



ST. PIUS X
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Finding God in All Things

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 22, 2019

SEEING THE OPPORTUNITY IN ADVERSITY

The apocryphal tale is told of a chicken farmer who suffered every spring because his land flooded. Because the farm had been in his family for several generations, however, he did not want to leave it.

The flooding became more and more serious with each spring. It was a major challenge to move the chickens to safety on higher ground. One year the waters rose especially rapidly, and the farmer could not save all the chickens. Hundreds died in the flood.

That was the last straw for the frustrated farmer. He came into the farmhouse and in a voice filled with despair told his wife, "I've had it, but I'm trapped. We can't afford to buy another farm, and we couldn't sell this one anyway because of the yearly floods. I don't know what to do."

His wife saw an opportunity in their adversity. "Raise ducks", she recommended.

Because troubles come into every life and because no one can escape them, the key is to take adversity and turn it into advantage, a burden and turn it into a blessing. Those are better options than giving into worry or anger.

SOURCE: Daily Strength, Victor M. Parachin, page 260

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
September 29, 2019**

You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends or by yourself.'

First Reading: Amos 6-1a, 4-7

Second Reading: I Timothy 6:11-16

Psalm: 146

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE NOTES**

Thank you Thank you to all the parishioners and members of the CWL who donated very generously to the Bake Sale held last weekend in the Parish Hall. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

The basket was won by Mary Barry. Ticket # 3720634.

**PARISH MISSION
GOD IS ALIVE: LIGHT THE FIRE**

This Parish Mission entitled God is Alive: Light the Fire will be held Sunday, September 22, Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the Church.

Our facilitator, Greg Moulaison, will explore the following three themes:

- Wake Up, the Time is Now.
- Are You Ready?
- Pick Yourself Up, Dry Yourself Off and Start All Over Again Facing in the Right Direction

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please note that the Monday and Tuesday evening Masses will not be held due to this Parish Mission.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Please note that due to the Parish Mission on Monday, September 23, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 1:00 - 5:00 pm for this occasion only.

**CANADIAN CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
PLENARY ASSEMBLY**

The Bishops of Canada will be meeting this week - September 23 - 27, 2019. Please remember them in your prayers.

St. John's Global Climate Strike

This event will be held September 27, 2019, beginning at the MUN Clock Tower at 11:00 am and walking to the Confederation Building.

The global young people's student movement is inviting everyone: parents, grandparents, workers, parish and faith communities, and all concerned citizens to join them in a massive climate strike on Friday, September 27, 2019, demanding immediate action on climate change.

In his message for the Season of Creation, Pope Francis noted that "many young people all over the world are making their voices heard and calling for courageous decisions" and that this is the time "for undertaking prophetic actions." It is also an opportunity to send a strong message to our Canadian leaders that the time for meaningful action in regard to the climate crisis is now.

If you are unable to take part in the strike on September 27 consider, especially since it is the Season of Creation, to plan a liturgy or prayer services to focus on climate change and how we can better care for our common home.

You can visit <https://www.kairosCanada.org/prayer-youth-climate-strike> for a Climate Strike Prayer by Kairos.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 14 and 15: \$3,202.80

Envelopes: 2,792.50

Loose 410.30

Thank you for your continued generous support.



LITURGY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Registration

Our Liturgy of the Word programs for children and youth and our sacramental preparation programs for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation will resume Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Registration will be held October 6, 2019 in the Parish Hall, before and after the 11 am Mass. The registration fee for all programs (both sacramental and Liturgy of the Word) will be \$30 per person with a maximum cost of \$45. Families who reside within Parish boundaries or who regularly worship at St. Pius X are eligible to register for these programs. If you have any questions, please see Maria Kelsey or one of the volunteers at Registration.

Wanted: Leaders and Assistants

The Children's Liturgy Program is looking for volunteers for both leaders and assistants. It's a great way for students in Grade 7 and up to give back to their faith community.

Please see Linda Hart after the 11 am Mass or email lindahart@nlesd.ca if you are available to help in this area.

DE MELLO FOR KIDS



Strong Kids

You might be little, but you can still do a lot of big things to help others. For instance, you can help your parents take care of your younger brothers and sisters. You can make older people smile by visiting a nursing home. You can take care of your pets and cheer up a hurting friend. What's one way you can help someone today?

