Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ez 33:7–9
Rom 13:8–10
Mt 18:15–20

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It's None of My Business

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Is your life an example of the values of your faith?*
- *Pray for those whom you love, who have left the practice of the faith.*

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

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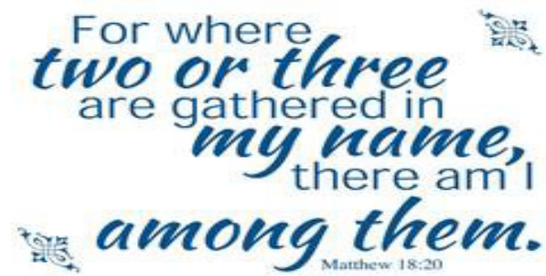

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RECONCILIATION
(At this time by appointment only)

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION
(Baptism) *REGISTRATION FORMS* are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

MARRIAGE
Please contact the parish office.
*A MINIMUM OF **SIX MONTHS** NOTICE IS REQUIRED.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit.

"ON CALL" PRIEST
A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.
You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday—9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES
Tuesday to Friday
9:15 a.m.

PARISH STAFF
Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)
Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant
Secretary: Sue Solomon

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Dan Drazenovich
Vincent LaRue
Outreach Member
Christian Formation Member
Randy Johnson
Finance Member
Liturgy Member

ADORATION CHAPEL
Closed until further notice

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS
to place a prayer request, please phone:
Laverne…….. 942-7630 (ans. machine)
Betty……..649-3611 (ans. machine)

CHURCH ENVELOPES
If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

Our Lady of Good Counsel has resumed Masses

The church will be open 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass is set to begin.

Attendance **must** be reserved by **Thursday 12PM** by **phone**

before the service

Please call the following contacts for the mass you would like to attend

For **Saturday's at 7:00PM** please contact: **Raffaela 705-206-3968**

For **Sunday at 9:00AM** please contact: **Shelly 705-942-3551**

For **Sunday at 11:30AM** please contact: **Rose-Marie 705-253-8797**

50 people being the ***maximum*** number who can attend

(including 10 ministers)

All people must wear a mask in order to enter the church.

If you are experiencing:
a cough
a fever
a sore throat
headache
shortness of breath

please **DO NOT** attend.

Financial Report

Monthly Financial Statement - August 2020			
INCOME		**EXPENSE:**	
Sunday Envelopes *	$17,961.00	Church	$2,314.29
Loose	263.05	Rectory	347.01
Other	7,402.77	Liturgy	710.90
Donations to the poor	7.00	Office & Salary	10,129.16
Development & Peace—Share Lent	40.00		
Bishop's Annual Appeal	5.00		
Evangelization	30.00		
Needs of the Church—Holy Land	15.00		
Needs of Canadian Church	30.00		
**Memorial Donations-Building	245.00		
Room & Board	878.60		
Total Income	**$26,877.42**	**Total Expense**	**$13,501.36**

*includes Pre-Authorized

Thank you for your weekly financial contributions

As we still need to pay expenses, we thank those you have been dropping off donations to the church office and thank you to our pre-authorized donation program (PADP) donors. If you would like to change over to our PADP plan please call the office and we will mail a form out to you or you can go to our website **www.olgoodcounselssm.com**, and under documents you will see a form called Fillable Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PADP). Complete, print, sign it and send to us with a void cheque by mail or drop it off at the office.

Great News…we are now set-up to receive ***e-transfers*** for donations . Please check with your bank on setting this up and ***please note*** that some banks do **charge a fee** for this service .

Interac Now Available e-Transfer

This is the information needed to set up the church as a Recipient:
Name: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
Contact Method: (Email only) - olgoodcoun@shaw.ca

This Week's recap of parish activities:

Mon., September 7th — **Parish Office Closed—Labour Day**
7:00 p.m. **Rosary**—Grotto—Church Parking Lot

Tues., September 8th — 9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
7:00 p.m. Rosary—Grotto—Church Parking Lot

Wed., September 9th — 9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
3:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**—Church
7:00 p.m. **Rosary**—Grotto—Church Parking Lot

Thurs., September 10th — 9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
7:00 p.m. **Rosary**—Grotto—Church Parking Lot

Fri., September 11th — **Parish Office Closed**
9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist**– Church
7:00 p.m. **Rosary**—Grotto—Church Parking Lot

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Sat., September 12th — 7:00 p.m. **Celebration of Eucharist**– Church
7:00 p.m. **Rosary**—Cross on St. George's Avenue

Sun., September 13th — 9:30 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
11:30 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church
7:00 p.m. **Rosary**—Grotto—Church Parking Lot

Eucharistic Adoration

As we wait for word on the re-opening of our Adoration Chapel,
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will have
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1 hour per week on Wednesdays only, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
in the church proper, **(not in the chapel).**

Protocol will be the same as attending Mass. The church doors will be open at 2:30 p.m.
A **mask** must be worn, and we ask that you stay for the whole hour. You will be ushered in and ushered out.

