

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 16, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

Oct. 18 to Oct. 23

- Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Bogdan Shurko
- Wednesday 12: noon** †Maria DiPaolo
- Thursday 9:00 am** †Katherine Klassen
- Friday 12: noon** †Betty Diegel
- Saturday 5:00 pm** † Doug Newby, Anna Byrne,
Intentions of Frank Higman

MEDITATION

At first glance, the meaning of Jesus’ parables is not clear to us. This Sunday’s gospel, however, doesn’t require us to peel back layers of metaphors to get at its meaning. The opening sentence is quite clear – Jesus reminds us of our need to pray always and not to lose heart.

The challenge for us is figuring out how to pray when we do lose heart, when we do give up or are tempted to give up because we don’t get what we have been praying for. The gold nugget of the parable is revealed to us at the end, when Jesus asks whether he will find faith on earth when justice has been granted to us.

We are being reminded that prayer cannot exist without our faith: a faith that is deeply rooted in our loving relationship with our Father. Our faith in God’s love for us gives us the strength and the courage to be persistent with our prayers. We trust in God’s protection because we know that our help is “from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Let us not lose heart in our prayer life, but draw on St. Paul’s “utmost patience,” so that through our faith we will be open to the Holy Spirit working through our prayers, always knowing that “the Lord is our keeper.”

Julie Cachia, Toronto, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

HAITI!

Bishop Crosby has encouraged us to take up a collection to support our Haitian brothers and sisters affected again by a major natural disaster.

There are Development and Peace envelopes that you can use (in various pews) . . . or

Give online by Visa, Mastercard, Amex at www.Devp.org (your data and personal information are totally secure).

By phone–toll free at 1-888-234-8533 Or

By cheque or money order to D & P: 1425 René-Levesque Boul. West 3rd floor, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T2. Thank you for your generosity!

RCIA! means: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

This Spiritual process is for adults seeking full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church. This may entail Baptism if the person has never been Baptized. Those Baptized in another Christian communion are welcome – they would celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2017. Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 8 pm in the Rectory.

 **Sanctuary Lamp** this week Intentions of: The Living and deceased members of the Spelier & Duyidan families and repose of their Souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 17	Rev. James Curtin
Tuesday, October 18	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Wednesday, October 19	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday, October 20	Rev. John Massari, c.s.
Friday, October 21	Rev. Stephen Sardo
Saturday, October 22	Rev. Joseph Pezhathumkal, S.A.C.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING
We now have 6 spaces available at the back of our bulletin for advertising. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

CWL NEWS:

BURSARY – Students who are members of the parish, graduating from St. John’s College and Assumption College in 2017 are eligible for the bursary. Please obtain an application from the school.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Our Diocese has organized formation days for LECTORS. Choose either:

- Saturday, Oct. 29th in Hamilton
- Saturday, Nov. 19th in Kitchener

Application forms are on the Lectors’ “table” with exact locations. For all those who have never participated, or wish to update.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible, for the Propagation of the Faith for dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some Canadian dioceses that depend on the World Mission collection.

3rd ANNUAL PARISH VENDOR MARKETPLACE And BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 29th, 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Vendors like Avon, 31, Norwex, Epicure, Pampered Chef, Homemade Chocolates by Silvia McIver, Hand made Afghans, quilts, hats (by Linda Beach) and many more. Lots of raffles! Proceeds to the parish.

Hello Ladies & Gents, from the Bake Table:

We are in need of your beautiful creations of pies, cakes loaves, muffins, cookies, preserves, cabbage rolls, meat pies, lasagna and cheese.

Please label baked goods and INDICATE if they contain NUTS. All foods must be completely cooked as cooking facilities are limited.

If you cannot deliver items to our parish hall on **Friday Oct. 28**, please call Mary Taylor 519-752-7275 and we will gladly pick up your food items. Please come and have some fun!

ST. JOSEPH'S CWL are hosting their Annual Rummage Sale, Saturday, October 22, 2016, 235 Brant Avenue, Brantford, from 8:00 a.m., to 1:00 p.m. Something for everyone. Many unique items for all to see. Toys, clothing, jewelry, books, etc. Craft items, house wares, surprises.

PERMANENT DIACONATE – Information Meeting Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend one of the three following information sessions:

October 16, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Church, Guelph
February 5, 2017 at the Chancery Office, Hamilton
May 7, 2017 at St. Michael Church, Waterloo

To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at (905) 528-7988, ext 2258.

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

SACRAMENTAL Preparation Sessions:

Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are ready for pick up at the back of the Church.

Please bring the completed form, along with a **copy** of the child's Baptism form to our initial session in the Parish Hall: (unless he/she was Baptized here).

The initial session for **parents** of **First Communicants** will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, November 10th, 7 pm – 8 pm.**

The initial session for **Confirmation (Parent & Candidate)** will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, November 17th, - 7 p.m.**

According to our Diocesan guidelines, First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated with children in grade 2 or higher, and Confirmation with grade 7 or higher.

Please put these dates in your calendar!
NB: * No Registration Forms will be accepted after Christmas.

"The Spirit Moving in Our Fifty Year Journey With Development and Peace"

Please join us as Margaret McDyre and Fr. Ted Slaman guide us through a joyful remembering our journey, rejoicing in the movement of the Spirit in our work with Development and Peace since its beginnings. Discover where the Spirit is calling us now.

Saturday, November 5, 2016. - 9:30 – 3:15

Ignatius Jesuit Centre Guelph
St Brigid's Villa and St Francis Chapel
5420 Hwy. 6 North, Guelph.

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE (Guelph, ON)
Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Or are you looking to upgrade your skills in giving Spiritual Direction? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs: **Individual Director or Undirected Retreats** - October 11-November 6
Advent Prayer Weekend - November 25-27 **Directed Prayer Weekend** - November 25-27 **Let Heaven & Nature Sing: Advent Retreat with the Earth** - November 25-27 **Advent Taize Weekend** - December 2
-Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519.824.1250 ext. 266.

REGENERATED 2016 - Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, Regenerated 2016 will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, On on Saturday, Nov. 19th. This year's theme is on the Holy Eucharist and will feature dynamic talks on how Our Blessed Mother brings us closer to this sacrament, on how to explain the Eucharist to others, on current Eucharistic miracles and the scientific evidence behind them. For tickets visit www.branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000. Please refer to the posters in our Church.