

THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS

“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The ground is covered with snow. The temperatures are so much colder. We know it’s winter by the bite to the wind. We see the signs and know, like Bambi’s mother, that “winter has come to the forest.” Seeing the signs we believe. I look out my windows at the trees covered with a white blanket. Winter can seem very long. There’s a beauty to this season though. The stark white of snow accentuates the dark, barren bark of the trees. The pines stand bravely against the wintry blasts. I can see these things and wonder if spring will ever come again. Is the hope of warmer weather enough to carry me through the cold? In a few months we’ll see longer days, the temperatures warm, the breezes freshen and know once again that spring has arrived. The signs tell us.

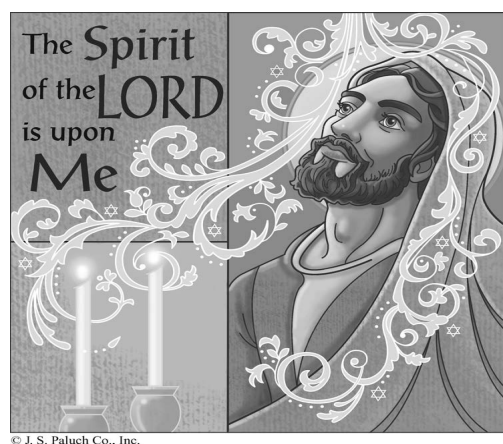
So I wonder why the Israelites who had waited a very long time for the fulfillment of the Scriptures of the coming of the promised Messiah, who could see those signs in the teachings and miracles of Jesus, and still not recognize Him when He appears among them. They don’t immediately flock to Him for refuge. Yes, they were waiting for a messiah; a king, a warrior, like David who would free them from the yoke of the Roman Empire. Instead they get the shepherd, again like David, and because Jesus didn’t meet their criteria, most of them reject Him. They don’t see the signs.

They had seen for themselves some of His miracles, had heard Him teach in the synagogues. But perhaps as Jesus observed “I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country”. It can be so easy to miss the presence of Jesus in those around us. It can be easy to miss His presence in the Eucharist, in the other sacraments. We need to become more aware of the many ways in which He makes Himself known to us. We need to see Him in the beauty of His creation, in the glories of changing seasons, in the bright sun against newly fallen snow, in the warmth of a hug, in the sorrow and hurt. He’s there to comfort and encourage, to chastise and correct, to lead and direct. It is in the beauty that we see the glories of Christ and it is in the broken and hurt that we Him suffering and crucified. We need to watch for those signs and respond to them.

The other night I watched the beauty of the full moon as it was overshadowed by earth. The night had been clear, cold and crisp. Looking out I could clearly make out the contours of the earth, the shapes that lay obscured by the snow, and slowly, ever so slowly, the land became dark, as the earth all but obliterated the clear moonshine. And it seemed to me that this is the way the world would look without the saving power of Jesus to bring His light and love into our hearts, our homes, our very existence. Fanciful thoughts these are. Yet, once again I thanked Him for coming as a person, just like us, to show us what life should be.

So let’s become aware of the signs. Let’s look around and see where He needs us. Let’s listen carefully as the Scriptures are opened for us. And let’s see Him in the Eucharist and in those around us. When the signs appear, let’s not shut our eyes, or our ears, or our hearts to them. Let’s see His glory in creation and in the joyous moments; and when we see Him suffering, let’s not turn away.

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



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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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Jack Grim, Deacon

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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:

Today’s Gospel announces the public mission of Jesus Christ to all God’s people. He has come to bring the good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to declare the Lord’s year of Divine favor. He concludes by stating that this mandate is already fulfilled by his presence. We have every reason to believe in this mandate. Both the person and mission of Jesus are reliable. Today’s readings and homily each week remind us, encourage us, and hopefully move us to embrace the mission that is ours.

