

**THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS**

*“And yet when the Son of Man comes will He find faith on earth?”*

Most of us know how persistent a child can be. Little ones will ask for the same thing over and over, hoping I’m sure, that the answer that had been a resounding, “No!” will suddenly become the “Yes” they hope for. I remember asking my eldest son why he kept asking the same question since he knew he was going to get the same answer. His innocent response? “You might forget you said no and just say yes instead!” What faith and what persistence! There were many times when my husband and I would talk about something to which we’d said no and think that we might have said yes after all, but if what our children were asking for was not good for them or not in their best interest we were happy we’d said no. I think that what’s loving parents do. And our Father is a very loving parent.

It can be difficult to ask for something again and again and not receive it. It may be that what we’re asking for is not in our best interest at the time or is not good for us. Sometimes our persistence is rewarded but it takes some time. We can feel defeated and worn by whatever it is that we want an answer to but continuing to seek guidance leads to a deepening understanding of our role as child and His role as parent. We are told to pray constantly, and to pray with faith and it can still seem futile at times. That’s what faith is all about – trust.

Like Moses in the reading from Exodus our arms grow weary from being raised up in prayer and it’s then that we need the community of believers to strengthen, uphold us and pray with us. We never need to walk the path of faith alone; we need others to be with us. When I consider the mystery of the Holy Trinity I realize the importance of being with others. I’d like to have the faith of Abraham who bargained with God over the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah; or the zeal of Jeremiah but most times my heart slumbers and needs to be awakened again to His purpose. Like Rebecca or Ruth I’d like to have the conviction that my prayers will be answered. While I know He will answer, He doesn’t always give me the answer I want! I am sure, however, that I get the answer that I need. The slight difference in those two words; want and need, as Hamlet would say, “Aye! There’s the rub!”

When we don’t get the answer we want we’re sometimes tempted to give up but when we need a lesson in persistence all we have to do is look at the natural world. I have a dandelion that pokes its cheery yellow head up between my patio stones. It doesn’t matter how many times that dandelion is plucked from the earth it springs right back up again and that little yellow flower mocks all human effort to remove it. Of course we could poison the thing but what’s the challenge in that? I also am blessed with the company of a large grey squirrel who visits my deck on a regular basis. He comes with a nut in his mouth and beats that nut on my patio door trying to get it open. I’ve watched this activity for over half an hour and that squirrel never quits. I’ve never seen him open the nut but I can’t tell you how many times he’s tried! When I’m reminded that Jesus told us to be persistent in prayer and I feel like giving up, all I need to do is remember my dandelion and my squirrel. God sends us so many gentle reminders in ways that we can fail to recognize.

As we re-commit to a more prayerful life, let’s look for these reminders and thank Him for His gentle care. Let’s pray, always remembering that our prayers will be answered and when they are answered, we need to accept that answer with a loving “Yes, Lord! As You will.” As I sat out the other night under a full moon, the temperatures cooling and the sky clear and studded with stars, I reminded myself yet again that in all the vastness of space, our little planet, and each of us, so insignificant in the grand scheme are sacred, unique and loved by God.

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



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**OCTOBER 20, 2019**

**29TH 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

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2019:** In his message for World Mission Month 2019, His Holiness Pope Francis writes: “My Dear Brothers and sisters, for the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* of Pope Benedict XV (30 November 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realize once again the importance of renewing the Church’s missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.”

The title of the present Message is the same as that of October’s Missionary month: *Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on mission in the world*. Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is not a product for sale, but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received the gift freely and we share it freely (Mt. 10:8), without excluding anyone. God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation.

The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God’s own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. Charity, of which we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth. The Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion.

This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission always; you are a mission always; every baptized man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they are attracted and attract others in turn; they give themselves to others and build relationships that are life-giving. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God’s love.

This weekend as we observe as World Mission Sunday, let us reflect on the words of the Holy Father that “I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission,” and think about how we can make this mandate practical in our own personal lives.

