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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together. Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.



Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

Reception of Holy Communion during Mass

Communicants are instructed to remove their masks and gloves when approaching for Holy Communion. When you approach to receive Holy Communion, please remember that there is a new procedure. Stop at the first line of green tape. After the priest says, "The Body of Christ", the communicant responds "Amen" (at a distance of two meters), **and bows as an act of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament being held up before them.** Come forward to receive.

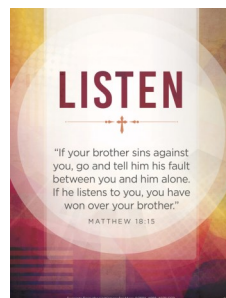
Back to school prayer

Father please hear us when we tell You of our concerns of sending our children and educators back to school this fall. Know that we are striving to make all of the right decisions and need Your love and power to help us overcome any difficulties. Please watch over everyone as times and routines are about to change once again. We know that we can do anything through You and You alone, so please help us ensure health and semi-normalcy in the coming months. We give our hearts to You, now and forever. Amen."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.



It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

CWL Memberships: The Diocesan Council of the CWL has requested that memberships be paid early this year. **Please have your memberships in 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."

MANDATORY USE OF FACE COVERINGS

Information regarding this policy can be accessed directly from our website homepage using the link or from the menu under "From the Bishop's Office".

We welcome back all parishioners for the celebration of Mass. Please note that ushers will now greet parishioners at the top of the stairs to assist with seating & any questions you may have. The hand sanitizing station is located there as well. Face coverings are mandatory until at least October 1st as mandated by the Regional Municipality of Niagara. If you have any questions regarding these and other protocols, please consult our website or phone the office. Thank you.



Interac E-transfer is now available to make donations. Please use the following email: stannfendonations@cogeco.net (No password required)

Parish Calendar

September 2020

Sept 9..... Mass will be at **6:30pm**
 Sept 13..... Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land — postponed from Good Friday
 Sept 27..... Special Collection—Needs of the Church In Canada

Thursday Bingo will **NOT** resume this month and has been cancelled for the remainder of the year. We will let you know when it will resume in 2021.

Offence Declarations: If you are a parish volunteer involved with high risk ministries, you are required to submit an Offence Declaration form to the diocese each year. Everyone was notified by email in July and a form was mailed including a stamped, addressed envelope. Thank you to those who have completed this process. If you have not, please submit the form to the chancery office as soon as possible.

Date changes for Special Collections

Due to the challenges of this year and the Covid-19 pandemic, The Holy See has re-scheduled some of the special collection dates as parishes were closed. If you would like the opportunity to make a donation, envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you can use a plain envelope marked with your name and offertory number.

The rescheduled dates are as follows:

- Sunday, 13 September 2020: *Church in the Holy Land* (Rescheduled from Good Friday by the Holy See).
- Sunday, 27 September 2020: *Needs of the Church in Canada*
- 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*

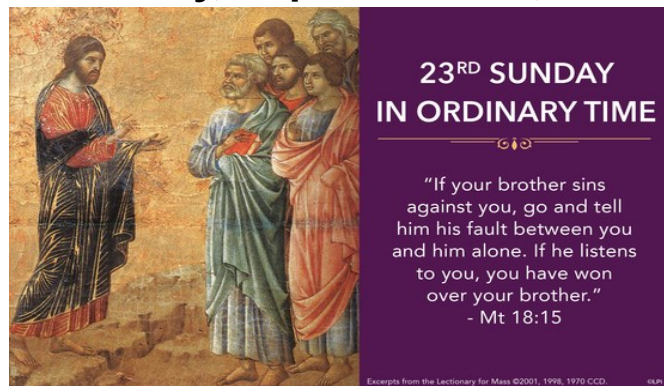
Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend October **23, 2020**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry

Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For our pamphlet or information, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com
 September 14, 2020 **The Journey;**
 September 28, 2020 **Coping with Stress**

Please note there will be protocols in place specific to the health guidelines due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will be required to bring and wear a mask at the meetings. If you forget your mask, a limited supply will be on hand for use.

Sunday, September 6th, 2020



Sat. Sept 5	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Francesca Rocca (Bianco Family)
Sun. Sept 6	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
		Ava & Austin Wilson (Karen & Michael)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Mike Ciolfi (Larocque Family)
Mon. Sept 7	9:30am	✠ Simone Souter (Jean & Donna Larocque)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Sept 8	9:30am	✠ Father Arcangelo Manzi (Ferrara Family)
		Health & Recovery for Stephan Lastovic Bisson (Rosemary Lastovic)
Wed. Sept 9	6:30pm	✠ Nella Candotto (Ersilia Ferrara)
Thurs. Sept 10	9:30am	✠ Sue Christensen (Racz Family)
Fri. Sept 11	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
		✠ Margaret Young (Mike & Anne Young)
Sat. Sept 12	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
Sun. Sept 13	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
		✠ Tara Hilton (Karen Kennedy)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Tedesco (Tedesco Family)

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory August 30th & 31st, 2020

35 Envelopes	\$1,740.00
Loose Collection	\$ 40.00
Total Offertory	\$1,780.00

