

**The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Some Musings**

“Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

I’d come home from my very first day of school and I announced to my parents with all the confidence that my six year old voice could muster, “I want to be a teacher!” I had no idea what achieving that goal might entail but I did know what I wanted. Knowing what you’re called to do is a two-edged sword. On the one edge it’s a marvelous thing to know what will make you happy and will benefit others; on the other edge is the unknown, stepping into a world where you’re unsure if your choice is the right one or if it’s even possible to achieve. As I grew up my goal didn’t change but I realized that achieving it required sacrifice and hard work on my part and on the part of my Mom and Dad. Getting a university degree was no easier back then than it is today. It doesn’t seem that Peter and Andrew faced that same dilemma; they dropped what they were doing to follow the Lord.

They had no idea what awaited them in the future, they only knew and understood that they were called and were meant to follow the Lord wherever that road led. They trekked throughout many parts of the then known world spreading Jesus’ message of love and compassion, of healing and hope, of peace and joy and they didn’t count the cost to themselves. I wonder if I’d have that same commitment. Would you? When we’re called to assist others we need to do it with grace, knowing that others do what they are called to do as well. We need to ensure that when we take a path it’s not out of our own selfish wants but for the good of others. If we do that we truly follow the Lord.

Unlike Peter and Andrew we’re not likely to be crucified; unless of course, we’re crucified on the cross of public opinion.

I remember when our farming and ranching community found out that I was preparing for university, they were shocked and upset. I was supposed to do what every other girl in the community did. I was to marry someone from the community and become a rancher’s wife. That life was not for me – I was going to be a teacher! I wonder if that’s how Peter and Andrew felt – they were called to follow Jesus no matter where that path would lead. Their path led them to follow Jesus with determination and sacrifice. That’s what we’re meant to do. When we were baptized we became priest, prophet and king, heirs with Jesus to His Father’s heavenly abode. As such, we’re meant to follow Him with the same determination and sacrifice as His early apostles and disciples.

In a day and age where the word “sacrifice” is a good old fashioned cuss word, it can be hard to follow the Lord’s law of love and sacrifice. For often what we want takes precedence over love and sacrifice. We feel entitled to having what we want no matter the cost to another. It’s a world of “Me first”. It’s a world of selfishness and greed and as His followers we’re meant to stand in opposition to that type of thinking. We’re meant to do what those first apostles did – drop what we’re doing and do His work instead. I’ve discovered that’s not always easy to do. There are people who simply “rub us the wrong way” and we want to lash out; there are people who annoy us and we want to tell them to leave us alone. That’s not what we’re called to do. Let’s make some time this week and reassess the way we live out our discipleship. Let’s be honest with ourselves as we do this and commit to becoming true and holy disciples of the Lord.

Snow has been falling gently in our world, leaving it pristine and white, pure and lovely; let’s take a lesson from that. Yes, it’s cold but that needn’t stop us from loving warmly. The white world reminds me that the love of God is alive and well and as I greet each morning, no matter how I might feel, I wake with a fresh hope that today I can live as His daughter and disciple. The call to discipleship should not leave us cold but stir in us a loving warmth for His people in our families, in our parishes, in our schools and in our larger community.

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

Betty Bruch

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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**

We often remember the words spoken to us by people who are near and dear to us. Words of a dying mother, words of a friend at a farewell, are often unforgettable. They live with us for a life time. They can be words of consolation, words of warning, words of exhortation. But the words of Jesus changed the hearts of men and women down the centuries, transformed them and made them messengers and witnesses of his love. We recall to mind, for example, Saint Benedict, who gave Christianity in Europe a new impetus, a new image of penance, wisdom, and moderation; or Francis of Assisi who sang his song of joy that actually sprang from suffering and self-reunification; or Saint Francis de Sales who with his cardinal principal ‘let everything you do be done in love’ gave the Church of France a new life of divine love. Their noble examples, and others like them, are like them, lights that still shine in the Church today.

“I will make you fishers of men,” Jesus said. Actually the world mission started by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus called Peter, Andrew and Jacob and his brother John for his mission. And they followed him forthwith. The words of Jesus, and his call, went deep into their hearts. They responded generously, they gave up all egoism and self-will to follow their Master.

The Christian vocation does not consist merely in being called, or in being saved; it is also a vocation to save. A Christian is an apostle. His mission is to co-operate with God’s designs and lead men to Jesus Christ. His mission is to be an apostle of peace, love and goodness.

Thus God’s Kingdom which began to grow by the Sea of Galilee must grow in our hearts and bear rich fruits. Our hearts must be fully free to receive God’s grace and inspiration; it should be free from all jealousy, hatred and egoism. Our commitment to Christ must be full and total, our ‘propaganda’ for Christ should be more than verbal, it should be a life lived in the spirit of Christ. In other words, we must be living Gospels which others can read with ease.

