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Sunday, October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflection for this week

Many years ago, when one of my daughters was just four years old, she took the scissors to her younger sister's hair, clipping the bangs right to the scalp. When I asked her why she cut her sister's hair she replied "I didn't want her to look cuter than me!" Well she got top marks for her honesty!

Have you ever considered how sometimes, we have a hard time loving ourselves? How many times have you caught yourself thinking, if only I were thinner? If only I was taller. If only I was as confident as him. If only I had more money. If only I could lose ten pounds then I would be truly happy. If only, if only, if only! How many times do we criticize ourselves being hard on the body and gifts we have? Why is it that we find it so hard to love ourselves?

In today's Gospel reading, this is exactly what Jesus is asking us to do. In fact, not only does Jesus ask us to love ourselves but to love our neighbour as we love our self. If we do not have love of self, how then can we in turn love others? Without love, what are we? What seems like the simplest of commands is actually pretty hard to carry out.

The Pharisees in today's reading are still trying to take Jesus down using yet another angle to trap him. They think "let's see how well Jesus knows the Law." Jesus however, is not referring to the Law of the Pharisees but the new law of love proclaimed first by the prophets. First love God, and then love your neighbour as yourself. All other commandments are fulfilled if we get this right.

If I love God so completely with my entire being, my capacity for love of others is endless. I see myself as loved by God, and I love myself too. But, to love my neighbour, my friend, or persons who annoy me, no matter what? Well, that can be hard! The message contained in this reading for us, is follow the new law, the way of Jesus, to love with simplicity. Love is everything.

Love of God, a truly sincere love, makes us fearless in our love for others and gives us the capacity to be strong, compassionate, charitable and joyful in our everyday lives. Realizing God is the source of all love and we are nothing without Him, turns us into true Disciples of Christ willing to love others as He loves us!

Everything in our lives hinges on love. How do we perfect this love? With prayer, and participating in the sacraments, in particular, the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Like any skill we wish to perfect, it takes practice.

Well my daughter's hair eventually grew back and her older sister learned to love her just the way she was. Yes, the little sister was really cute with curly red hair but the big sister was very cute also. Both have grown up to be beautiful young women! Of course, I love them both!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners

Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 27 - 30

Tuesday, October 27

All Saints Church Site - Mass 6:30pm

John Walsh – Gwen Lamoureux

Special Intention for Matthew & Elizabeth Willoughby

–Deacon Henry & Kathy Tomaszewski

José & Inês Camara – Fátima Camara

Bill Timmers – Rita Timmers

José & Natália Andrade – Jina Andrade

Marie Levesque – Larry & Rox-Ann Thibert

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Church Site – Mass 7:00pm

Special Intention for Andy & Marianne Roelands - Their children

Andre & Iris Malette - Lima/Fursman Family

Wednesday, October 28

All Saints Church Site - 9:00am Mass

Theresa Overdulse – Pastoral Care

Jim Hills – Sina & Rob Nicol

Maciel Mota & Rameiro Tavares – Inês Mota

Bob Schuk – Bobbie & Jerry Vens

St. Charles Garnier Church Site, Glencoe – 6:30pm Mass

Ana Rosa Assunção Antunes - Antonio Antunes

Lucienne Matthys - Loretta & Family

Deceased members of Capka & Sinclair Families

- Rose & Ted Sinclair

Thursday, October 29

All Saints Church Site– Mass 6:30pm

Gilda Soares – Connie Jesus

Maria da Gloria & João Botelho – Connie & Joe Arruda

Antonio & Maria Arruda – Connie & Joe Arruda

Pais de José Viveiros – José & Gilda Viveiros

Maurício & Isilda Laurindo – Cárminha & Horácio Duarte

Sacred Heart Church Site, Parkhill – 12 Noon Mass

Friday, October 30

All Saints Church Site – 9:00am Mass

Special Intention

Souls of Purgatory

– Margarida Milhomens

In Thanksgiving

– Almerinda & José Goncalves



To register for Sunday 9 am Mass for **Sacred Heart Parkhill**, call Julie at All Saints Office site, 519-245-0644, ext. 26, Wednesday and Thursdays, 1 to 4 pm.

To register for 8 am and 10 am Mass for **All Saints Strathroy** or 9 am Mass at **St. Charles Garnier Glencoe**, call the All Saints Office site, 519-245-0644, Tuesday to Thursday from 9-noon.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

“Come and See” Virtual Weekends

Due to the Pandemic, this year's Come and See will be a virtual experience. This online retreat is planned for three separate Saturdays and each has an individual topic and theme.