Eucharistic Adoration will continue each Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until further notice. All are welcomed.

As we are limited to the number of people attending, we ask that you register by calling at least 2 days in advance.

If interested please call Roberta at (705) 946-0169 or email caymalone@yahoo.ca

God Bless!

"Our soul can find in the Blessed Sacrament all the joys and consolations it desires". St. Teresa of Avila

Temporary Office Hours

Please note that the office will ***only*** be open on

Tuesday & Wednesday

for church business at this time.
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & ***1:00 PM to 5:00 PM***

Envelopes can still be dropped off on other days

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Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into our faith community....
Austin Amoro Robert Trembinski
son of Stefania & Robert
who was baptized Sunday, August 30th

Winter Woollies

To our winter woolly knitters, please drop off any knitted items to the church office during office hours on Tuesday or Wednesdays.
We will be sending out a shipment by the *end of this month*.
Thank you to all who have knitted so faithfully over the past years! God Bless You!

FOOD FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting food donations.
Parishioners who still want to donate, can drop food items off on Albert St
between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday.
The doors are locked but there is a buzzer beside the door that you can ring.
If no one appears within a five minutes, you can either leave the food there, or bring it to the far door, which is the door to the men's shelter.

SEASON OF CREATION

Introduction to Season of Creation:

On September 1 Christians churches will come together to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and to observe the Season of Creation between that day and October 4 – the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Our parish will join the Season of Creation this year by offering specific Prayers of the Faithful for Creation during Masses all month and ask individuals to pray the 2020 Prayer for Creation each day.

Season of Creation 2020 Prayer

Creator of Life, At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed
and trees of every kind bearing fruit.
The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life.
The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing.
And throughout time the Earth has sustained life.
Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth,
you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.
In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude
for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption;
a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production.
But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits.
Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption
are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail,
the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify.
We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling
to be renewed.
During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath
for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence.
Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given.
Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth,
send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.
In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus
Christ. Amen.

This season of Creation is lived by all people, beyond creed, race and culture
Let us all **Care for Our Common Home.**

Tips of the Month for September,
The Season of Creation, for our Common Home

1. Purchase mercury free halogen light bulbs
2. Take smaller portions when you eat
3. For Keurig or Tassimo buy a reusable pod and fill it with your favourite coffee. It saves money and waste.

Brought to you by Our Lady of Good Counsel
Green Church Committee

This Season of Creation is a time for renewal of our relationship with all of creation, a time for us to reflect on how we use the planet's finite resources, to pray for healing for ourselves and for the world, and to make a commitment to living more lightly upon the Earth.
Healing the planet isn't an elitist vocation that ignores issues of justice and marginalization. Church teaching makes clear that it's one struggle. The broad concept of "climate justice" challenges us to incarnate in every community the abundance of life promised in the Gospels.

For reflection and action:
Pandemics like the current coronavirus outbreak occur when natural systems get out of balance, often because we are taking more than our share from nature or we are using it unwisely. Reflect on your consumption of something nature provides, such as wood, energy, meat, even chocolate. Where does it come from? Is it produced sustainably? How could changing your consumption patterns help heal the earth?

This Season of Creation, start simple with ONE new daily habit for a healthy planet.

Choose ONE daily action to repeat each day throughout the 34 days that will renew your relationship with creation or that will allow you to explore a radical new way of living with creation.

HABIT IDEAS

- Commit to picking up plastic pollution each day so that it does not contaminate local water sources or habitats
- Learn a new fact each day about how an environmental issue affects people in a particular place, and find ways to take action (e.g. educate yourself on the drought in Guatemala that is forcing many people to migrate).
- Limit or fast from meat and dairy consumption.
- Avoid the use of single-use plastic products.
- Avoid food-waste
- Break a negative environmental habit that you've been meaning to address.
- Commit to a daily prayer practice dedicated to care for creation throughout the month.
- Garden or care for a houseplant as a spiritual practice.
- Sign a petition, call, or send a letter/e-mail to an elected official on an environmental issue each day/week of the Season of Creation.
- Research local environmental issues your community faces and take actions each day to get a community group together to create change.

What action will you take to deepen and renew your relationship with the earth this Season of Creation?

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are based in this gospel, the one in which Jesus identifies himself squarely with the poor and marginalized: Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for *me*. Jesus' message to us: I have loved you and given myself for you. Follow my example and love the way I have loved you. What we are called to today – in the midst of our modern world and busy lives - is to look beyond our own busy-ness and pay attention to those around us who are in need. Click on each Work of Mercy below for ways we can make these guides a part of our daily lives.

