

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE – SOME MUSINGS

When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee.” The sun seemed to struggle as it rose over the trees but in that struggle the sky was painted with soft pinks and blues, reminding me that another blessed day had arrived and I was meant to greet it with all the joy and praise in my heart. It was an ordinary day with the mundane tasks of cleaning, reading and prayer. I knew that this day, while it would be like many others I had lived, was a special day for me to remind myself how blessed and wonderful our Lord and Saviour is. He lived with His parents, working as a carpenter until He was in His early thirties and I’m sure His days were just as ordinary as any other young Jewish man living at that time, except for one thing – He “grew strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon Him.” We, too, are meant to grow in wisdom and the favour of our Lord. When our days seem mundane and wearisome we have two choices – we can give in and start grumbling or we can turn to Him and ask what we’re meant to learn in this trying time.

Jesus spent His early years being subject to His parents. They were faithful Jewish people who abided by the Law of Moses and followed that law well. They fulfilled all the requirements for parents of that time, presenting their new son at the temple, making that long trip to Jerusalem when Jesus was about twelve. So we need to ask ourselves how faithfully we follow Jesus’ law of love. It’s not an easy question to answer.

Sometimes when we tell ourselves that we’re doing something out of love, we’re really doing it for our own self-aggrandizement. We do it so others will think we’re something we’re really not. When Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to take part in the census they did it for obedience to the law of Rome; when they took their son to the temple, they did it to obey the Law of Moses; it was the same when they took Jesus to Jerusalem when He was twelve. Those pilgrimages were not easy and they certainly didn’t make them for their own glory; they made them because they were obedient to the ancient Law of their ancestors. If we want to call ourselves Christians, we, too, must abide by the law of love and the Ten Commandments because we want to be obedient to His laws that will bring joy to us and to others.

We can feel that having to obey laws restricts our freedom – it doesn’t; rather it frees us to be the very best version of ourselves. I recall a time when one of our boys did something that he knew to be wrong and I asked him why he’d done it. His reply? “I think I listened to the devil on my shoulder, ‘stead of the angel in my pocket!!” He was four. We need to know what is right and what is wrong and if we’re unsure we need to ask the advice of a wise person. Most of us know when we’ve done something wrong. A student once told me when I asked how they knew what sin was replied, “It’s stuff you do in the dark when you think no one’s watching.” A profound answer for a young person. Let’s take Mary and Joseph as our models and live our lives in obedience to Him and His law of love and compassion. Let’s remember to be thankful for His many blessings and gifts. The sun was setting the other night on a day of ordinary things but as I watched it lower over the horizon it painted the brilliant white snow with soft colours of pink, purple and blue reminding me that in what seems ordinary can in this lovely season of Ordinary Time, remind us that His hand is laying gently on our world and on us.

Wishing you a week of much love and many small miracles.

Betty Bruch

	<p>Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.</p>
	<p>Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.</p>

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

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:

Who among us would like to be a saint? There are many who shrink in fear: ‘To be a saint? No, not me? They are afraid because they think that to be a saint demands too much moral stamina, high spiritual aspirations for which they are too weak. Others are of the opinion that saints live a joy-less and monotonous life because of the hardships and austerity they have to undergo.

What did Jesus say when he called men to perfection? How does he describe the sanctity of a person? In the context of today’s Gospel sanctity in the first place, is not a call, it is a promise, it is an assurance to those who put their trust in God more than in anything or anyone else.

The Sermon on the Mount provides a clear insight into the way to sainthood. The listeners of Jesus at the time compromised various types of people. All of them needed above all an assurance of peace, happiness and fulfillment. And Jesus gives that assurance to the poor, the humble, the pure of heart, the persecuted. Don’t worry if you are poor, if you are persecuted for God is at your side. He will make you heirs of His Kingdom. Blessed are you because God is with you. That is the good news which Jesus conveyed to the people.

Men and women of all generations found peace and consolation in the Sermon on the Mount. Martin Luther King was convinced that it was the peace-makers who deserved to be called the sons of God. He stood for the poor and oppressed, and taught them the virtue of forgiveness since “their rewards will be great in heaven.” They are the happy ones; they are the ones on the way to sainthood.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays down the golden rules for happiness and holiness. These rules help us to be converted and committed to a life of sanctity. The wisdom of the beatitudes is of perennial and universal validity. Let us make them the guiding principles of our lives and God will make us the ‘happy ones.’

“GOD BLESS YOU ALL!! HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!”

Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Feb 4/20	5:00 pm	• No Mass	
Wed Feb 5/20	9:30 am	• Sharon Brown	Barbara Ashcroft
Thurs Feb 6/20	9:30 am	• No Mass	
Fri Feb 7/20	9:30 am	• Mrs. Shearer	Lilian Rigole

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SACRED HEART, LANGTON

February 8/9

Saturday (5 pm)

Lector: Angela Weiler
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Brian
 Altar Servers: Ethan Spriet, Holly Spriet

Sunday (10:30 am)

Lector: Laura Boyd
 Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Boyd, Deacon Brian
 Altar Servers: Colton Butler, Jeffery Lindsay

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Jan 25 & 26, 2020

St. Michael's

Regular Sunday Envelope	\$	415.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$	10.00
Loose	\$	55.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
Sub-Total	\$	490.00

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$	1,435.00
Initial Envelope	\$	30.00
Loose	\$	64.80
Building Fund	\$	30.00
Sub-Total	\$	1,559.80

Total \$ **2,049.80**



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

DID YOU KNOW that Mass is live-streamed every weekend in the Diocese of London? Courtesy of St. George Parish, London, Mass is available at www.youtube.com/user/sgtvlondon.

There is even an archive of past Masses, homilies, and special liturgical events. Online viewing is a great option for those who are unable to attend Mass in person due to illness, infirmity, travel, or any other reason.

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.

COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

St. Peter's Seminary is holding a discernment retreat Feb. 28 – March 1 and invites men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at vocations@dol.ca for more information; to register visit www.dolpriest.ca/ registration.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

This year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally will take place on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front Street West. It will be a grace-filled day of celebrating God's love together with Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin, and Fr. James Mallon, featuring uplifting music, Eucharistic healing procession, confession and holy Mass. There will also be a separate youth event with Christy Dupuis & Rachel Herbeck. For information or tickets please visit www.ljhr.ca or call 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510. [For your reference, the organizers have provided a fact sheet.

*"The things that we Love
tell us what we are"*

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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

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.