

**THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – SOME MUSINGS**

*“Follow Me.”*

Jesus spends the time with His disciples before His ascension giving them the strength and courage to go out and preach His message of salvation to all the world. He doesn't however, send them unprepared. He certainly doesn't sugar-coat the hardships of being His disciples but He does give them hope. While they may go to places they've never been nor ever even dreamt of going, He promises them that if they follow Him in faith, He'll be with them. Those early disciples seem to take our Lord at His word and follow Him in faith. While they had their difficulties in trying to stay true to His word, they conferred and prayed and followed and that's why we're here today. What a tragedy it would be had they not done so!

“Follow Me.” Jesus tells His disciples. If we are truly His disciples in this twenty-first century, then we need to be as courageous and faithful as those early followers. We need to spread His word, follow His will and feed and nurture others. As I read this passage again I considered Jesus and His interaction with Peter. He asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Each time Peter affirms His love, and it reminded me of the three times that he had denied that he knew the Lord during His interrogation before Herod. How often we can deny our Lord! We may not use words but that old adage raises its ugly head, “Actions speak louder than words.” When we fail to be His witnesses through our actions or our inactions, or our words, or our thoughts, we deny Him. When we find His commands difficult to obey and go our own way, we deny Him, when we are careless in our care of one another or of our world, we deny Him.

It can be difficult to be attentive and prayerful in our worship; we can be careless in the reception of the sacraments; we can turn aside when we see others in need of our hands, our ears, our eyes, or our time. So what can we do to make following easier? As I sought an answer to this question, I considered what went on in the gospel. Those poor disciples! They'd been fishing all night and had nothing to show for their efforts. Just like us, they'd done what they thought was their best with little success. It isn't until they listen to what Jesus tells them to do – “cast your nets to the right side of the boat” – that they caught anything. These were seasoned fishermen and I'm sure they'd tried every possible trick in the book to no avail. Yet the moment they do what the Lord tells them they have more than they ever thought possible. There's a good lesson in that. When we do what the Lord expects of us we have success. When the Lord says, “Follow Me” He doesn't ask us to follow what suits our fancy or our temperament at the time, He means follow Him always, in all things. We're not meant to pick and choose what we'll believe or what we'll follow. That's not up to us. Our role is to follow Him faithfully, absolutely convinced that what He teaches is true and good. He doesn't say “Follow me when it's convenient,” or “Follow me when you feel like it,” or “Follow me, if you like what I'm telling you”. No! He says, “Follow me!” Don't stop to consider whether or not it is convenient or simple, He simply tells us, “Peace be with you. Come follow me and I'll be there to assist you along the way. All you need do is trust and act.” It can sound simple but it means we truly put our trust, our faith, our very lives in His hands.

We need to be as faithful to Him as He is to us. We never have to worry whether the sun will rise, whether spring will come, because we know He has set the world in place and holds it there with His love. I was blessed the other evening with a glorious sunset and the following morning with a gentle sunrise and I realized yet again how very loving and faithful our Lord is to us all. Those of us who know and love and Him need to praise and thank Him enough that those who do not yet know Him come to see His wonders through our eyes and witness.

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



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**MAY 5, 2019**

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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:**

In our day to day life we meet with many people, parents, brothers, sisters, friends and even those who do not like us. We exchange our thoughts and ideas; we work with them and live with them. Whether we like it or not meeting is a part of life. Meeting people exercises great influences on our life. They can change our life, give it anew content, enrich it and make it worth living. The closer we go to others and try to understand them, the nearer we come to ourselves and discover ourselves. The more we understand others, the more they reveal themselves to us; new ways of dialogue open up.

Today's Gospel speaks of such a meeting. People meet Jesus. Many fail to recognize him. But once they let him in, they experience a great change, a great transformation. They see everything in a new light. Life becomes more meaningful to them.

Christian life is characterized by meeting Christ and obeying his word. It was for this that the early Christians often met together: namely, for breaking the bread and listening to the Word of God. The Eucharistic meal which we share is the token of the unity of our community life. It is here and in the “breaking” that we recognize the risen Christ among us. He is at work: we are moved and led by his Spirit. The Acts of the Apostles clearly states the various aspects of the Christian community – it is a community where Christ is the head. The early community served as a means of communication and shed even material wealth. Here we find an authentic way of living, as brothers and sisters, in the name of Christ. He nourishes us with his meal, his body and blood: we are reborn in him, we are strengthened and our spirit is renewed. When ever we come together to celebrate Mass, the Word of God is addressed to each one of us. Jesus tells us: ‘This text is written for you as you listen to it.’ (Lk: 4:21) And we all have a tremendous responsibility towards the Word. We have to proclaim, to teach and live by it. And Jesus gives himself to us in the sacraments especially in the Eucharist. He feeds us, strengthens us, he supports us. His is a banquet of love that should make us bearers of his message. Let us accept his Word as light that drives away the darkness of our selfishness and laziness. Let us accept him in the sacrament as our unfailing friend and redeemer. Meeting Christ never gets exhausted. It should be renewed and continued so that Christ becomes the centre of our life; his words become the law of our life so that others can say that we are other Christs.

