any other Israelite. And he declared that it was to seek out and save people like Zacchaeus that he had come.

Touched by the kindness of Jesus, Zacchaeus saw the error of his ways and resolved to change. In this episode we again see Luke’s concern for the proper use of wealth – it should be distributed to the poor.

Zacchaeus’ conversion was a conversion to goodness. All of us stand in need of such conversion. Each of us has the capability that Zacchaeus had though it may be hidden or unexpressed. Each of us stands in need of daily conversions from a closed heart to an open heart, from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.

**BACK FROM THE HOLY LAND:**

I am back from my first ever visit to the Holy Land. My journey was quite comfortable. I enjoyed each moment of my journey. It was a great blessing to be able to make this trip and walk through the ways Jesus walked. It was indeed a wonderful experience. The group that I travelled with was a fabulous one, appreciative of each other and ever co-operative and welcoming. I would like to thank all my parishioners for your valuable prayers which kept me healthy and strong through the pilgrimage.

On our pilgrimage we were fortunate to visit the most important places in the life of Jesus on earth. The places we visited were Galilee, Caesarea, boat journey on the sea of Galilee, Capernaum, home of Peter and the site of Christ’s preaching, the Church of multiplication, the church of St. Peter’s Primacy, Mt. Beatitudes, Nazareth, Basilica of Annunciation, Mary’s well, Joseph’s carpentry shop, Cana where Jesus had his first miracle – here the married couples renewed their married vows, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Mt. Carmel the “burning place” where Elijah called the fire down to confound the prophets of Baal, the birth place of John the Baptist, the Church of Visitation, the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth, Qasr El Yahud, baptismal site on Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist – here we renewed our baptismal vows, Mt. of Temptation, Qumran, where the dead sea scrolls were found, Bethlehem where Jesus was born, MT. of Olives, Dominus Flevit Church where Jesus cried upon prophesying the destruction of the Temple, Garden of Gethsamane, Pater Noster Church, Via Dolorosa, Pilate’s Judgement Hall, Holy Sepulchre Church, St. Ann’s Church, Pool of Bethesda, King David’s tomb, the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place, the Western Wall, the holiest Jewish site in the world. We visited also Petra in Jordan – “Rose city” half as old as time, carved from rock over 2000 years ago by the Nabataeans - hidden away in the encircling craggy mountains south of Dead Sea, and Mt. Nebo, from where Moses saw the promised land.

I enjoyed each moment of this trip and thank and praise God for this opportunity, and for all the blessings through this journey. I prayed for all of you my dear friends of the parish, especially at the Masses we offered at most of the important sites in the life of Jesus.

**“HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!”**

**Fr. Thomas**

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON**

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Nov 5/19	7:00 pm	<b>Info Meeting (1st Recon. &amp; 1st Comm) for parents + Children</b> • Ed Phillips • Lucien Phillips • Bernaert Family	• Mariette Phillips & Family • Mariette Phillips & Family • Mariette Phillips & Family
Wed Nov 6/19	9:30 am	• Tracey Anseeuw	• Mary DeCloet
Thurs Nov 7/19	9:30 am	• A special intention for a parishioner • Monica Boyd	• J. Chevalier • Gerarda Maertens
Fri Nov 8/19	9:30 am	• Leon & Renilde Spriet	• The Spriet Family

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Nov 4/19	7:00 pm	Langton CWL Meeting
Tues Nov 5/19	7:00 pm	Info Meeting (1st Recon. & 1st Comm) for parents + Children
Wed Nov 6/19	7:00 pm	Walsh CWL Meeting
Wed Nov 6- Sat Nov 23		1st Recon. Interviews (Parents & Candidates)
Mon Nov 11/19	10:45 am	Remembrance Day Service for SHS with Langton Public School
Tues Nov 12/19	5:00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the sick at Sacred Heart Church
Tues Nov 19/19	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs Nov 21/19	4:00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the sick at Caressant Care
Sat Nov 23 & Sun Nov 24	Weekend Masses	1st Recon. Rite of Enrollment
Tues Nov 26/19	11:15 am	Advent School Confessions for SHS
Wed Nov 27/19	11:15 am	Advent School Confessions for STMS
Thurs Nov 28/19	11:15 am	Advent School Confessions for OLFS

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo  
 Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SACRED HEART, LANGTON**

**NOVEMBER 9 & 10**

Saturday (5 pm)

Lector: Phil Verhegghe  
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Brian

Sunday (10:30 am)

Lector: Jenny Zamecnik  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Brian, Juliet VanLeuvenhage

