

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Some Musings

“Increase our faith.”

Oh! For the faith of that mustard seed! I often wonder why I don't have that kind of faith. I look around me and see all that His hand has done and still, at times, can doubt. I see the sunrise and sunset and stand in awe and a little later I'm wondering where He is in the fabric that makes up my life and the life of the world around. It's not that I don't believe He's here; it's just that at times I feel like the prophet Amos and ask, "Oh Lord how long shall I cry for help and you will not listen?" Most times I feel His presence; I feel His love and His concern, His hand holding me up; at other times He seems very far away. I think that's what the Apostles were experiencing when they said, "Increase our faith." They'd been with Him and had witnessed His power over unclean spirits, they'd seen Him heal the blind and the lame and they'd seen Him raise the dead and they still feel that their own faith is weak.

Faith is a great gift; one for which I'm very thankful. Still, that faith can be tried by events in my life and in the world that seem to make no sense. I hear of atrocities done by people to one another. I hear of natural disasters and relief that is slow in coming. I hear of people lying and cheating, of senseless events that are hurtful to others. And I find my faith shaken. It's then that I wonder where God is. However, faith, as we're told in the letter to the Hebrews, is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But we live in a world where answers are readily available. We have the internet, Google, a GPS to guide us and we can rely on those things because using them provides, for the most part, quick answers. I sometimes think we've lost the ability to be patient when it comes to finding answers to our questions. There is that reminder in Scripture that even the prophets and early followers of God found His answers could be slow in coming. The Israelites did wait centuries for the promised Messiah.

Unlike Google and that GPS, His answers are the right ones. When we listen to Him, do what He commands, life becomes safe. We may find ourselves in awkward situations, confused at times, sorrowful at times but trusting His words, His promises, His great love keeps us on a straight path. The path we walk to Him is narrow and fraught with pitfalls and potholes yet knowing that He is with us allows us to follow in faith and hope. I've been lead astray by the GPS but I've never been lead astray when I've listened and obeyed the words of my Saviour.

I look and see the glories His hand created and know that He is in the fabric of my life, my God who holds me safe when things are stormy in my life. I see His hand in so many things and I realize once again that ours is not a God Who is only here when we call, He's here as we go about our daily routines no matter how mundane and tiring they may be. He's there in the quiet and in the turbulence, in the joy and in the sorrow. He's there when I sin, waiting to take me back and say, "Welcome home my child." Let's remember that and thank and praise Him for His great goodness. Like the Apostles, let's ask Him, "Increase our faith!" Let's do some extra Scripture reading; let's turn off our iPhones and computers and television sets and read His words of comfort and peace. Let's ask for that faith and when He answers let's follow Him with great love and devotion. Let's work in His fields, feed His sheep, comfort His sorrowing, clothe His naked, knowing that when we do that for others we are doing it for Him.

Wishing you a week of deepening faith and many small miracles.

Betty Bruch



OCTOBER 6, 2019

27TH 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

A LITTLE FAITH

Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON			
DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Oct 8/19	7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maurice Tack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Niville
Wed Oct 9/19	9:30 am	Thanksgiving School Mass for SHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John VanLaecke Mark Drieghe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yvonne Baswick & Family Yvonne Baswick & Family
	1:45 pm	Thanksgiving School Mass for STM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louis Keursten Jeanne DeLeebeeck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armin & Frances Kunkel Cliff & Violet Casey
Thurs Oct 10/19	9:30 am 11:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken Webster Thanksgiving School Mass for OLFS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all parishioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teena Mendonca
Fri Oct 11/19	9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John VanLaecke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Grantmyre

DATES TO REMEMBER		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Oct 7/19	7:00 pm	Langton CWL Meeting
Wed Oct 9/19	9:30 am	Thanksgiving School Mass for SHS
	1:45 pm	Thanksgiving School Mass for STMS
Thurs Oct 10/19	11:15 am	Thanksgiving School Mass for OLFS
Sat Oct 12/19 & Sun Oct 13/19	Weekend masses	Confirmation- weekend of commitment & Enrollment
Wed Oct 16/19	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

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
If you are still collecting stamps, feel free to leave them at the back of the church or give them to JoAnn or any executive member to be forwarded to the London CWL Diocesan committee. Thank you. JoAnn Deconinck

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Mon Oct 7/19: Our Lady of the Rosary

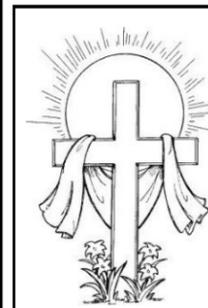
LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCT 12 & 13	
<i>Saturday (5 pm)</i>	
Lector:	Phil Verhegghe
Eucharistic Minister:	Deacon Brian
Altar Servers:	Lauren Provoost, Ade'a Oud & Mvita Oud
<i>Sunday (10:30 am)</i>	
Lector:	Laura Boyd
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Brian, Cindy Brooke
Altar Servers:	Sophie Butler, Luke Smithers & Rosa Smithers

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – SEPTEMBER 28/29, 2019	
St. Michael's	
Regular Envelope	\$ 425.00
Loose	\$ 54.00
Sub-Total	\$ 479.00
Sacred Heart	
Regular Envelope	\$1,422.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 75.50
Sub-Total	\$1,517.50
Total	\$1,996.50

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
Reminder for the candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation that they come together at the weekend's Masses of **October 12 & 13th** for the **commitment and enrollment ceremony** by which they formally enter into their preparations to receive the sacrament. Please keep our candidates, their sponsors and parents in your prayers.

THANKSGIVING APPEAL 2019
As Thanksgiving weekend approaches, we are reminded of our blessings of prosperity and family, as well as our responsibilities. Every year, our parish takes up an annual collection that raises the money needed to fund our parish locally and as part of our diocesan family. **100 % of the money collected in the Thanksgiving Appeal envelopes stay here at Sacred Heart & St. Michael's Church to support our parish.** Caring for others and seeking social justice are deeply rooted in our faith: in the Gospel, Jesus directs us to help the poor, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Together, people and parishes are united in our incredible mission to bring Christ's light to the world. Please give as generously as you are able, and please pray for those in need. There is a special envelope in your boxed set or please find envelopes at the back of the church.

HOLY TRINITY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES YOU TO ATTEND OUR:
Grade 12 Parent Meeting & Financing Your Education Session. Information session covering topics such as: graduation, post-secondary pathways, scholarships, bursaries & OSAP for students going off to college or university. Parents & students from all grades welcome. **When:** Wednesday October 16th, 2019 - 6:00-8:00pm (Grade 12 Parent Information Session beginning at 6pm in library) **What:** Thirty-minute presentation for grade 12 parents, followed by Information session on methods of financing your post-secondary education. **Where:** Holy Trinity Catholic High School (Library) **when:** Wednesday October 17th, 2018 - 6:00-8:00pm. (Grade 12 Parent Information Session beginning at 6pm in library). **Who:** Presented by the Kings College (Western University) and HT Guidance.



Let us pray for **Ralph Esbaugh** who have been called for his eternal reward and his bereaved family members that the Lord may comfort & console them.



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SAINT FRANCIS



CHAPTER 10: MEETING JESUS IN OTHER PEOPLE



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