**MANY THANKS:**A special thank you to Pat Benoit who served our parish community and sharing her gifts with us as our organist for last many years. Best wishes to her as she moves forward in life.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANK VANLEUVENHAGHE:**

Thanks Frank for your selfless service to our parish as the Cemetery Board Chair since 2005. The parish is very grateful to you for all that you did during these years, your commitment and dedication. We wish all the best to our new chair Mary DeCloet.

Fr. Thomas

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON**

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues May 7/19	7:00 pm	• Justine Eeckeloo <b>Mass with Anointing of the sick at SHC</b>	• Caroline Vandekerckhove & Family
Wed May 8/19	9:30 am	• Lucien Deelen	• Anna Wall
Thurs May 9/19	9:30 am	• Ki-Young Jang	• Kyoung Ok Jang
Fri May 10/19	9:30 am	• Joe DeVos	• Yvonne Baskwick

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – APRIL 28, 2019**

**St. Michael's**

Regular Envelope	\$ 561.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 591.00</b>

**Sacred Heart**

Regular Envelope	\$ 1784.00
Easter	\$ 230.00
Loose	\$ 95.50
SH Building Fund	\$ 250.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 2359.50</b>

**Total** **\$ 2950.50**



**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

There will be special masses with the Anointing of the sick on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Langton and on Thursday May 16, 2019 at 4:00 pm at Caressant Care Courtland.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon May 6/19	7:30 pm	Langton CWL Meeting
Tues May 7/19	7:00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the Sick at Sacred Heart Church
	8:00 pm	Langton Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thurs May 16/19	4:00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the sick at Caressant Care
Tues May 30/19	10:30 am	Crowning of Mary Mass for SHS at SHC
	1:45 pm	Crowning of Mary Mass for STMS at STMC
Wed May 31/19	1:45 pm	Crowning of Mary Mass for OLFS at OLF Gym

**LANGTON CWL NEWS**

**CALLING ALL POST-SECONDARY GRADS FROM OUR PARISH**

Please join the Sacred Heart, Langton CWL for our Annual Potluck Dinner on Monday June 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Langton Community Centre. It is our pleasure to acknowledge your hard work & accomplishments with a small token of our appreciation. Any member of our parish who knows someone graduating from college or university in the spring of 2019 please contact Linda Elku at 519-875-5648 or email at lelku@execulink.com. Please have this information to Linda before May 31, 2019.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN**

UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF

**REV. FRANCIS THEKKUMKATTIL, PASTOR OF ST. PHILIP'S PARISH, PETROLIA, ON**

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will hold their annual Catholic Student Leadership Awards ceremony on Monday, May 6, 2019 at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Simcoe. The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London, will preside over the awards ceremony. Awards recipients were selected from every school across the district for living out Catholic virtues at home, in school and in the community. The following student(s) from our parish school(s) will be the honoured recipient(s) of this year's awards:

NAME	SCHOOL
Emily Boyd	Holy Trinity
Casen Homick	Our Lady of Fatima
Jennifer Van De Wiele	Sacred Heart, Langton
Lauren Bouw	St. Michael's, Walsh

The Board would like to express its sincerest appreciation to the families and parish for their role in the home-parish-school triad and the continued support of our Catholic education system.



A special congratulations to **Luke Schram & Jack Provoost** who received First Communion last weekend .

**2019 ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London with Bishop Fabbro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office at 519-875-4438. Please call the parish office to register no later than May 17, 2019.

**MARRIAGE ANNULMENT**

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317, or e-mail tribunal@dol.ca

**AVOW – VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUPS FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Every woman is called to make a gift of herself in love. Discovering the form the gift will take is the art of discernment. Avow is a small group for Catholic women, ages 18 to 35, who gather for heart-to-heart conversation and study as they embark on the journey of discernment together. Avow is not a program to recruit or convince you of your vocation; rather it is designed to create an atmosphere of freedom and openness for the authentic pursuit of the Father's will. Groups are guided by the discernment principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In London & Surrounding Regions: Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. Please contact Marjorie Braatz at mbraatz84@gmail.com. In Windsor-Essex & Surrounding Regions: Meetings are held monthly. Please contact Maureen at the Madonna House, Windsor at mhwindor@dol.ca.