Nov 14th from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. (Discernment)

Nov 21st from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Priesthood)

Nov 28th from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Seminary)

This retreat is for single, Catholic men 17 years of age and older, that are in good health and psychological maturity, and are considering a call to priestly life and service. If you know any men that are interested in discerning a priestly vocation or open to attend the Come and See



This coming weekend is the last weekend of the month, and yes that means collection for our St. Vincent De Paul Conference. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

WOMEN'S VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

What has the magic mirror been saying to you lately? What do you see? More importantly, what do you believe? Whose opinion counts ultimately? And what might we discern? How can we find God's wisdom among the many messages we see and hear? For those facing midlife and beyond, join me starting Tuesday, 3rd November, for five weeks, 10 am 11 am. The book we will journey through is Lisa Mladinich, author of "True Radiance Finding Grace in the Second Half of life."

To register or ask any further questions, please feel free to contact Caroline Dupuis, 519 870 5151 or email, littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com



News for all parishioners

'Out of the cold, winter garments for the poor'

IF YOU HAVE ANY GENTLY USED WINTER COATS, HATS, MITTENS AND SCARVES THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, PLEASE DONATE THEM TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND HELP TO KEEP THEM WARM THIS WINTER.



PLEASE LOOK FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION BOX THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE NARTHEX AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH.



Halloween Food Drive On Saturday October 31st from 2-5pm

Fr. Steve, together with the Strathroy Ministerial, invite you to donate canned goods and/or non-perishable foods for those in need in the Strathroy area. Donations will be distributed by the Salvation Army. Please drop off your donation at the All Saints Church parking lot at the parish hall kitchen entrance. Thank you for your generosity!



SACRED HEART DELAWARE PARISHIONERS

MASS AND
TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall
Meeting

Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 11:30 am
at All Saints church site

You are invited to attend Mass at 11:30 am, followed by a town hall meeting. We will be discussing how to resume Masses at HCCRC in Mt. Brydges, what our future looks like going forward, and the need for more volunteers to make all of this possible. A letter has gone out to ensure everyone is informed. To register for the Mass, please call the office.



This year, the **Sacred Heart Youth Group from Parkhill** will be hosting our **18th annual Halloween Food Drive for Canned Goods** for the Alisa Craig Foodbank! But due to the covid-19, we will not be going door- to- door but will be stationing a **Canned**

Food Drop Off Box at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Parkhill. From Monday Oct 26th – Sunday Nov 1st @ 3pm, the Drop Off Box for the Canned Goods will be made available. People are welcome to come and drop their donations off throughout this period of time. Contact Fr. Steve, at the office, if you have any questions.



Marriage Enrichment Bible Study

Our Family of Parishes is excited to offer a Marriage Enrichment Bible Study. The study is an opportunity for married couples to deepen their understanding of God's plan of love, to spend quality time with their spouse and to gather with other couples from the faith community.

Join us on Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in the parish hall at All Saints site, for "Walking Toward Eternity: Daring to Walk the Walk", a Bible Study created by Jeff and Emily Cavins, and distributed by Ascension Press.

Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring program designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (lectio divina), you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ.



We will begin Sunday November 8 and finish Sunday December 20.

Cost: \$20 each to cover the cost of the workbook.

Please note that all Covid protocols will be adhered to, and registrations will be limited to ensure that physical distancing is respected.

For more information contact Joni & Garth Anderson at 519-247-3063 or email garthandjoni@hotmail.com.

To register: to www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca and click on the banner for "Marriage Enrichment Bible Study."

Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School is pleased to announce that Adrian Roelands is the recipient of the Catholic Student Award



acknowledging his service to Sacred Heart Parish, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and the wider community. This award is through the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario. Congratulations Adrian and may God bless you for your service and witness.

Check out our Diocesan website for latest news, upcoming events, employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.dol.ca for all your information needs with respect to the Dioceses of London.



DIOCESE OF
LONDON

General Information for Family of Parishes

Pastoral Team/ Staff

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23

Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26

Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21

Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0

Marg VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24

**personal emails can be found on the website*

Please be patient with us as we continue to build our new bulletin and website to reflect our newly formed family of parishes—West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes. Keep checking our website for new additions. **If you wish to receive announcements and bulletins directly to your inbox, please send us your email address.**



NEW WEBSITE: westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00am—4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

By appointment. Please call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism & Sacrament of Marriage:

Congratulations! Call us at the office to make an appointment.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

– WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

All Saints, Strathroy

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Sacred Heart, Delaware (at HCCRC)

Sunday 11:30 am

(temporarily on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Sunday 9:00 am

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sunday 9:00 am



THANKSGIVING APPEAL - 2020

We will continue to collect for the month of October. Please mark your envelopes clearly with "Thanksgiving Appeal", your name and offertory number. E-transfers are now available for all parishes. Call for details.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation, as this collection is not included in the Diocesan assessment—these funds stay in our parishes.