**“GOD BLESS YOU ALL!! HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!!”**

Fr. Thomas

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Jan 28/20	5:00 pm	• No Mass	
Wed Jan 29/20	9:30 am	• Mariette Sinnesael	Madeline Lammens
Thurs Jan 30/20	9:30 am	• No Mass	
Fri Jan 31/20	9:30 am	• Elza Bolle • Rosalind & Francois Amirault	Margaret VanLaeken Trudy Konopetski

### LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SACRED HEART, LANGTON

#### February 1/2

##### Saturday (5 pm)

Lector: Phil Verheghe  
Eucharistic Minister: Fred Shippam  
Altar Servers: Ryan Kershaw, Chelsie Spriet

##### Sunday (10:30 am)

Lector: Jeanette Major  
Eucharistic Ministers: Juliet VanLeuvenhage,  
Mary DeCloet  
Altar Servers: Michael Demaiter, Joel Demaiter

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Jan 18/19, 2020

#### St. Michael's

Regular Sunday Envelope	\$	268.00
Jan Pre-Authorized Donations	\$	190.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$	60.00
Loose	\$	35.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>553.00</b>

#### Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$	1,087.00
Initial Envelope	\$	25.00
New Year's Day	\$	10.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$	50.00
Jan Pre-Authorized Donations	\$	1,260.00
Loose	\$	21.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,453.00</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,006.00</b>
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Thanks!  


### DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Feb 3/20	7:00pm	Catholic Women's League Langton Meeting at LCC
Tues Feb 4/20	8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed Feb 5/20	7:00pm	Catholic Women's League Walsh Meeting at STM Church Hall
Wed Feb 26/20	9:30 am	Ash Wednesday School Mass SHC ( SHS & OLFS)
	1:45 pm	Ash Wednesday School Mass STM (STMS)
Thurs Feb 27/20	7:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Fri Feb 28/20	10:00am	Stations of the Cross (SHS @ SHC)
	7:00pm	Stations of the cross SHC

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tues Jan 28/20: St. Thomas Aquinas

Fri Jan 31/20: St. John Bosco



### ST. MICHAEL'S CWL

I would like to announce that we have a new President- Mireille Braun  
Treasurer: Bonnie Penich.  
But we do not have a secretary. Would someone please step forward and take on this position. What is expected of this person, is to come to the meetings, record the minutes and read them at the next meeting. Please get in contact with Mireille or myself if interested.  
JoAnn Deconinck

### ST. MICHAEL'S CWL

Our annual fund raiser, Making Cabbage Rolls will be on April 6, a Monday at the Vittoria Community Centre. We will beginning at 8am and finish around 4pm, you are welcome to come help for as little or as much of that time as you can.

Please come out if possible and help make this event a success. Please save the date, and come out to help trim, roll or package the cabbage rolls. All members, family, friends or neighbors are welcome to come.

### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD:

Recently, the Government of Canada announced an online survey of Canadians' views on medically-assisted suicide. The two-week period of consultation ends Monday, Jan. 27. The survey is predicated on the assumption that respondents support euthanasia legislation. Even so, the survey does have text boxes that afford the opportunity to let the government know that you are against medically assisted death. The survey is available at <https://justice.sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5-E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1C0C>.

Terrific information about the survey and "MAID" legislation are available at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). Our social media and [website](#) have regular updates about euthanasia. I just posted a [fascinating article from Grandin Media](#) in our website's news section.

And finally here is the survey itself - <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>

### CWL SACRED HEART

Once again the Langton CWL is taking orders for cabbage rolls, from January 26 – March 1 2020. Pick up is at the Langton Community Centre on March 7,2020 at the bazaar. \$18.00 per dozen. Phone Jeanette Major (519) 875-4952 or email [jnamajor@hotmail.com](mailto:jnamajor@hotmail.com)

### CWL - SACRED HEART

CWL soft sided Brief cases and 100th Anniversary Pins



Please contact Linda Elku at (519) 875-5648 to place an order and to make arrangements to pay. Please place your order as soon as possible, orders and payment are due before February 29, 2020.

### CWL SACRED HEART

The CWL will once again host their annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday March 7th, 2020 at the Langton Community Centre. Doors open at 10:30am with a Giant Penny Sale, Used Books, Cabbage Rolls for sale, Door Prizes and many more.

**NEW** this year will be Hot soup and sandwiches. Bingo begins at 1:00pm. Come out and Have Fun.

We will also again be collecting items for our White Elephant table as well as used Books. Books can be dropped off at the back of the Church anytime. Items for the White Elephant table can be dropped off at Mrs. Couture's place at 44 Queen St. Langton or the Community Centre on Friday March 6th between 9:00am and 12:00pm. We will also be taking orders for Cabbage Rolls, please call Jeanette Major 875 4952. Pick up the Cabbage Rolls on March 7th 2020. For more information contact Carol Vanderhaeghe 875-4377.