

THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS

“but she out of her poverty has put in all that she had, all that she had to live on.”

Many times when I read the gospel stories of Jesus’ encounters with the wealthy and the poor, I’m reminded of a story I read a long time ago. Whether or not it is a true story, I’m not sure but I know that after all these years it comes to mind in a vivid and vital way. There was a man named Joe who had been a drunk most of his life and had lived on the streets. After he learned of Jesus and His ways, Joe turned his life around and began volunteering at a local homeless shelter where he willingly did whatever was asked. Nothing was too difficult, too messy, too vile for him to do; He’d pass out food just as willingly as he’d clean up messes made by others, always smiling, always cheerful. At one meal a pastor from a local church came in to speak with the men assembled for the evening meal and while he was speaking, one fellow came up to him and said tearfully, “Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Please make me like Joe!” The pastor said to him, “I think you should ask to be made like Jesus” to which the man replied, “Is He like Joe?”

Oh! To have that kind of mark on the lives of others! Make me like Joe. Make me like Alice. Make me like the widows in the readings. Make me like him or her. That’s a legacy to leave. We’ve all heard the saying “Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery” and while Jesus certainly doesn’t need our flattery, to imitate Him would make us a great deal like that man named Joe – a people willing to do whatever we could wherever we are, whenever we can to help His people. Like the widow from the 1st book of Kings, we’d trust in His word; we’d give to the poor, to the hungry, to the naked and the lonely. And like the widow in the gospel we’d give freely of our material goods for the good of others.

Being the kind of person that Jesus calls to work in His world may not always carry with it glorious accolades of praise from others but that shouldn’t be what we’re looking for at all. We should be looking for opportunities to build His Body, the Church; to feed and clothe, to visit and pray for the sick and the dying. Our call should not lead us to wanting recognition but to want the good of His people. We need to be willing to give of ourselves and of our material goods so people are comforted by our example and seek Him because He is the source of our work.

There are so many times during the course of a day that I’m given the opportunity to stand in His presence, to see His work in the beauty of creation. I have a tree outside my front door and at present it is still covered with leaves that have turned a soft copper. The other afternoon, I was coming upstairs and the sun was shining through the leaves that seemed almost opaque in the brilliant sun. The leaves shimmered in the slight breeze and I thought how like the Spirit to visit my tired soul and give me a wondrous sense of joy and peace. These small miracles are the sort of miracle Jesus sees in the generosity of the widow and her small offering; an offering not out of abundance but out of poverty of spirit. “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”. Those wonderful words of hope we find in the Beatitudes; “for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”. The lovely eight phrases truly are “be attitudes” calling us to that attitude of mind and heart that will lead us ever closer to our God and Saviour and our companions walking with us on the road we travel toward Him.

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



*“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them”*

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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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

REMINDER

Please be advised that mass times have changed for Tuesdays from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm due to daylight savings time, starting Tuesday November 13, 2018 until Tuesday March 5, 2019.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

In this weekend’s Gospel we see a selfless trust in the widow who gives all that she possesses, not to make a show, but to dedicate herself wholly to God, because she knows God is the source of all that is good. She knows it is not money that would save her, but God himself. What she has to possess is God and the “treasure in heaven,” and not perishable goods here on earth. She puts herself into the hands of God unconditionally. So Jesus said to the astonishment of all: “This poor widow has put more in, all she had to live on.”

God counts not the greatness of our works, but the selflessness of love, the purity of intentions. The poor widow did as Jesus did, giving all she had as a gift. That made her great before Jesus and an example to us all.

Let us ask ourselves: Are we ready to sacrifice all we possess so that we may serve God fully and totally. Jesus looks not at the externals but on the acts of love which we perform. He looks at one’s heart. What matters is love – it is the criterion of our deeds. “All that you do let it be done in love and for love,” says St. Francis de Sales.

NOVEMBER 11 – REMEMBRANCE DAY:

This Sunday being Remembrance Day, we pause to remember all those who offered their lives for the gift of freedom and peace. We as a parish community take time today to remember all the men and women who bravely stood in the face of danger to allow us today to have the peace and freedom that at times we take for granted. May those fallen soldiers rest in peace and may we never forget their courage and sacrifice.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Nov 13/18	5:00 pm	• Ed Phillips & Lucien	• The Family
Wed Nov 14/18	9:30 am	• Leon Renilde & Roger Spriet • Mary Ruth Bauer	• The Family • John & Barbara Mc Kinnon
Thurs Nov 15/18	4:00 pm <i>Caressant Care</i>	• Deceased choir members	• Pauline Demeester
Fri Nov 16/18	9:30 am	• Linda Van Den Heede	• Bernice Van Lauwe

