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Sunday, September 25th, 2022



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”
- Lk 16:25

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Sat. Sept 24	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
		✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Sept 25	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Thanksgiving Mass for Yvonne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. Sept 26	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Sept 27	9:30am	30th Anniversary Blessings for Dan & Genn Berkhout (Nohara Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Sept 28	9:30am	✠ Alex Trebek (Teresa & Colin Walters) William Brahe (John & Veronica Douglas) Amer, Divya & Praanjali (Divya G.)
Thurs. Sept 29	9:30am	
Fri. Sept 30	9:30am	✠ Souls of Priests in Purgatory (Teresa & Colin Walters) Special Intention for Healing for Judy Fraser
Sat. Oct 1	8:00am 9:00am 4-4:45pm	Holy Hour & Confessions Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Amer, Divya & Praanjali (Divya G.)
Sun. Oct 2	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Jessica Addario (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory September 11, 2022 – \$2,305.00
Offertory September 18, 2022 – \$2,330.00

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of October: For a church open to everyone—We pray for the Church; ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable. Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

Special Collection : Needs of the Church in Canada, September 25th, 2022. Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Donations can also be made by e-transfer.**

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group meetings the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. Meetings also held virtually. To register for virtual attendance, or for information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. Tuesday, Oct 11th: Causes of Anger; October 24th, Working Through Anger.

Retrouvaille: Tens of thousands of struggling couples headed for cold, unloving relationships have successfully overcome their marriage problems through Retrouvaille. The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 21 – 23, 2022. For more information call Angelo and Chiara at 905-664-5212 or email teamretrouvaille@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org.

LIFE CHAIN 2022 – Can you spare one hour to save a Lifetime? Please join us in witnessing to the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2:30pm–3:30pm. Location: Niagara Falls on Lundy's Lane; Welland on Niagara St. between Woodlawn and Lancaster. For more information contact: Angela 905-931-0363 (N.F.); Muriel 905-735-3666 (Welland). (A Life Chain flyer is included with this Update).

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” - Lk 17:5-6

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Mon. Oct 3	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Oct 4	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Oct 5	9:30am	St. Ann School Thanksgiving Mass
		✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Oct 6	9:30am	Special Intention for the Neumann Family (Nohara Family)
Fri. Oct 7	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions Mass
Sat. Oct 8	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Joseph & Marion Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. Oct 9	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Youth Ministry: This program is for students in Grades 5-8. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate have once again agreed to lead and co-ordinate the program. Registration forms are at the back of the church. Please hand them into the office as soon as possible.

National Catholic Healthcare Week will be celebrated from October 2 – October 8, 2022. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society's most vulnerable. From Oct 2-8, we recognize the important work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. Nationally, Catholic health care serves over 5 million Canadians each year and employs over 88,000 people. Our footprint is big. Our hearts are even bigger. And our belief that we are part of each other's journey, there to support and transform one another, is the foundation it's all built on.

We welcome in Baptism, **Jack Orest Joseph Lewis Griffiths**, son of Alan Griffiths and Lauren Soluk. May the gifts which Baptism bestows, grow unhindered in us all.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, “obedience” is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I “have” to do, not “want” to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, “There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all.” St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.



We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

Special Collection- Indigenous Reconciliation Fund– Please refer to the letter attached to today's bulletin from His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie regarding this collection. This initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which will take place in all parishes of the diocese on Sunday, October 2nd, is a step to promote healing and reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters. Special Collection envelopes have also been attached to today's bulletin or donations can be made by e-transfer with a note specifying that it is for this fund.

Friday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. National Truth and Reconciliation Day Prayer Walk and Rosary, Hosted by the St. Catharines Diocesan CWL, September 30th @ 11 am Queenston Heights at the Landscape of Nations.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation: O Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe, intercede for us with your Son, That we who live in this land, indigenous and non-indigenous together, may experience healing and reconciliation on a renewed journey for justice and peace for our children. Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Catholic Women's League Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 28th beginning with Mass at 6pm followed by a meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