The first reading ends with the expression; the joy of the Lord is your stronghold. We derive our strength from the goodness of God. His joy heralds good tidings. We become strong and active when we feel the protection and providence of God in our lives. This he has promised in today’s Gospel mandate. God so loved the world that he has given his Son to the course of the world’s salvation. This is a love beyond all telling. By involving Jesus Christ in this endeavour, God seals an everlasting covenant with us. No power of hell can come between God and us for we are under the influence of Christ Jesus. The power of this covenant derives from the blood of Jesus Christ. We can be rest assured that it will last for ever.

The mandate has a place for each of us! It is from the mind of God, thus it accommodates all our worries and peculiar situations. A caring God has declared a year of Divine favors in 2019. A year that will see us blessed! The sorts of blessing that will open doors to opportunities and privileges. It is a year that will liberate us from the habit and slavery of particular sins. It is a year that will give us insight into making our future secured in Christ Jesus. It is a year that will take us away from the memory lane of regrets and sadness, to optimism and joy. Rejoice child of God, for the joy of the Lord is indeed your stronghold!

Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Jan 29/19	5:00 pm	• Anthony DeCarolis	• Rene DeCarolis & Family
Wed Jan 30/19	9:30 am	• Walter VanLaeken	• Kelly Steinhoff
Thurs Jan 31/19	9:30 am	• Andre & Maria Dekeyser • Albert & Betsie Handsaeme	• Erik & Barb Dekeyser • Erik & Barb Dekeyser
Fri Feb 1/19	9:30 am <i>Adoration 11 am - 4pm</i>	• Paul Herman <i>Visiting the house bound</i>	• CWL Langton

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – JAN 20, 2019

St. Michael's
 Regular Envelope \$ 425.00
 Loose \$ 40.00
Sub-Total \$ 465.00

Sacred Heart
 Regular Envelope \$ 1017.00
 Loose \$ 31.00
Sub-Total \$ 1048.00

Total \$ 1513.00

Operating Goal \$3,700.00

Shortfall \$ 2187.00

SH Building Fund \$ 110.00

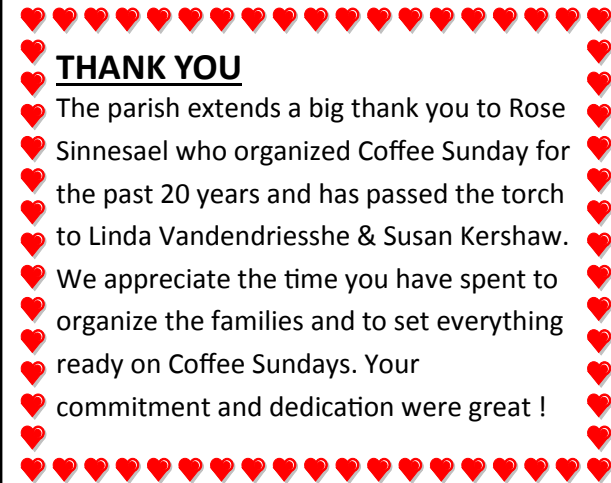


DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Feb 4/19	7:30 pm	CWL Langton Meeting
Tues Feb 5/19	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed Feb 6/19	7:00 pm	CWL Walsh Meeting
Wed Feb 6/19	9:30 am	SHS School Mass
	1:45 pm	OLFS School Mass
Thurs Feb 7/19	1:45 pm	STMS School Mass
Sat Feb 23/19	10:30 am	CWL Annual Spring Bazaar at LCC + Pick up of Cabbage Rolls
Wed Feb 27/19	10:15 am	1st Communion Retreat for SHS
Thurs Feb 28/19	10:30 am	1st Communion Retreat for STMS

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

From January 1st our parish is having a new shared website with St. Mary's Church Tillsonburg because the Diocese has stopped supporting our parish website. As we are still working on it, it will take some time for us to post all information about our parish. In order to have access to our parish bulletin, please click on the Sunday date, but not on Saturdays date. Thank you for your patience.



