

The 3rd Sunday of Lent – Some Musings
“Sir, give me some of this water so that I may never be thirsty . . .”



Middy. The sun is high and hot as she sits there, at the well, alone. The other village women were there in the cool of the early morning to draw water, gossip and share news of family and friends. They know this woman and want nothing to do with her. To avoid their judgment she comes much later in the day. She’s a woman of loose morals apparently and has had many husbands. Perhaps she’s often the subject of their gossip. Casting her eyes upward, she sees that the sun has reached its apex and the day will only grow hotter; she wipes her brow and prepares to pick up her buckets and take the long, lonely walk back to her home. Yet suddenly she hears a man speaking to her: He’s Jewish, she can tell by His accent, and He asks her for some water. Her dilemma has just become more troublesome. She’s a woman and He’s a man; she’s Samaritan and He’s a Jew, yet here He is, asking for some water. When I reflected on this long gospel reading, I realized how benevolent our Saviour is to those who have sinned, who are of a different creed or gender, who struggle with faith. He is there in those troubling times to comfort, console, strengthen and guide, His wayward and often frightened people, at the table of His word and Body. Jesus engages her in a conversation, she thinks it’s about the water in the well; He has something else in mind. It seems a very brief encounter yet the woman’s life is changed so dramatically that she runs to her village to tell others of this Man who gave her peace and hope.

When we allow Jesus to touch our lives like that we, too, can be forever changed, uplifted, strong in faith, ready to witness to His love so others come to know that He is “truly the Saviour of the world.” We’re not likely to meet Jesus at the local Tim Horton’s. But wait! That’s exactly the type of place we might have a brief encounter with Him in one of His people – the kind person who retrieves a napkin that has fallen to the floor; the person who offered to assist someone looking for a table. We might have this encounter at the local grocers – the person with a large order giving way to one with few items in the check-out lane; the person who reaches something from the top shelf for someone unable to do so. There are so many ways that we might encounter Him if our eyes and ears and hearts are ready to meet Him.

All too often we have these brief encounters and fail to acknowledge them as real encounters with the risen Lord working in the world today through one of His loyal followers. It’s also easy to miss Him when we’re at prayer. We have said many of these prayers so often they’ve become like nursery rhymes and said without the reverence and devotion needed. I stood the other evening at my window as I do so often. The sky was clear and the world below was etched in black and white. The moon was almost full and cast moon shadows of the bare and leafless trees on the white world below. As I stood there thanking Him for the past day and the many blessings He’d sent, I asked for the grace to be awake and ready to greet Him when He crossed my path in the guise of others. And I resolved again to be more attentive at prayer, to be more aware of His presence in my life and to thank Him always for His love. The days lengthen, the breezes warm, and soon we’ll see the first hints of spring. As those breezes shake the sleeping earth to awaken it to another spring, let’s ask that He send the breath of the Holy Spirit to awaken in us a new and fervent love for Him and His people. Let’s ask that we become the people who do His will and His work in a world in crying need of that love; let’s be the labourers in His vineyard who will produce a rich harvest when He comes.

Wishing you a week of many encounters with Him 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>

March 15, 2020

3rd 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

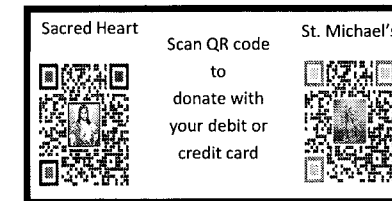


Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am (St. Michael’s)
Sunday - 10:30 am

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)

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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

Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Michael’s Parish,

Thank you for your generous and faithful contributions to our Parish. Please find enclosed with the bulletin the year end “Operating Statement” and “Balance Sheet” for 2019.

You will see alongside the actual figures are a set of projected figures that your Finance Committee envisions. As you can see the Committee is very optimistic, since income didn’t meet expectations in 2019. We did not cover operating expenses, which means we had to use bank reserves we have accumulated over prior years. This is not sustainable going forward.

The expenses were 4% less than we anticipated but income was 9.4% less than projected (\$23,500). This is due mostly to a decline in Sunday Collection. The Committee has also provided figures for a very optimistic 2020 budget of \$247,000 which is 3% over 2019 actual costs to account for inflation and tax increases.

The capital cost facing us in 2020 is the possible replacement of Langton’s organ. Last year’s capital costs were all for Sacred Heart Church. We spent in at \$27,000 for the parking lot repairs/resurfacing and \$43,000 on a new heating system. We withdrew money from the Loan Fund Deposit Account with the Diocese of London to cover these capital expenses.