**I might be young, but there's lots I can do
To help other people who might feel blue.**



FR. EARL DREAMS

This weekend's second collection for Bahamas Hurricane Relief will be forwarded to Development and Peace through our Archdiocese. Thanks to 'everyone' for your generosity. Development and Peace's later this autumn campaign does not include a request for donations. Rather, its a campaign of awareness about our need to care for the earth; our common home. More on this theme in October!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING



In appreciation for all of your faithful service in enriching the spiritual and social fabric of St. Pius X Parish Community we cordially invite you to attend a *Volunteer Appreciation Evening on Thursday, September 26, 2019.*

The Evening will commence with *Mass at 6:30 pm at St. Pius X Church* followed by a catered reception in *St. Pius X Parish Hall.*

The caterers require solid numbers, therefore, we need a definite response by *Monday, September 23, 2019.* *RSVP to the Parish Office email stpiousx@nl.rogers.com or phone 754-0170.*

We look forward to an enjoyable evening by sharing in prayer, delicious food, refreshing drink and delightful conversation.

Invitations have been mailed to all Parish volunteers. Watch your mail. Please mark your calendars.



JESUIT NEWS
Society of Jesus: Authors

The following booklets are written by Jesuits:

“Hearts on Fire” by Fr. Mike Harter, SJ

Prayers for all occasions

“What is Ignatian Spirituality?”

by Fr. David Fleming, SJ

“Where the Hell is God?”

By Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ

This booklet is about coping with suffering.

These booklets are available for sale from the tables in the Chapel area.



OUR ‘PIUS’ SMILE

Two kinds of bears . . . The ranger told them, "Well, we haven't seen any grizzlies in this area so far this year, or black bears, for that matter.". The wife shrieked, "There are TWO types of bears out here? How can you tell the difference? Which one is more dangerous?". The ranger replied, "Well, that's easy -- see, if the bear chases you up a tree and it comes up after you, it's a BLACK bear. If it SHAKES the tree until you fall out, it's a grizzly."



SAINTS SPEAK

God is our true Friend, who always gives us the counsel and comfort we need. Our danger lies in resisting Him; so it is essential that we acquire the habit of hearkening to His voice, of keeping silence within, and listening so as to lose nothing of what He says to us. We know well enough how to keep outward silence, and to hush our spoken words, but we know little of interior silence. It consists in hushing our idle, restless, wandering imagination, in quieting the promptings of our worldly minds, and in suppressing the crowd of unprofitable thoughts which excite and disturb the soul.

SOURCE:

Francois Fenelon (1651-1715)

Selections from Fenelon

**CATHOLIC PERSON
OF THE MONTH**

Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950)

A Native American boy in Wyoming named Black Elk had a vision: “I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of the many hoops that made one circle...and in the center grew one mighty flowering tree to shelter all the children of one mother and one father.” This experience of unity marked the rest of his life, first as a healer among his Oglala Lakota (Sioux) tribe and later as a Catholic catechist.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Black Elk became a medicine man. He also joined his elders - including his cousin Chief Crazy Horse - in defending their territory at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. Together with 176 Lakota people, he signed a petition in 1885 supporting Kateri Tekakwitha’s canonization.

Black Elk then traveled with Buffalo Bill Coady’s Wild West Show in the eastern United States, Canada, and Europe for several years. He returned in 1889 to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, where he was injured during the Wound Knee Massacre the following year. He married Katie War Bonnet in 1892, and when she later became Catholic, all three of their children were baptized. Following Katie’s death, Black Elk converted to the Catholic faith and was baptized December 6, 1904, the Feast of St. Nicholas. He took the name Nicholas Black Elk, and later married Anna Brings White, a Catholic widow with two children. Together they had three more.

Black Elk was known for his love of scripture and collaborated with Jesuit missionaries to evangelize several reservation. Over his 46 years as a catechist, he was instrumental in the conversion of some 400 people. He died August 17, 1950, at Pine Ridge. His cause of canonization was opened in 2017.

