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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today the liturgy presents to us the Gospel parable of the two sons sent by their father to work in his vineyard. One of them immediately agrees to go but then does not; the other instead refuses but later repents and complies with his father's wishes. With this parable Jesus reaffirms his predilection for sinners who convert and teaches us that humility is necessary in order to accept the gift of salvation. St Paul too, in the passage from his Letter to the Philippians on which we are meditating today, urges us to be humble: "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit", he writes, "but... let each of you... in humility count others better than yourselves" (Phil 2: 3). These are the same sentiments as those of Christ who, emptying himself of divine glory out of love for us, became a man and humbled himself even to dying on a Cross (cf. Phil 2: 5-8). The verb used - *ekenōsen* - means literally that he "emptied himself" and sheds clear light on the deep humility and infinite love of Jesus, the humble Servant *par excellence*.

In reflecting on these biblical texts, I immediately thought of Pope John Paul I, the 30th anniversary of whose death we are commemorating today. John Paul I chose as his episcopal motto the same motto as St Charles Borromeo, namely: *Humilitas*. This single word sums up the essential of Christian life and indicates the indispensable virtue of those in the Church who are called to the service of authority. At one of the four General Audiences held during his extremely short Pontificate, he said, among other things, with that familiar tone that distinguished him: "I will just recommend one virtue so dear to the Lord. He said, "Learn from me who am meek and humble of heart"... Even if you have done great things, say: "We are useless servants". And he observed: "On the contrary the tendency in all of us, is rather the opposite: to show off" (Homily, [General Audience, 6 September 1978](#)). Humility can be considered his spiritual testament. —Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, 28 September, 2008

CWL Memberships: The Diocesan Council of the CWL has requested that memberships be paid early this year. — **by the end of October.** If you have an offertory box, the envelope is dated Nov. 1, 2020 or use a plain envelope. **FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment. The envelopes can be put in the collection, dropped off at the office or leave in the black mailbox near the office entrance. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Ann Catholic Women's League."

Confirmation Prayer Partners— Your role as a prayer partner is to offer a prayer of your choice every day from now until the day of the student's Confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 7th at 11am.** Please consider being a prayer partner—**5 more individuals** are needed. Thank you to those who have volunteered. There will be no sign up sheet this year, so please email the church for the names.

Please join the annual Life Chain along LUNDY'S LANE in Niagara Falls Sunday, October 4, 2:30-3:30 pm, - 3 locations: Highland Ave at No Frills; Midas Muffler at Dorchester; Dr. Little at Prince Edward, in St. Catharines at Lake & Carlton Sts.,(2-3 pm) and new this year – in WELLAND: between Woodlawn & Lancaster, 2:30-3:30, as we witness to the Sanctity of human life. We pray that women will choose life for their child, and our country will protect all it's citizens – born and unborn. We ask that participants wear a mask; hand sanitizers will be at tables with signs.

Welland Life Chain—Sunday, October 4th, 2020. Niagara St. Woodlawn-Lancaster. 2:30-3:30pm. Contact Josie 905-327-7996

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous. This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.



October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

This Marian devotion is a great gift given to the Church. Dominican tradition states that Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 as he was praying and fasting to assist him in fighting the Albigensian heresy. She gave him the rosary to assist in combating evil and promoting peace. On October 7 we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which commemorates the victory of Lepanto where Christian forces defeated the Ottoman Turks in a naval battle. Pope Pius V had asked all of Europe to pray the rosary for victory and it was achieved. This victory eventually led to greater peace. Praying the rosary can assist us as we strive to live a Christ-centered life. As we meditate on the mysteries we are moved to a deeper understanding and love for our Lord. The rosary also becomes a prayerful means of achieving peace as Our Lady of Fatima promised. It has also served as a powerful prayer for families.

Parishioners are asked to recite this prayer of reparation for the desecration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral.

We will begin on Monday, September 14, which is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, and conclude on Monday, October 12, which is Thanksgiving Day.

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

Prayer Francis Prayer Intention month of October: We pray that by the virtue of Baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Parish Calendar

September 2020

Sept 27.....	Special Collection—Needs of the Church In Canada
Sept 26/27....	First Communion
October.....	
Oct 3/4.....	First Communion
Oct 4....	Respect Life Sunday
Oct 12.....	Thanksgiving
Oct 18.....	World Mission Sunday

Date changes for Special Collections

- Sunday, 4 October 2020: *Pope's Pastoral Works* (Rescheduled from the Second Sunday of Easter by the Holy See)
- Sunday, 18 October 2020: *World Mission Sunday*
- Sunday, 1 November 2020: *C.C.O.D.P – Development & Peace*

Respecting the Covid protocols during this time, you are asked to place your donation in the baskets at the church entrance. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Cheques are to be made payable to "St. Ann Parish".

EXCERP OF THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 106th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020 [27 September 2020]

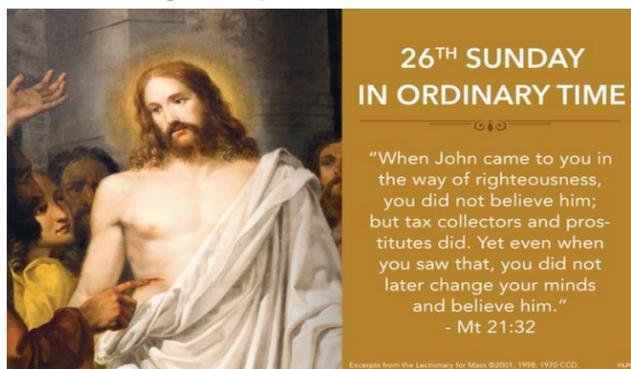
Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee. Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons

I have decided to devote this Message to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis has impacted on many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives. But "this is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people" (*Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020*). In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of COVID-19. For the full message, please visit, http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html

Due to the pandemic, First Communion for the Grade Two students of St. Ann School, originally scheduled in May was postponed. The students will now receive the sacrament on the weekends of Sept 26/27 and Oct 3/4. Two families will attend each of the Sunday Masses (Sat 5pm & Sun 9:30 & 11am). The first pew on each side of the church will be reserved for the families.

Prayer at a Child's First Communion: Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.

Sunday, September 27th, 2020



Sat. Sept 26	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
		✠ Jordan Vogel (Michael Wilson) Blessings & Health for Yvonne Rebeiro
	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Guido Malvestuto (Vince & Lena Addario)
Sun. Sept 27	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
		Conversion of Sinners (Michael Wilson)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Pat Vaillancourt)
Mon. Sept 28	9:30am	✠ Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Sept 29	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Wed. Sept 30	9:30am	✠ José Baptista (Maria Baptista)
Thurs. Oct 1	9:30am	✠ Lidia Bonaldo (Racz Family)
Fri. Oct 2	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
Sat. Oct 3	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
Sun. Oct 4	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
	9:30am	✠ Lewis Tremere (Tremere Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory September 19th & 20th, 2020

Envelopes	\$2, 010.00
Loose Collection	\$ 40.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 050.00

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