- The Finance Committee

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Mar 17/20	5:00 pm	• For the parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Michael's	•
Wed Mar 18/20	9:30 am	• For vocations to the priesthood and religious life	•
Thurs Mar 19 /20	9:30 am	• Don Loncke	• Freda
Fri Mar 20/20	9:30 am	• For Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St. Michael's	•
	10:00 am	Stations of the Cross for SHS @ SHC	
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross STM	

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SACRED HEART, LANGTON March 21 & 22

<u>Saturday (5 pm)</u>	<u>Sunday (10:30 am)</u>
Lector: Angela Weiler	Lector: Godelieve Townsend
Eucharistic Minister: Fred Shippam	Eucharistic Ministers: Juliet VanLeuvenhage, Marg DeBackere
Altar Servers: Ryan Kershaw, Chelsie Spriet	Altar Servers: Scott Boyd, Sophia Butler


WEEKLY OFFERTORY – Mar 7 & 8, 2020

St. Michael's

Regular Sunday Envelope	\$ 420.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
Sub-Total	\$ 465.00

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$ 1,354.00
Loose	\$ 88.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,492.00

Total  **\$ 1,957.00**

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri March 20/20	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross STM
Tues. Mar 24/20	10:30 am	1st Communion Retreat STM
Wed. Mar 25/20	10:30 am	1st Communion Retreat SHS
March 26/20	4:00 pm	Caressant Care Mass
Fri March 27/20	10:00 am	Stations of the Cross SHS @ SHC
	7:00 pm	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

4 March 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP FABBRO

Bishop Fabbro has directed that the following announcement be made in all our churches.

The Diocese is monitoring closely information from Public Health Ontario and the local Medical Officers of Health. While we believe that there is not a danger from COVID-19 (coronavirus) in our region at this point, all people need to take normal precautions during the cold and flu season. We expect people will follow the reasonable guidelines to stay home when they are sick with a fever, or even if they are coughing and sneezing regularly. If you are sick, please stay at home and watch Mass on TV. Viruses are spread by picking up germs from surfaces and then transferring those germs to our eyes, nose or mouth. Therefore, we should wash our hands regularly, and not touch our faces. We should cover our faces when coughing or sneezing. All that being said, you are free to avoid handshakes or other contact at Mass. You can exchange a different Sign of Peace, such as a nod or simple bow. Both forms are quite acceptable. If you feel unsafe to receive Communion from the chalice, you can abstain from that as well. We need to respect parishioners who make these choices because of their particular circumstances. Be assured we are taking this matter seriously and relying on up-to-date medical advice.

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL

The CWL convention is the end of April so if anyone has used stamps to pass on to me, please get them to me before April 25. Father Thomas drops them off at St. Michael's on Sunday if you bring them to Sacred Heart.

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!

Langton Catholic Women's League
2020 RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES

LANGTON ARENA – DRESSING ROOM

NOTE: No drop offs on Sunday!

MONDAY MARCH 30: 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY MARCH 31: 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 1: 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
THURSDAY APRIL 2: 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Volunteers needed to help load trailer at 4:00 P.M.
On Thursday April 2, 2020 at the arena.

Please call Darlene @ 519-875-1887 or Roxanne @ 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@fms.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.**



Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

Penance and Prayer in Every Parish



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Feast of St. Joseph the worker spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday March 19, 2020

...he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. (Matthew 1:24)



FEAST OF
SAINT
JOSEPH
THE WORKER

Sacred Heart Parish 212
Operating Statement
January 1 to December 31

Operating Revenue	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 144,852.80	\$ 161,200.00	\$ 162,700.00
Good Friday	1,227.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Easter	4,755.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	22,065.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Christmas	7,837.25	8,500.00	8,500.00
Special Collections (to be Donated)	8,022.68	10,000.00	8,000.00
Donations	8,072.60	14,000.00	11,800.00
Other	29,644.80	27,500.00	27,200.00
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 226,477.13</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 247,000.00</u>
Operating Expense			
Compensation and Benefits	\$ 148,392.03	\$ 148,200.00	\$ 151,400.00
Insurance	6,431.18	7,000.00	7,000.00
Utilities	12,108.67	14,000.00	13,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	7,172.38	9,000.00	8,000.00
Property Taxes	1,250.99	1,200.00	1,400.00
Furniture & Equipment	769.62	1,000.00	1,000.00
Household Expenses	6,085.56	6,500.00	6,500.00
Parish Social Activities	703.43	1,500.00	1,000.00
Administration Expenses	12,339.06	13,000.00	12,600.00
Diocesan Assessment	27,108.96	27,100.00	27,100.00
Special Collections (to be Donated)	8,022.68	10,000.00	8,000.00
Donations	872.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Liturgy	6,070.72	5,500.00	5,500.00
Sacramental/Evangelization Costs	3,487.27	5,000.00	3,500.00
Total Operating Expense	<u>\$ 240,814.55</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 247,000.00</u>
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (14,337.42)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

**Sacred Heart Parish 212
Balance Sheet**

	<u>Dec 31, 2019</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2018</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank - Chequing Account	\$ 54,446.85	\$ 45,173.03
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Accounts Receivable	2,858.39	15,747.53
GST/HST Receivable	3,461.24	2,015.47
Prepaid Expenses	1,444.08	1,445.81
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 62,260.56</u>	<u>\$ 64,431.84</u>
Long-Term Assets		
Loan Fund Deposit	\$ 250,142.55	\$ 316,146.76
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>\$ 250,142.55</u>	<u>\$ 316,146.76</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 312,403.11</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 380,578.60</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,483.84	\$ 8,673.25
Accrued Liabilities	2,786.41	2,547.44
Deferred Revenue	200.00	500.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 10,470.25</u>	<u>\$ 11,720.69</u>
Equity		
Beginning of Year	\$ 368,857.91	\$ 367,670.89
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(66,925.05)	1,187.02
Total Equity	<u>\$ 301,932.86</u>	<u>\$ 368,857.91</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 312,403.11</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 380,578.60</u></u>