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – OCTOBER 26/27, 2019**

**St. Michael's**

Regular Envelope \$ 385.00  
 Thanksgiving Appeal \$ 610.00  
 World Mission Sunday \$ 100.00  
 Loose \$ 60.00

**Sub-Total \$ 1,155.00**

**Sacred Heart**

Regular Envelope \$ 1,542.00  
 Thanksgiving Appeal \$ 950.00  
 World Mission Sunday \$ 150.00  
 Building Fund \$ 820.00  
 Loose \$ 70.95

**Sub-Total \$ 3,532.95**

**Total \$ 4,687.95**



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**INFORMATION MEETING REMINDER (1st RECON. & 1st COMM) FOR PARENTS + CHILDREN**

There will be a information meeting on Tuesday November 5th at Sacred Heart Church after the 7:00 pm Mass for the children who would like to receive their 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion this year and their parents.

**COFFEE SUNDAY -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for coffee Sunday to continue. Please consider helping for either Saturday or Sunday after Mass. Contact Susan Kershaw at 519-427-6314 or Linda Vandendriessche at 519-983-6098 by November 30, 2019.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AT CARESSANT CARE AT MASSES**

Volunteers are needed for once a month at Caressant Care Courtland for the year 2020. Working in teams of two people, the volunteers would be required approx. 3 times through the year. The volunteers would assist in setting up the Chapel, bringing the Catholic residents to the Chapel, and returning them after the service. For more information please contact Marguerite DeBackere at 519-875-4777.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL- TURKEY BINGO**

Our Lady of Fatima School invites you to the 49th Annual Turkey Bingo with free admission on Saturday November 2, 2019 at the Courtland Community Centre. Doors open at 6 pm, and bingo starts at 7 pm. Refreshments & food available. There will be lots of cash prizes, bingo bazaar, mystery prizes, door prizes, and turkey cash bingos. You must be 18 years old or older to attend. For more information please call 519-688-0049. Please support the small school with a big heart! Share the wealth & winner takes all. Lottery License # 828654.

**PERMANENT DEACON ORDINATIONS**

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11 am, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London, the Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, will ordain the following men to the Order of Deacons: Michael Cookson, David Cummings, Leo Gulikers, Tim Raaymakers, Matt Sutton, Henry Tomaszewski, and Art Williams. Bishop Fabbro, the permanent deacons of the Diocese of London, and the members of Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program extend an invitation to you to attend this ordination and to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Please note that parking will be limited.

**FARM DUTY 5HP 220 SINGLE PHASE MOTOR FOR SALE**

At Sacred Heart Church, Langton, there is 1 5HP 220 single phase motor for sale, only used for a short time. Cost \$300. Anyone interested, please contact the Parish Office at 519-875-4438.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg and Sacred Heart, Langton are seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to cover a maternity leave. Please visit [www.stmarys.dionet.ca](http://www.stmarys.dionet.ca) for the employment posting.

**COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg; Sacred Heart, Langton & St. Michael's, Walsh are seeking a full-time Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry. Please visit [www.stmarys.dionet.ca](http://www.stmarys.dionet.ca) for the employment posting.

**LANGTON CWL NEWS**

**"EUROPEAN THEMED" CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The CWL is hosting a special "European Themed" Christmas bake sale at Sacred Heart Church on December 7, 2019 from 9 am to 11 am. Along with our beautiful treats, we are offering homemade baked pies for sale. Our 9" pies come in 3 varieties (Apple, Cherry or Blueberry) at a cost of \$12/pie. All pies must be preordered and our deadline for ordering will be November 25, 2019. Your pies will be available for pick up at our bake sale. Please call Liz Deli at 519-875-4738 or 519-429-0771.

**POINSETTIAS & WINTER GREENERY FOR SALE**

Will be offering poinsettias and winter greenery for sale this year. We will commence taking orders before and after Mass this weekend (November 2nd and 3rd). For further information please email Cathie Schonberger at [cathieschon@gmail.com](mailto:cathieschon@gmail.com)

**CABBAGE ROLLS**

Once again we will be taking orders for cabbage rolls. Price is \$17.00 per dozen. Pick up is on December 7th at the Church from 9 am to 11 am. Cut off date to order is December 1st. Please phone Jeannette Major at 519-875-4952 or email at [jmamajor@hotmail.com](mailto:jmamajor@hotmail.com).

**SOCKS FOR THE SOULS**

Once again we will be collecting socks, mittens, hats and scarves for the poor. The box will be at the back of the Church. Please help us fill it. Everything collected will be delivered to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society & Lions Club before Christmas. The items will be put in the local Christmas baskets for the families in need.