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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45



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Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Pre-registration is still required for contact tracing. Please visit the Homepage of our website to register.

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Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment. Please contact Fr. Rick to make arrangements.



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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 17, 2021



First Reconciliation & First Communion

Registrations for the 2021-2022 BFO sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be starting shortly. Interested parents are asked to go to our website: www.blessedoanam.ca to download the required forms in order to start the registration process. The registration forms will be ready to download on October 18th under the First Communion heading. Please send an email to Josie at firstcommunion@blessedoanam.ca or call 289-554-0556 ext. 7 if you have any questions or concerns.

Please continue to check the website for updates.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Blessed with success!

Our volunteer crafters have achieved a milestone in creating 100+ shawls for our blessing and gifting event held in Sept. Thus far, 40 items have been given out through parishioner requests, and another 15 were gifted to a seniors' residence. An additional 24 were donated to Project Linus in York region, a charity that distributes handcrafted items to babies and children up to 18 yr. old in local hospitals, as well as supplying to Yellow Brick House.

We are currently exploring new outreach opportunities in the community, and are expanding to include more baby items, as well as continuing with adult shawls. For anyone who knits, crochets, or sews and is interested in joining our group, we warmly welcome your creative hands! Our email contact is:

prayershawl@blessedoanam.ca

As always, donations of yarn and monetary support for purchase of needed materials are gratefully accepted.

Remember- parishioners are able to request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who might be uplifted, cheered, or comforted by receiving one, at any time throughout the year. While working on a shawl, the crafter always prays for the needs of the person who will receive it. Our prayers for the recipients are ongoing.

May the work of our hands continue to prosper.

Fr. Rick's Flicks

Classic films that have something to say about matters of Faith.

CONTACT (1997): FAITH

This may seem like an odd choice for a film that celebrates faith. especially since the story revolves around Dr. Ellie Arroway (Jodie Foster), a scientist who doesn't believe in a Supreme Being, and who believes that all truth is only that which is empirically verifiable. But despite appearances, Dr. Arroway does have a lot of faith—for the sole reason that she's willing to entertain the possibility that something outside herself, greater than herself exists (even if that something is extra-terrestrial intelligence as opposed to Divine Intelligence). Not only is she willing to entertain that possibility, but she's also willing to embrace it; and this is what faith is really all about – the openness to believe in something outside yourself, greater than yourself and the capacity to allow for awe, wonder, and mystery in the universe. In fact, these qualities are at the heart of faith, which is really the theme of Contact, the most intelligent film on the topic of extra-terrestrial life since Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Adapted from the novel by Carl Sagan and directed with great skill by Oscar winner Robert Zemeckis (who also directed Forrest Gump), Contact is far more than a film about aliens – it's a philosophical meditation on the nature of truth, which will leave you with the sense that ALL knowledge is really faith, and that even in the world of science, faith is an essential component.



World Mission Sunday – October 24th

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities around the global. Our offerings are combined with those of other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those who are less fortunate and lack the basic essentials to know, love, and praise God.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

Whether you have been praying the Rosary for years, just beginning the practice, or simply curious to learn more about this beautiful devotion, why not check out [The Rosary: A complete guide to its origin and how to pray it](#),

available on the **Aleteia** website.

Prayer for Strength by Saint John XXIII Feast Day: October 11th

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my Courage and to overcome any fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures, and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring. And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you.

Amen.



OCTOBER 17, 2021 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 53:10-11; PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; HEB 4:14-16; MK 10:35-45 OR 10:42-45

Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service.

We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.



James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment — “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”

Jesus quickly reminded them, “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

— *Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)*



News Release

For Immediate Release

Canadian Bishops Announce \$30M National Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives

27 September 2021 – Ottawa – The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC), expressed hope that these efforts will support meaningful projects across Canada and make a significant difference in addressing the historical and ongoing trauma caused by the residential school system.

“When the Bishops of Canada came together in Plenary last week, there was universal consensus that Catholic entities needed to do more in a tangible way to address the suffering experienced in Canada’s residential schools. Comprised of local diocesan initiatives, this effort will help support programs and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of residential school survivors and their communities, ensuring resources needed to assist in the path of healing.”

Funding for projects will be determined locally, in consultation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples in each region. The Bishops of Canada have committed and tasked themselves to develop national principles and strategy, timelines, and the public communication of these collective initiatives this November.

(more)

Bishop William McGrattan, Vice President of the CCCB, articulated the importance of working together with Indigenous Peoples on local goals, timing, and distribution of funds. “The Bishops of Canada have been guided by the principle that we should not speak about Indigenous People without speaking with them. To that end, the ongoing conversations with local leadership will be instrumental in discerning the programs that are most deserving of support. There is no single step that can eliminate the pain felt by residential school survivors, but by listening, seeking relationships, and working collaboratively where we are able, we hope to learn how to walk together in a new path of hope.”

Today’s news follows a [national apology](#) that was issued by the Canadian Bishops on Friday, 24 September. In the weeks and months ahead, the CCCB will continue to provide updates on this work, as part of a long path towards healing and reconciliation.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving
knowing that all that I am and all that I have is a gift from you.
In faith and love, help me to do your will.
I am listening, Lord God.
Speak your words into the depth of my soul,
that I may hear you clearly.
I offer to you this day all the facets of my life,
whether it be at home, at work, or at school –
to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.
Give me the wisdom and insight
to understand your will for me
and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions.
I offer my gifts of time, talent, and possessions to you
as a true act of faith,
to reflect my love for you and my neighbour.
Help me to reach out to others as you, my God,
Have reached out to me.
Amen.

Prayer used with permission from Stewardship and Development Office, Archdiocese of Chicago.

Praying the News | October 17, 2021

*"...whoever wishes to be great among you will be
your servant..."*
~Matthew 10:43

O Lord, so many jobs have become harder and more dangerous since the pandemic, such as global transport workers. There is much anxiety and frustration over delays and shortages in the news. May we recognize and value all those who support us every day. Please forgive us when we take them for granted or place unjust expectations on them. Help us each to have a servant's heart in the circumstances of our lives.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.



*So Jesus called the disciples and said to them... "whoever
wishes to become great among you must be a servant."*

~Mark 10:42-43

The disciples obviously had a difficult time with Jesus' constant message that servanthood was the way they should live. We can understand their difficulty, since most of us struggle with that message too! But Jesus' message remains clear: to be a servant, to be a steward, is what he asks of each of us.

**That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all
of God's simple and abundant blessings.**

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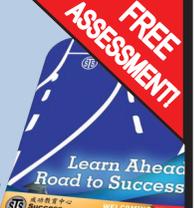
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