

The 2nd Sunday of Lent – Some Musings

“Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

An overnight snow had left the winter-wrapped earth in a blanket of white; the sun, imprisoned behind the clouds, suddenly burst free and shed its glorious light on the dazzling surface below. It was a moment of praise and worship, the sun lighting the world for a brief moment before being recaptured by the clouds to be held prisoner for the rest of the day. It seemed a moment similar to the Transfiguration of Jesus. The sudden brilliance surrounding Jesus and Elijah and Moses filled the disciples with fear and awe. They must have wondered what His words meant when He told them to hold that moment in their hearts until after His resurrection.

Moments like these do not happen often; these moments are meant to be treasured and pondered, reflected upon and held up in prayer. Unlike us the disciples didn't know of His coming suffering, crucifixion and death; He was their teacher, their mentor, their friend and companion. Yes, they knew He was the promised Messiah but the mystery surrounding Him seemed shrouded in ancient words and teachings. We have the benefit of over two centuries of understanding to help us understand what His life and death mean but it was not so for the disciples. Fishermen they were but when called by Jesus to follow Him, they were sailing in uncharted waters.

Our Lenten path while it may have us stumbling, we will not face the trials faced by His first disciples; theirs was a much more difficult journey than that upon which we set our feet. That should make following Him easier as we take this road to the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. Remembering that He gave His life to ransom us, a sinful people, should help us when we set ourselves to follow Him as His disciples yet, we can often take that great sacrifice and gift for granted. Accepting Him at His word should take away all our fear and worry.

He understands our weakness and when we fail Him He has left us the sacrament of forgiveness and peace. Those words, spoken by the priest at the end of our confession, “Go in peace! Your sins are forgiven!” can help us in times of trial if we call upon Him. When the Lord was transfigured before the disciples He revealed to all the wonders of His glory. Shock? Of course! Standing in the presence of the great God and King would cause anyone to tremble before that majesty. And while the disciples were shocked they were told not to be afraid. When we enter a church and face the tabernacle we also stand in the presence of that glory and majesty veiled though it is in the substance, simple substance, of a thin wafer of bread.

Jesus left us food for the journey, strength in times of sorrow and trial, healing and hope in the sacraments. Receiving the sacraments with anything less than a prayerful heart and spirit seems to count His love as naught. During this Lenten pilgrimage, we need to set our hearts to do His will, to feed His hungry, clothe His naked, and feed our own spirits and hearts at the table of His love. Let it be a time to cleanse from our lives all that is unworthy and put on, as St. Paul tells us, “the armour of Christ” becoming soldiers willing to engage in the battle against evil in the world. As days lengthen and temperatures rise, let's pray the fire of the Holy Spirit will inflame our being with a will to witness, a heart to love, hands and feet to do His work. The sun need never set on our will to be His loving and obedient children, working together to bring hope and peace.

Wishing you a week of much prayer and many small miracles

Betty Bruch

	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.
	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.

March 8, 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

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)

Mailing Address
Box 8, Langton ON N0E 1G0
Phone: (519)875-4438
E-mail: sacredheartlangton@dol.ca
Fr. Thomas e-mail: tckuriack@dol.ca



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 PASTORS DESK:

Jesus took Peter, John and James to the mountain where they had the experience of his glory. Not much later he took the same persons into the garden of Gethsemane to witness his agony. That shows that as long as we live, we will be subjected to both joy and suffering. That means our way is throughout illumined by Jesus' light; he leads us through darkness into light; he will transform all our sorrows into joy in the same way he had "to suffer all these things in order to enter into his glory."

When things go beyond our control, when we meet with one failure after another, let us remember what Jesus said: "Stand up, fear not." The way of Jesus is our way; if we follow it faithfully, he will reveal to us the glory of the Father.

Transfiguration and suffering go hand in hand. That is why Jesus taught the disciples that anyone who likes to follow him should take up the cross. Today it is the Church that needs transfiguration. But the Church's mission can be successful only if she walks in the footsteps of Christ who is the way. His way may lead us to suffering even to death. But only by keeping to that path we will be transfigured in the glory of the risen Lord.

God's saving act is manifested in the transfiguration and it reminds us of the future glory that awaits each one of us. We have to follow in the footsteps of Christ by being more human and radiating more hope in life. May the Eucharistic celebration strengthen us with renewed courage to persist in the way of the Lord to prepare us for the celebration of his death and resurrection.

"MAY THE LORD BLESS EVERYONE DURING THIS LENT!!"



Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Mar 10/20	11:15 am 5:00 pm	Lenten school Confessions for OLFS @OLF Gym • For the parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Michael's	•
Wed Mar 11/20	9:30 am 11:15 am	• For vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life Lenten School Confessions for STMS @ STMC	•
Thurs Mar 12 /20	9:30 am 11:00 am	• For Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Michael's Lenten School Confessions for SHS @ SHC	•
Fri Mar 13/20	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	• Andre & Maria Dekeyser • Albert & Betsy Handsaeme Stations of the Cross for SHS @ SHC Stations of the Cross SHC	• Erik & Barbara Dekeyser • Erik & Barbara Dekeyser

DATES TO REMEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri March 20/20	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross STMW
Tues. Mar 24/20	10:30 am	1st Communion Retreat STMW
Wed. Mar 25/20	10:15 am	1st Communion Retreat SHS
Fri March 27/20	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross SHS @ SHC Stations of the Cross SHC
Wed April 1/ 20	10:15am - 12pm 2pm-3pm 6pm-8pm	All Day Confessions Sacred Heart Church St. Michael's Church Sacred Heart Church

Your deeds may be the only sermon some people hear today
- St. Francis of Assisi

AN EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP
"Come join the Norfolk Pregnancy & Family Resource Centre for an evening of Praise & Worship as we celebrate Hope & New Life in Christ. Saturday, April 4th 7 - 9 pm at Evergreen Heights Church." (140 Oak Street, Simcoe)

CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPT PICK-UP
CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RECEIPTS WHEN YOU COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND!

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SACRED HEART, LANGTON March 14 & 15			
<u>Saturday (5 pm)</u>		<u>Sunday (10:30 am)</u>	
Lector:	Josie Edwards	Lector:	Marlene Vandewiele
Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon Brian	Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Brian, Wanda Demaiter
Altar Servers:	Ethan Spriet, Holly Spriet	Altar Servers:	Luke Smithers, Rosa Smithers

Lenten Day of Prayer

at St. Mary's Parish, Tillsonburg

Bishop Fabbro has invited each of us to enter into a Year of Prayer which began on Pentecost Sunday this past June. Saturday March 21st we have invited Bishop Fabbro to lead us in a Day of Prayer. We will explore the Lenten scriptures and the Bishop's invitation to deepen our confidence as missionary disciples. All are welcome!

9 AM	Mass
10 AM	Opening Presentation
12:15 PM	Lunch (free will offering)
1 PM	Second Presentation
3 PM	Blessing & Dismissal

There is no cost for this Lenten Day of Prayer except for the free will offering for your lunch that will be provided. However you will need to register as soon as possible by contacting Courtney at St. Mary's Parish (519-842-3224). The day is structured for prayer and exploring the scriptures.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Feb 29 & Mar 1, 2020

St. Michael's	
Regular Sunday Envelope	\$ 285.00
Feb Online Donations	\$ 160.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 65.20
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Sub-Total	\$ 550.20
Sacred Heart	
Regular Envelope	\$ 1,648.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 82.20
Building Fund	\$ 195.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,945.20
Total	\$ 2,495.40



2020 LANGTON C.W.L. RUMMAGE SALE
April 4, 2020
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Langton Community Centre
Flea Market, Clothing, Books, Toys, & More
Donation Drop Off Dates
and Times Langton Community Centre
Thursday April 2: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday April 3: 8:30 a.m. to noon.
Volunteers Needed
To help load and unload trailer on Thursday April 2 @ 5:00 p.m. Call for location and information due to changes!
Please come out and join us
April 3rd for set up day and
April 4th for the sale day.
Everyone is welcome.
Questions?
Call Darlene @ 519-875-1887 or
Roxanne @ 519-875-3347

FRESH START MATERNITY SUPPORTS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE:
Fill a bottle, Change a Life! The Baby Bottle Drive for Fresh Start Support Services helps to support vulnerable women and children. Come pick up a bottle today at the doors of the church, and fill it with coins, cash, cheques or send an e-transfer to babybottles@fsm.ca over the coming weeks. Bring it back to the church on Sunday April 12th, and know that your giving is making a positive difference for women and children in our community. **Please make cheques payable to Fresh Start Support Services.**



FUNDRAISING CONCERT
A fundraising concert featuring the local southern gospel trio "Lifted Up" will be held on **Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 pm** at **St Cecilia's Church, 17 Lynn Park Ave, Port Dover.**
Dessert fellowship hosted in Parish Hall.
All proceeds from a free will offering will benefit the Tumaini Children's Foundation, a Norfolk County born charity caring for orphaned and vulnerable children in Tanzania. Income tax receipts will be provided for donations over \$20.00.
For more information contact: (519) 583-9528
(519) 420-9918