SOURCE: Columbia magazine,
September 2019, page 5

**MERCY CENTRE
FOR ECOLOGY AND JUSTICE**

Fall Equinox/Seasons of Creation

There is a change in the date of Fall Equinox/Seasons of Creation. It will now take place at Bowring Park on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm and not September 23 as previously scheduled.

**75th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CLARE'S
SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI**

This event will be celebrated on September 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm with a Eucharistic Celebration in the original chapel of St. Clare's. A reception will follow at Conference Room on the 3rd floor.

We invite all Alumni members, their families and friends to attend this event.

**ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE
NEWS**

Grand Service Program

St. Bonaventure's College is looking for volunteers for our Grand Service program (grandparents, parents of alumni, alumni and anyone who is energized by being around enthusiastic young people). You will help with administrative tasks and support, including enhancements to our safe school procedures.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ms. Lori Bragg - lbragg@stbons.ca or 709-726-0024 ext. #201.

Fall Fair

St. Bonaventure's College will hold its annual Fall Fair on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. It will feature a Fall craft/bake sale, tea room, pumpkins, and children's activities including face painting, bouncy house, colouring corner, carnival games and canteen. All are welcome to attend.

**L'ARCHE AVALON
BRIDGE FUNDRAISER**

You are invited to an afternoon of Bridge at St. Pius X Parish Hall, on Saturday, September 28, 2019, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Bring your own cards. Afternoon tea of sandwiches and cookies will be served at 2:30 pm. There will be a silent auction, 50-50 draw and lots of prizes.

L'Arche is an organization that establishes homes, programs and communities for adults with intellectual disabilities. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the establishment of homes in the Avalon area.

To register or for more information, call or text Lorraine - 689-2936 or Kit - 730-4948. Tables must be booked by September 23.

www.larcheavalon.ca Facebook: L'Arche Avalon

**JOURNEY PROJECT
SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS**

This project was officially launched on September 17, 2019 and gives survivors of sexual assault another option to report sexual assault anonymously through a third party community based organization. This pilot project allows survivors to control what happens next, whether that's a week or year down the line.

For more information, please contact NL Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre at www.thrivecyn.ca or Public Legal Information Association of NL (PLIAN) at www.publiclegalinfo.com

COMPASSION CULTIVATION TRAINING

The CCT, an 8-week course led by instructor, Dr. Frances Scully will be held October 15 - December 3, 2019 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Med 2M240. The fee is \$190. If finances are an issue, please contact the instructor. It is opened to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

For more details on this, a salmon coloured information sheet is available from the tables at the Church and Chapel entrances.

**ST. JOHN'S AND AREA
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
NEWS**

Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ)
- Shaping a Just Canada

An event presented by Citizens for Public Justice will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm at the Johnson Geo Centre - 175 Signal Hill Road.

Ahead of the 2019 federal election, CPJ will be engaging voters with a series of townhall gatherings in cities across Canada this fall. We invite you to attend, gain a better understanding of key policy issues, and learn important questions you can ask federal candidates. This is a free event.

Please register your attendance via <https://cpj.ca/events/cpj-fall-tour-st-johns-nl> or call 1-800-667-8046. You can make your voice - and your vote - count!

**2019 MERCY-PRESENTATION
SPEAKERS FORUM**

The 2019 Mercy-Presentation Speakers Forum featuring speaker John Philip Newell will be held October 18 and 19, 2019, at The Lantern. He is an acclaimed Celtic teacher from Edinburgh and is the celebrated author of Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality and Founder of the School of Celtic Consciousness.

The theme is Boundless: A Celtic Vision of the Sacred in All Things. Sessions include:
Original Blessing - October 18 - 7:00 pm
St. Brigid and the Sacredness of the Feminine - October 19 - 10:00 am
The Sacred Earth - October 19 - 1:00 pm

To register, email Marilyn - marilynhstack@gmail.com. The cost is \$15 per session or \$40 for all three sessions.

For more details, please see the poster in the Church and Chapel entrances.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The next Marriage Preparation Course is scheduled for September 27 and 28, 2019 at St. Peter's Parish, Mount Pearl.

Registration for this course is via the Archdiocesan website - www.rcsj.org.

If you have any questions regarding the Course, please call Theresa Whiffen at 709-726-3660 ext. 236 or email at twhiffen@rcsj.org.

ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA WEEKLY

This website, www.alzheimersweekly.com is an online weekly resource providing practical support, information and insight for all who are challenged by or who care for family and friends with dementia and Alzheimers. You can find weekly activities, articles, stories, tips and song that will hopefully encourage all who are on this new journey. You can register for this at www.alzheimersweekly.com.

Its Thought for the Week is "The disease might hide the person underneath but there's still a person there who needs your love and attention". (Jamie Callandriello (September 18 edition).

SALT AND LIGHT TV

Canada's Catholic television network invites you to watch these featured series and other new and returning programs this Fall:

- Our new documentary style program Behold will feature Catholic stories of beauty, truth and goodness on a variety of intriguing topics.
- Featuring different dioceses across Canada, This Place: Real People. Real Faith, is a new upbeat, fresh and joy filled TV series about Catholics who share with us the faith of their local community.

You can to subscribe to Salt + Light TV from cable and satellite carriers throughout Canada. Check your local provider or visit www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe for more details.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Sept. 22	8:30 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Mission - Church	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Sept. 23	9:30 am 1:00 - 5:00 pm 2:50 - 3:05 pm 7:00 pm NO EVENING MASS	FUNERAL: Margaret "Peg" Kavanagh Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel (Note change in time for this occasion only) Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel Mission - Church	
Tues.	Sept. 24	9:30 am 7:00 pm NO EVENING MASS	Mass Mission - Church	Kay Houlihan
Wed.	Sept. 25	9:30 am	Mass	Eileen, Nora and Patrick O'Leary
Thurs.	Sept. 26	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Mass Mass	Mary Finn Volunteer Appreciation with Reception
Fri.	Sept. 27	9:30 am	Mass	Val and Betty McNiven
Sat.	Sept. 28	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	John Grace 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Sept. 29	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Mr. Richard Mulrooney, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are:

www.jesuits.org www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org www.aleteia.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm and Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: Second Sunday of the month. Time: 1 pm in the Church. Please call the Parish Office (754-0170)
ONE MONTH in advance. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.

PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: Call the Parish Office for more details

MARRIAGES: By appointment SIX MONTHS in advance. Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:00 pm;

TELEPHONE: 754-0170 E-MAIL: stpiusx@nl.rogers.com

CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 739-5780

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: 233-0302 or 753-6997



ST. PIUS X PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ELECTION ISSUES

WANT TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD?

The St. Pius X Catholic Women's League met Tuesday evening to share issues about what they would like to ask candidates running in the October 21 federal election. Here are some of their concerns.

What will you and/or your party do about the following?

- A universal pharmacare program under public health system?
- Free dental and eye care for all seniors?
- Palliative care access for all people no matter where they live?
- Implementing and ensuring appropriate funding for Canada's new dementia strategy?
- Respect and care for life at all stages - from the unborn to end of life?
- Changes are being discussed about criteria for access to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). What is your opinion on this matter? It has been suggested dementia may be included. What does dementia mean to you? Should doctors be mandated to go against their conscience/religious beliefs to perform MAiD?
- Funding to implement the national housing strategy especially for people living in poverty, which includes many seniors and women?
- Plans to counteract the climate change crisis? To reduce carbon emissions to ensure Canada meets 2030 targets? The Paris Accord?
- Plans for implementing renewable energies?
- Plans for federal government to help NL mitigate high rate of electricity because of Muskrat Falls?

- Labour retraining for workers to meet demands as new energies and more green jobs come onstream?
- Plans to strengthen the National Poverty Reduction Strategy legislation?
- The fisheries and fisher people in NL suffer because of Federal Government Policies on the fisheries – what changes do you suggest that would benefit NL?
- Actions to counteract Human Trafficking in this province?
- The opioid crisis in this province and across Canada?
- The high suicide rate among young people; mental health and addictions care access?
- Access to clean drinking water, especially in First Nations communities?
- The high deficit in Canada's federal budget, yet there seems to be continuous reckless spending and more and more promises made during the campaign to spend even more?
- Influence of Lobby groups, big corporations, very wealthy people on government decision making?
- Responsibility of drug companies?

CWL encourages all parishioners to become knowledgeable of the issues, aware of the platforms of the different parties, and above all exercise your RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO VOTE.