Fr. Thomas

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

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Oct 22/19	7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter &amp; Yvonne Steyaert</li> <li>Stan Baswick</li> <li>Judy Baswick</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steyaert Family</li> <li>Yvonne Baswick</li> <li>Barry Baswick &amp; Family</li> </ul>
Wed Oct 23/19	9:30 am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thurs Oct 24/19	9:30 pm	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Fri Oct 25/19	9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brian Blacke</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yvonne Baswick &amp; Family</li> </ul>

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues Oct 29/19	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass then Meeting
Mon Nov 4/19	7:00 pm	Langton CWL Meeting
Tues Nov 5/19	7:00 pm	Info Meeting (1st Recon. & 1st Comm) for parents + Children
Wed Nov 6/19	7:00 pm	Walsh CWL Meeting
Wed Nov 6- Sat Nov 22		1st Recon. Interviews (Parents & Candidates)
Mon Nov 11/19	10:45 am	Remembrance Day Service for SHS with Langton Public School
Tues Nov 12/19	5:00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the sick at Sacred Heart Church
Tues Nov 19/19	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs Nov 21/19	4:00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the sick at Caressant Care
Sat Nov 23 & Sun Nov 24	Weekend Masses	1st Recon. Rite of Enrollment
Tues Nov 26/19	11:15 am	Advent School Confessions for SHS
Wed Nov 27/19	11:15 am	Advent School Confessions for STMS
Thurs Nov 28/19	11:15 am	Advent School Confessions for OLFS

**LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCT 26 & 27**

*Saturday (5 pm)*

Lector: Wanda Demaiter  
 Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Jack  
 Altar Servers: Lauren Provoost, Ade'a Oud & Mvita Oud

*Sunday (10:30 am)*

Lector: Josie Edwards  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jack & Matthew Weiler  
 Altar Servers: Scott Boyd, Ethan Spriet & Chelsie Spriet

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – OCTOBER 12/13, 2019**

***St. Michael's***

Regular Envelope \$ 400.00  
 Thanksgiving Appeal \$ 450.00  
 Building Fund \$ 10.00  
 Loose \$ 143.00

**Sub-Total \$ 1,003.00**

***Sacred Heart***

Regular Envelope \$ 1,428.00  
 Thanksgiving Appeal \$ 14,000.00  
 Building Fund \$ 265.00  
 Loose \$ 301.50

**Sub-Total \$ 15,994.50**

**Total \$ 16,997.50**



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

This weekend is World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our missions vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift on this day helps:

- People in remote villages, towns and cities, through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests;
- Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans through the services of religious Sisters and Brothers;
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family;
- Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the missions this weekend and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday. There is a special envelopes attached this this weekends bulletin, in your boxed set or please find envelopes at the back of the church.

**FARM DUTY 5HP 220 SINGLE PHASE MOTORS FOR SALE**

A Sacred Heart Church, Langton there are 2 5HP 220 single phase motors for sale, only used for a short time. Cost \$300 each. Anyone interested, please contact the parish office at 519-875-4438.

**LANGTON CWL- CABBAGE ROLLS**

Once again we will be taking orders for the cabbage rolls. Price is \$17.00 per dozen. Pick up is on December 7th at the church from 9 am to 11 am. Cut off date to order is December 1st. Please phone Jeannette major at 519-875-4952 or email at jmamajor@hotmail.com.

**LANGTON CWL SHOE BOXES**

Thank you to all who helped with the shoeboxes in anyway. They have been shipped in a container free of charge to a third world country.

**LANGTON CWL - SOCKS FOR THE SOULS**

Once again we will be collecting socks, mittens, hats and scarfs for the poor. The box will be at the back of the church. Please help us fill it. Everything collected will be delivered to the local St. Vincent de Paul & Lions Club before Christmas. The items will be put in the local Christmas baskets for the families in need. Thank you. Langton CWL.

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**'MISTLETOE MAGIC' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- CWL TILLSONBURG**

Come join us at St. Mary's CWL Christmas Bazaar, in Tillsonburg. Saturday Nov 9th from 10 - 2 pm. In the Father Langan Parish Centre you will find the Country market, Bake table, Books and Toys, Knitting and Sewing and the Penny Table In the Church Hall you will find Timeless Treasures and Christmas Décor and More. Join us for lunch in St. Mary's Café for a bite to eat and some friendly conversation. On the menu: soup, sandwich, coffee and dessert for \$7. Coffee and dessert for \$3. Children under Ten, \$3.

**BISHOP FABBRO AND SEMINARY SALT + LIGHT VIDEOS**

This just in! Bishop Fabbro and St. Peter's Seminary are featured in two new videos by Salt + Light Catholic TV. Together with the first episode of the new Salt + Light TV show, "This Place," which features the Diocese of London, the videos are free to watch at <https://saltandlighttv.org/thisplace/>. Please watch, enjoy, and share!