

THE 13TH OF ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS

“No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The eastern sky was turning pale; the stars were fading, and the grey of dawn was slowly growing. The chill fingers of the early dawn breeze reached out and slowly awakened my sleeping spirit. The yellow rim of the sun rose over the heads of the trees and the world lay still, seemingly without form. As the day took charge of the world, I prayed that I would be ready to put my hand to the plough and work in His garden another day. Putting one’s hand to the plough can be a dangerous business. When I was growing up, we had a team of horses, Stub and Rusty, whom my Dad had trained as plough horses. Those two never looked back; they walked in straight lines and our fields were picture perfect to the eye. The field produced good crops most years and the horses were well cared for as we all knew that but for them, we’d be lugging that plough ourselves and the lines we’d have walked wouldn’t have been quite so straight.

We’d have looked back, asking ourselves if the row was straight and that would take us off in some unplanned direction. That’s what Jesus is telling us in this lovely call to discipleship. If we aren’t focused, we’ll go off the track and fail as His witnesses in this world. If we are to walk with Him and do His work, we need to be single-minded and aware. Doing so is a difficult thing. This gospel is challenging. Jesus is telling these men to follow without question and they hesitate. So often we do the same thing. We’re called to be present for our sisters and brothers but at times we’d far rather focus on the things in our lives that we consider necessary. I think Jesus is calling us to set our priorities straight.

We’re called to follow; to do His will and follow His commandments. We’re called to a way of life that may demand some sacrifice on our part and sometimes we just don’t like that. However, when I look at a crucifix, see Jesus, suffering and dying for our sins, I wonder why I don’t always respond to His call with the eagerness I should. I look at Him in all His humility asking only that I follow. Here is the King of Glory, the Lord who was present from the beginning of time, giving up His life that you and I might have a chance of entering His heavenly homeland; to be with Him forever in all His wonder and glory. Each day as we rise from rest, we should eagerly ask Him where He needs us to be today. What plough would He have us put our hand to and not look back?

He does not ask the impossible of us. He’s already done the most difficult work – He has saved the world – all we need to do is to spread that good news to all we meet. We need to do so with joy in our hearts and with peace in our manner. Like Isaiah, we need to say “Here I am Lord, send me!” If we do that, when the curtain of night darkens the world, and as the sun makes an exit in the west, we can lay weary bodies in welcoming beds and be confident that we’ve set our hand to the plough; we didn’t look back; we did His will and He will grant us restful sleep.

Wishing you a week of much work in His vineyard and many small miracles.

Betty Bruch



JUNE 30, 2019

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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



Special congratulations to the children who came together and celebrated their Group First Communion last weekend, on the occasion of the celebration of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ . We wish them all a joyful and prayerful life with Jesus as they move forward in their lives.

RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings describe anything but an ordinary time. They are disturbing and they leave us disturbed. The Old Testament reading recounts a young man’s radical break with the past to follow a new path. The Gospel describes how life as we know it is abruptly changed if we follow the call of Christ. The responsorial psalm and the letter of Paul to Galatians assure us that such life-altering change is possible only because of the power of God’s love. We are presented with a stark choice. To love as God loves, we must leave our old lives behind. We must leave behind not just the bad, the selfish, and the evil but the ordinary, our daily work, and the important, our families, our lives. Loving as God loves requires a radical transformation, not a smooth transition. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Processions are life’s journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain.

Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge botafumero twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues July 2/19	7:00 pm	• Joe DeVos • Justine Eeckeloo	• Marie VanDamme • Andrew & Ingrid Winne
Wed July 3/19	9:30 am	• Lucien Deelen	• Gerrard & Rosa Demaiter
Thurs July 4/19	9:30 pm	• Lisabeth Family • Denys Family	• Lourette & Family • Lourette & Family
Fri July 5/19	9:30 am Adoration	• Orla Mae Semchuck Visiting the house-bound	• Trudy Konopetski

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – JUNE 23, 2019

St. Michael's
Regular Envelope \$ 527.00
Loose \$ 145.00

Sub-Total \$ 672.00

Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope \$1397.00
Thanksgiving Appeal \$ 200.00
Building Fund \$ 40.00
Loose \$ 260.25

Sub-Total \$1897.25

Total \$2569.25

ORGANIST NEEDED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH LANGTON

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish Langton requires an organist (a paid position) for Sunday Mass at 8:30 am (in Walsh) and 10:30 am in Langton. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 519-875-4438.



DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thurs July 18/19	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (July 6/7)

Saturday (5 pm)

Lector: Josie Edwards
Eucharistic Minister: Wanda Demaiter
Altar Servers: Lauren Provoost, Jeffery Lindsay, Ryan Kershaw

Sunday (10:30 am)

Lector: Jeanette Major
Eucharistic Ministers: Marg DeBackere & Mary DeCloet
Altar Servers: Jennifer Vandewiele, Luke Smithers, Rosa Smithers

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP (CCLC)

Making plans for summer? Young people currently in grades 6 to 11 are invited to a fun-filled, confidence-building, faith-nurturing summer camp. Our Diocesan Summer Leadership camps offer a couple of different options. For those students going into grades 9-12 next fall, we offer Full Impact Camp, with two weeks to choose from; Jul 29-Aug 2 at Huron Church Camp in Bayfield or Aug 5-9 at Gesstwood Camp in Essex. And the Empower Intro Camp is for those young people going into grades 7 & 8 in the fall and will take place Aug 7-9 at Gesstwood. All the great details can be found at dol.ca/cclc

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wed July 3/19: St. Thomas Apostle
Fr July 4/19: St. Anthony Zaccaria
Sat July 6/19: St. Maria Goretti

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MASS CARDS

Did you know that you can have a mass said for someone living? For someone struggling with health issues or another of the many of life's issues that we face. We have special mass cards for the living—offering a mass for gift for healing. Drop into the office and check them out.

MASS INTENTIONS

We do not have many mass intentions for the coming weeks, if you would like to have a mass said for your loved ones, please call the office at 519-875-4438.

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL NEWS

The CWL is doing a centenary project for 2020 called **HUG** which stands for helping, understanding and giving. A box will be placed at the back of the church for people to donate, toiletries, necessities (brushes, shampoos, toothpaste, sanitary products etc.) for women that are leaving abusive relationships and are in the women's shelter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer for one amazing week at St. Mary's Church in Tillsonburg. St. Mary's will be hosting a "Cool Kingdom Party" July 22nd – 26th from 8:30 am until noon each day. Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering JK/SK until grade 6 in September. Registration forms (pink in colour) for children entering JK/SK this fall up until grade 6 are available at the back of the Church. **WE ARE ALREADY TWO-THIRDS FULL!** The deadline to get your form in in July 1st. VBS fills very quickly and we can only take 80 campers – don't delay! Contact Colleen Hanley 519-842-3324 ext. 23 for more information.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND APRIL 19 - 30, 2020

Have you ever wanted to Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus? Fr John Pirt, along with Mary Ann Alexander and Joan Bolt, have arranged for a pilgrimage to Israel next April. Please consider joining us as we visit Nazareth, the home town of Jesus. We will also celebrate Mass in Bethlehem. We will have a opportunity to walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent his 3 years of preaching. We will visit Jerusalem and the place of the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you would like information about this pilgrimage, please contact Joan Bolt at 519-471- 6373, or email Fr. John Pirt at jpirt@dol.ca.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, pastor of St. Philip's Parish, Petrolia, on **October 18-29, 2019- 12 days CA \$3990. (taxes & tips Incl.)** Travel arrangements by QS Travel & Tours Inc. affiliate of Queen Syrena Travel Inc. Telephone # 905-412-3355 or 1-800-565-3619. www.qstours.com