

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SOME MUSINGS

“ . . . they left everything and followed Jesus.”

They've been there all night – fishing – and nothing to show for it. Discouraged, they head back to shore only to be told to put out their nets again and this time! Ah! This time! They catch more fish than they can manage. Ready to celebrate, they're told that from now on they'll be catching people! They've likely never seen a "people net". Have we? Yet they leave and follow. My edition of the Bible has this Scripture as "they left their nets at once and followed Jesus." Like us, they had no idea where this journey would lead them or what adventures or trials lay in their future but they went regardless. They left family and friends; they left a secure future; they left it all!

To have that call and answer so promptly took faith and no small amount of courage. I like to imagine the reception this news received from Peter's wife when he told her the news that he was about to leave everything and follow this fellow Jesus. We have the benefit of over two thousand years of testimony on which to rely; these new disciples did not! They had nothing but their faith in the man that had come to shore and bid them to follow. They could have said no.

My response to the call to serve is not always so prompt. After all, I'm a busy person. I have family and friends that need my time and attention. I have a home that needs care. I have things to do! And besides, I'm certainly not the type of person to follow some fellow wandering around and telling people things they really don't want to hear. And I'm certainly not the type of person who wants to stand alone before a crowd of hecklers. Are You certain You've got the right person because I'm definitely not the person to stand alone in the face of danger? Are You absolutely sure You've got the right person? It's then that I hear Him – "Alone? Where do you think I'm going to be?" Perhaps that is what the fishermen saw in Jesus – His steadfast dedication. He'd not have called them had He not known they were right for the call. And He knows that about us as well. When He calls we need to respond with the same enthusiasm as those first disciples. We're not meant to make excuses, to act as though He doesn't know that we're exactly the ones He needs. Perhaps we're needed for the sake of others but there are other times when He calls us to challenge us, to mold us into the people He needs. He puts us in situations that may change us and certainly will make us stronger and more faithful disciples if we answer that call with joy.

There are so many opportunities to see His goodness in the world around.

The other morning, I looked out my east window to see an incredible display of sundogs. The eastern sky was filled with colour and there were two sun dogs in the east made more beautiful with a halo of colour surrounding the sun. As I watched, two rabbits who inhabit my back yard, stood, silent and still, and seemed to be awed by the sight as much as I. We watched, we three of His creatures, for some time until the sight slowly vanished. Awed by the wonder, I was reminded of a line from a canticle in the book of Daniel. "Sun and moon, bless the Lord. All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord." And we did.

Our Lord sets these small miracles in our path to strengthen and console us; to remind us that He is with us until the end of the age. When He calls, we need to respond and work in His garden to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Like Peter, James and John, we need to leave what we are doing and follow. His call is urgent as He longs to have a loving and personal relationship with each and every one of us. He wants to walk with us, to laugh with us, to console and heal us. Let's not let the call go unanswered. We need to remember that if He's called us, He knows we're the right person for the job and that with His unfailing strength and help we can do wondrous things. Let's trust Him when He says, "Do not be afraid."

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Isaiah, Paul and Peter are at the centre of today's readings. All three of them did great things for God. Yet each of them had a low opinion of themselves. They had lo self-esteem. They did not put themselves forward, but were called by God. They accepted that call reluctantly, convinced that they were unworthy of it.

Isaiah said, 'I am a man of unclean lips.' Paul said, 'Of all the apostles I am the least. I don't even deserve the name apostle.' And Peter declared, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' This was not false humility on their part; it was the plain truth.

When we acknowledge our weakness, God can strengthen us. When we acknowledge our emptiness, God can fill us. When we acknowledge our poverty, God can enrich us. Then we become available to do his work, and he accomplishes in us the things we find impossible.

Humility is the starting point. It's not that we are rotten through and through. Far from it; it's just that we are weak, selfish and cowardly. Without grace we are unable to save ourselves, much less save anyone else.

According to Peter Jesus the holy one should distance himself from sinners. But Jesus refused to do so. It was for sinners that he came. Thereby he changed people's understanding of God. God was not a God who shunned sinners, but a God who wants them to be saved, and who gives them a new start.

Isaiah, Paul and Peter eventually accepted God's invitation, and all three did a splendid job. When we answer God's call, he empowers us so that we can do things we never thought possible.

We should ask the Lord to give us the humility to acknowledge our weakness, and the strength to rise above them. Then we will have the joy of discovering that it is when we are weak that we are strong, because the Lord's power becomes available to us.

"God bless you all!!"

Fr. Thomas

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Feb 12/19	5:00 pm 7:30 pm	• Walter VanLaeken Finance Committee Meeting	• Stephen & Jeannette Major
Wed Feb 13/19	9:30 am 7:00 pm	• Marcel Follens Walsh CWL Meeting	• Helena Mattan
Thurs Feb 14/19	4:00 pm Caressant Care	• George Sanders	• Langton CWL
Fri Feb 15/19	9:30 am	• Gabe DeCarolis	• Mary DeCarolis

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – FEB 3, 2019

St. Michael's

Regular Envelope	\$ 630.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 10.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 55.00
Sub-Total	\$ 705.00



Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$1452.00
Loose	\$ 254.05
Sub-Total	\$1706.05

Total	\$ 2411.05
Operating Goal	\$3,700.00

Shortfall \$ 1288.95

SH Building Fund	\$ 442.00
STM Building Fund	\$ 230.00

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 Feb 13th & Wed Feb 20th at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Langton.

Dates to Remember

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tues Feb 12/19	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wed Feb 13/19	7:00 pm	CWL Walsh Meeting
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



We welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism: **Angela Rachel Wittig Furtado**. May she and her family always be guided by the Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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.

COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND MARCH 1-3 AT ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17-45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience at the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau vocations@dol.ca.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

From January 1st our parish is having a new website which we share with St. Mary's Tillsonburg because the Diocese has stopped supporting our parish website. As we are still working on it, it will take awhile for us to post all information's about our parish. In order to have access to our parish bulletin, please click on the Sunday date, and if you happen to click on Saturdays date, you will be finding St. Mary's bulletin. You will no more be receiving the bulletin by emails. Thank you for your patience.

CWL CRAFT DAY & SHOEBOXES

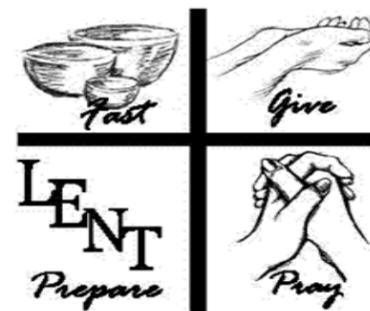
The CWL Craft Day & Shoe Boxes will held on Tuesday February 12, 2019 at the Langton Community Centre, starting at 1 pm. Please come and join us to help fill the shoe boxes and for craft making and a coffee. We are shipping the shoe boxes differently this year, so please bring your articles for them. Thank you Mary Anne Kersten.

OPERATION: SUPPORTING MY PARISH

Living with Christ is the perfect companion: whether or not you attend Mass daily, it gives you daily Bible readings and everything you need to support your prayer life.

Sacred Heart Parish will receive \$10.00 for each new subscription and \$2.00 for every renewal.

1. Complete the form (attached to bulletin)
2. Either include a cheque made payable to **Bayard Press Canada; OR** Complete the credit card information.
3. Place attached form (and cheque if applicable) in the collection basket OR drop off at the Parish Office, by March 15 2019.



Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.