THANK YOU

The parish extends a big thank you to Rose Sinnesael who organized Coffee Sunday for the past 20 years and has passed the torch to Linda Vandendriesshe & Susan Kershaw. We appreciate the time you have spent to organize the families and to set everything ready on Coffee Sundays. Your commitment and dedication were great!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BAPTISMAL PREPERATIONS

There will be Baptismal preparation classes for Grade 2 children who are getting ready for their First Communion, and who are not yet been Baptized, for the following dates : **Wed Jan 30th, Wed Feb 6th & Wed Feb 13th at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Langton.**

CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

A friendly reminder that the 2019 CWL Annual Memberships are due. The renewal amount to be paid for a membership is \$25.00. Please put your remittance in the envelope provided or in a white envelope with your name on it stating that it is CWL dues. You may drop it in the collection basket or mail it to Josy Erdelac, 992 NCR 21, R.R. #1 Delhi, ON N4B 2W4. For more information call 519-429-1787.

CWL LANGTON BAZAAR

Attention CWL members or ladies of the Parish, Do you do crafts? Do you Sew, knit or crochet? If so, the craft table for the CWL Langton Bazaar is in need of donations. For more information or ideas, please call Diane Kersten at 519-875-2341.

CWL ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR

The CWL will once again host the Annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday February 23rd, 2019 at the Langton Community Centre. Doors open at 10:30 am with a Giant Penny Sale, Used books, cabbage Rolls for sale, Door prizes and many more. NEW this year will be hot soup and sandwiches. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm. Come out and have some fun! We will also again be collecting items for our White Elephant table as well as good used books. Books can be dropped off at the back of the Church anytime. Items for the White Elephant table can be dropped off at the Community Centre on Friday February 22nd between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will also be taking orders for Cabbage Rolls, Please call Jeanette Major at 519-875-4952. Pick up the Cabbage Rolls on February 23rd, 2019. for more information contact Carol Vanderhaeghe at 519-875-4377.

LANGTON CWL- CABBAGE ROLLS

The Langton CWL are taking orders for cabbage rolls. Price is \$17.00 per dozen. Please pick them up at the Langton Community Centre on February 23rd from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please phone 519-875-4952 or email jmamajor@hotmail.com to order or for more information.

YOUTH WEBSITE FOR SACRED HEART CHURCH

We are also excited to announce that we have created a Youth website, for families within our parish, but geared towards Catholic youth. This contains great resources, videos, activities, games, music and even an exciting section called "Our Creative Youth". Are you inspired by faith? Do you like to build Minecraft figures, create Lego designs, draw pictures, do crafts, make videos online or even write short poems? If any of these spark your interest, then we're calling you to be inspired and help inspire fellow students in the Catholic faith. You may design a Church, a cross, a Bible story image, film something about faith that sparks your interest, write a story or poem or do a creative craft idea. Anything that your heart desires that relates to the Catholic faith, our mission as a family of faith, you may create and submit to our email to be shared under 'Our Creative Youth' section. This will be our blog page section, where we introduce students' work, which will be displayed also on our home page, Instagram and Twitter accounts! Submissions are accepted at any time, through email with parental permission for posting. If you have any questions or creations ready to go, email us! Check out our webpage to inspire Catholic youth in their growing faith at: <https://www.sacredheartstmichaelyouth.com>.

ST. MARY'S CWL PAINT DAY

St. Mary's CWL Tillsonburg, would like to extend an invitation to you to join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. On Saturday, February 23rd, join us in our church hall to show off your artistic side. We will meet at 12:30. and begin painting at 1pm. Our masterpieces will be completed by 3:30. Tickets are \$45.20, which includes all supplies. \$15.00 from each ticket will come back to St. Mary's CWL as a fundraising effort. To see a sample of what you will paint, please see the poster provided. Please call me at 519-842-4372 if you would like tickets, or please see Melissa in your church office, during business hours, as she has been kind enough to sell tickets on my behalf. Cash or cheque made payable to St. Mary's CWL. Thank you, Rosanne St. Mary's CWL .