Give Drink to the Thirsty

In a disaster, one of the most basic needs is water. In a crisis, water donations are often possible through the Red Cross, Red Crescent or another relief agency. Educating ourselves on water quality and protecting this vital natural resource could be one way to assure this resource for the future. More than 4,000 children alone die each day because of the diseases carried by impure water. What can I do? How can my family and I – or my neighborhood or city – conserve water? What water issues are in my region and how can I learn more and get involved?
A small symbolic act could be if I forego my morning Latte at the coffee shop for a day (or a week), and give the cash I would have spent to some charity. It adds up!

We can Google words like "clean water for world" "global water issues" and learn much more about the issues and organizations working to solve those problems.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home, the earth.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. This year, during this season, we enter a time or restoration and hope, a jubilee for our earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation. The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – WEEK 2

SEPT 10
SOC WEBINAR: REFUELLING AFRICA THROUGH ETHICAL INVESTMENT 4:pm
With the growing appetite for coal, oil and gas investments in Africa, there is need to define the true cost of energy investments and the morality of investing in the fossil fuel industry. https://gccm.controlshift.app/events/soc-webinar-refuelling-africa-through-ethical-investment

Sept 12
LAUDATO SI' RETREAT: AN INTRODUCTORY IMMERSION
(Sep 12, 2020) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
https://gccm.controlshift.app/events/laudato-si-retreat-an-introductory-immersion
The goal of the Luadato Si' Retreat is to help particpants embark in this journey of "ecological conversion ", to transform he way we relate to our Creator, all of Creation and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF..... Monday, September 7th to Sunday, September 13th

Date & Time	Mass Intention	Readings	Readers	Adult Altar Servers	Ushers	Cleaners
Mon., September 07		1Corinthians 5.1-8 Ps 5.1-11; Luke 6.6-11				
Tues., September 08	**Sr. Shannon Hickey** by Cathy & Joe LaBlance	Romans 8.28-30 or Micah 5.2-5 Ps 13.5-6; Matthew 1.1-23	Arlette Beaulieu	Marg Twentyman		
Wed., September 09	**Bill Channing** by Nancy & Eddie Zuccato	1Corinthians 7.1-31 Ps 45.10-16; Luke 6.20-26	Doris Belanger	Randy Johnson		
Thurs., September 10	**Slavko Cerepinko** by Lucy Pintaric	1 Corinthians 8.1-13 Ps 139.1-24; Luke 6.27-38	Dianne Burns	Marg Twentyman		
Fri., September 11	**Lincoln Fakira** by Mary & Michael Gour	1 Corinthians 9.16-27 Ps 84.2-11 Luke 6.39-42	**TBA**	Dennis Smith		
Saturday September 12 **7:00 p.m.**	**7:00 p.m.** **Ernie Poirier** by Tony & Chris Fera **Ilidio Braganca** by wife, Maria Braganca **Jim Ross** Anna Chlebana	**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A** Sirach 27.30—28.7 Ps 103.1-12 Romans 14.7-9 Matthew 18.21-35	7:00 p.m. Rose-Marie Valade	7:00 p.m. Tony Fera	7:00 p.m. Mark Yurechuk Brian Kelly	7:00 p.m. Dominic Lombardo Barbara Lombardo Claude Cormier Eva LaBlance
Sunday September 13 **9:00 a.m.**	**9:00 a.m.** **Intentions of all parishioners** by Pro Populo Mass **Grazia & Dalio Catallo** by Emma & Gino Catallo **Sanctity of Life** by Life is Precious Ministry		9:00 a.m. Helen Lamon	9:00 a.m. Marg Twentyman	9:00 a.m. Richard Luciani Tony Bortone	9:00 a.m. Joe LaBlance Eva LaBlance Roland Pigeau Shelly Punch
11:30 a.m.	**11:30 a.m.** **Maria Coccimiglio** by husband Frank & Family **Ernie Poirier** by Randy & Mary Joan Johnson **Hugh O'Connor** by Cormac & Elva O'Connor		11:30 a.m. Frank Lepore	11:30 a.m. **TBA**	11:30 a.m. Quinto Medaglia Andrew Deluney	11:30 a.m. Denise Deluney Andrew Deluney John Wagner **TBA**

Note: If you see a **TBA** in your ministry posted in this bulletin and you are available to volunteer for that date, please contact the PARISH OFFICE. Thank you.

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His Hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks."

St. Peter of Alacantara

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
especially for
Nelda Equizi, Parishioner,
Angelo Fera,
and
ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.

Please remember to pray for: all the **sick & Shut-ins** in our parish Community.