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues Nov 20/18	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sun Nov 25/18	5:00 pm	Christmas Dinner @LCC for all parishioners
Tues Nov 27/18	1:45 pm	Advent School Confessions for OLFS
Wed Nov 28/18	10:00 am	Advent School Confessions for SHS
Thurs Nov 29/18	10:45 am	Advent School Confessions for STMS

THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND- FROM SEPT 24 TO OCT 3, 2019

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, you will experience the history, culture and faith of Ireland that came through the missionary efforts of St. Patrick in the 5th century. This pilgrimage includes visits to many historical churches as well as a visit to Knock, where in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 townspeople. In addition to your Irish Guide, as part of this pilgrimage, Fr. David Johnston and Fr. John Pirt will be offering daily Mass. Cost is \$2639 per person (Based on twin) - airfare extra. For further information, contact Cheryl Johnston, 855 St. Clair St., Chatham, ON N7L 0E9 Phone: 519-354-6040 or 1-877-735-5633 ext 6225 Email: selloffvacations.com



WEEKLY OFFERINGS – NOV 3/4

St. Michael's	
Regular Envelope	\$ 640.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
World Mission Sunday Loose	\$ 48.50
Sub-Total	\$ 798.50

Sacred Heart	
Regular Envelope	\$1509.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 200.00
World Mission Sunday Loose	\$ 127.25
Sub - Total	\$2056.25

Total	\$2854.75
Operating Goal	\$3700.00
Operating Shortfall	\$ 825.25

Sacred Heart	
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

Thanks!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SACRED HEART PARISH CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

Our parish is hosting our first ever parish Christmas pot luck dinner on Sunday Nov 25, 2018. The beverages will be supplied by the parish. We gather at 5:00 pm. The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Please come out with your family, this is an opportunity for us to come together as one family and to enjoy the company of each other and to grow in the spirit of Christmas.

CWL LANGTON- CABBAGE ROLLS- TAKING ORDERS

The Sacred Heart CWL Langton is again taking orders for cabbage rolls. Price \$17.00 per dozen. Cut-off date to order is December 2, 2018. Pick up date is December 8, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church from 9 am to 11 am. Please phone Jeannette Major at 519-875-4952 or email at jmamajor@hotmail.com

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL NEWS

St. Michael's CWL will be having their annual Christmas dinner at the Erie Beach Hotel in the Cove Room on Sunday, December 2nd at 12:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to join us. Everyone can order what they like from the menu. Please let a CWL member know by November 24th. Come on out and participate in some parish fun.

LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL THEATRE- HANDEL'S CHORAL

Arcady will perform Handel's choral masterpiece, Messiah at the Lighthouse Festival Theatre in Port Dover on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30pm. The critically acclaimed touring ensemble specializes in the performance of this great choral work and is known for its lively, energetic and rhythmic rendition. The performance will be conducted by Arcady's Artistic Director, Ronald Beckett. Tickets at \$30 are available online at lighthouse theatre.com/off-season-events or by calling the box office at 519-583-2221 or 1-888-779-7703. For group rates of 15 or more please contact info@arcady.ca

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- MAY 5-14, 2019

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom Ferrera! Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at <http://pilgrimages.com/frferrera/>. For more information please call Carol Van Moerkerke at 519-877-2355 or Karin Lansink. At 519-550-0304.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP) EDUCATION AND ACTION CAMPAIGN

The London Diocesan Council of Development and Peace is holding its next meeting in parish centre at St. Mary's church Tillsonburg on Nov 17, 2018 10 am to 2 pm. Parishioners of Sacred Heart, Langton & St. Michael's, Walsh are invited to the meeting and the pot-luck lunch. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, a democratic movement for international solidarity, supports partners in the Global South in the pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures. It educates the Canadian population about the causes of impoverishment of peoples and mobilizes actions for change. In the struggle for human dignity, Development and Peace associates with social change groups in the North and South. It supports women in their search for social and economic justice. Development and Peace, the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church, is inspired by the values of the Gospel, particularly "the preferential option for the poor."

CWL LANGTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets for the CWL Christmas party will be on sale the week of Nov. 17, 18, 24, 25 it will be in Tillsonburg at the Carriage house on Wednesday December 5 2018. 25 Brock Street. Supper at 6.30. Tickets are \$20.00..You can also call for tickets to Cindy Erdelac at 519-875-2840. Hope to see you there.

SOCKS FOR THE SOUL- MISSION MONTH

Once again this year we will be gathering warm socks, gloves and hats for the poor in our area. St. Vincent de Paul local chapters will give them out at Christmas time. The mission box can be found at the back of the church. Please donate and help keep people warm this winter!

