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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To this Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical today?

**Pope's Prayer Intention for July:** That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



**Prayer for Canada Day**

Eternal God, whose reign extends from sea to sea and whose care endures throughout the ages, hear our prayers for our country: grant wisdom to those who govern it and respect for human life at all stages and dignity to every citizen, so that justice may flourish and all peoples live in unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Catholic Women's League Gathering June 18th:** Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who contributed to the HUGS project in support of the Hope Centre in Welland. The evening was well attended and enjoyed by all.



**Cathedral Appeal Update:** Did you know that the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria opened June 10, 1845? It was not until November 25, 1958 that it became the cathedral church of the newly formed Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines. The Pope at the time was John XXIII, now Pope Saint John XXIII. His papacy began on October 28, 1958.

Consider giving to the Cathedral Appeal today and play a part in the history of this treasure in our diocese! If you are donating by cheque through the parish, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish." All donations will be forwarded to the diocese for this project and are tax deductible. **Donations to date, from our parish total \$3400.** Thank you for your generosity!



**The Society of St Vincent de Paul** would like to extend a big thank you to Ms. Colitti and the grade 4/5 class at St Ann's school. The children wanted to acknowledge and support the seasonal workers in our community. The class organized a school wide food drive and all of the students at St Ann's contributed to this project. The students wish to say thank you to the workers and acknowledge the sacrifices the seasonal workers make, and also wanted to make food a little more accessible for them. The food on the tables in the hall is a gift from the students to the seasonal workers, and will be available for them to take over the next few weeks.

**Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments:**

Some conversion stories people tell are so profound and meaningful that they make you want to invent a story for yourself. Some of us have these type of stories to tell, but most of us can only tell stories of slowly coming into a greater maturity of faith over many years and many mistakes. I personally was baptized as an infant, grew up in the Church, and never experienced a time when I was fully the prodigal son. I have sinned quite often throughout my years, but I never drifted so far away where I needed that moment of truth to help me see the light.

However, that does not diminish the fact that I have been made new in Christ and I need to live in a way that leaves the old me behind. If you are like me, you must admit there are times when that former self comes into view. There are times when we fall into our sin to the point where no one would believe we were baptized disciples of Jesus. Thank God there is forgiveness through the sacraments. When we fall, we can always recover and be made new again.

So maybe it is not true that people like me don't have a profound conversion story. Maybe the truth is we simply have MANY conversion stories. As we continually strive to pick up our crosses and follow Him, we fall away and need to come back to Him. Each time, we have a new story. Each time, God's love and healing are profound. Each time, we have something new to tell.

**Parish Calendar**

**July.....**  
**July 5th.....** First Friday Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.  
**July 7th.....** Spanish Mass 1pm  
**July 8th.....** Holy Hour Cancelled  
**July 9th -19th..** Weekday Masses Cancelled  
**July 13th....** Confessions 9-10am Cancelled  
**July 15th.....** Holy Hour Cancelled

Confirmation classes & Youth Ministry resume September 4th!

**Summer Mass Hours**

**Beginning the weekend of July 6/7, weekend Masses will be celebrated on SATURDAY @ 5PM, & SUNDAY @ 10AM. This schedule will be in effect for weekends in JULY AND AUGUST ONLY.** Regular weekend Mass hours resume Labour Day weekend—Aug 31/Sept 1. Beginning the first weekend of July, the bulletin will be published every 2 weeks to the end of August.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul- North of 60:** The St Ann Conference of St Vincent de Paul will once again be participating in a national initiative to support Inuit peoples in Northern Canada. Our parish, along with others in the Niagara area has been asked to support the community of Naujaat (pronounced "now-we-ought"). This will be the third year that we offer support to the northern community, by filling a sea container with food items needed by the community. Once there, monthly food hampers will be made up and will provide support for approximately 75 families over a one year period. Once again, we will partner with other St Vincent de Paul conferences to raise money for the purchase of food. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, donations can be placed in the St Vincent de Paul box. Please place donations in an envelope marked "North of 60". Cheques should be made out to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Welland Particular Council. If you would like a receipt, please provide your name and address.

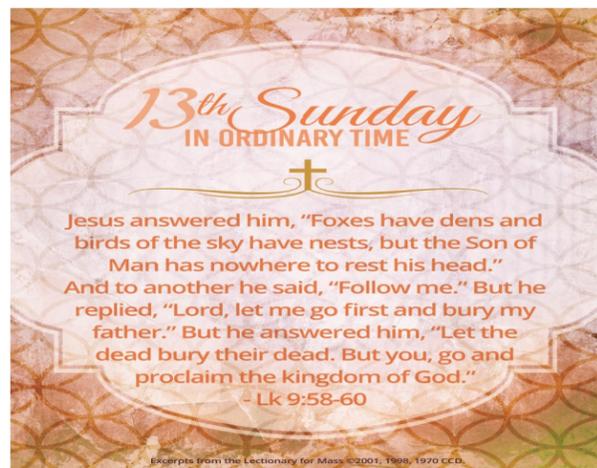
**Seasonal Workers:** We are looking for volunteers to assist at the luncheon that follows the Spanish Mass on **July 7 and August 4.** If you are able to contribute a dish, help with set up and clean up, or come and visit with the men who are here to work in our community during the growing season, please contact the office. The last two meals have been provided by the grade 7/8 class at St Ann's, and the Youth Ministry and were very well attended and appreciated by the men. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and visit with the workers who will be in our community over the summer and fall months.

We welcome the following in Baptism: **Gemma Louise Young**, daughter of Mark Young and Dayna Legge & **Noah Andrew Young & Sena Michelle Young**, children of Andrew Young and Mai Suzuki. May the gifts which Baptism bestow, grow unhindered in us all.

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine**, 4706 Miller Rd. Port Colborne, Celebrating 35 Years as a Faith Community on Saturday, July 20, 2019. 9:00 a.m. Morning Gathering with Refreshments, 9:30 a.m. Presenter: Fr. Peter Rowe, Theme: Marian Apparitions, 11:30 a.m. Mass, 12:15 a.m. Lunch: (Free Will Offering), 1:15 p.m., Praying of the Rosary. Info: Shelley at 905-714-7677.

**After 25 years of supplying the Living Faith booklets to the Diocese of St. Catharines**, Andrew & Helen Hendriks Sr. will no longer be distributing these booklets. We thank them for their generosity over these many years! If you would like to order the booklets for yourself, please phone 1-800-246-7390.

**Sunday, June 30th, 2019**



Sat. June 29	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
4	-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Gerry Berkhout (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Sun. June 30	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) Blessings & Health for Irena Baran (Jan & Lana)
Mon. July 1	9:30am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. July 2	9:30am	Joseph Mullin (Teresa Walters)
Wed. July 3	9:30am	✠ Armand Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. July 4	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Schroter & Podwinski Families (Walters Family)
Fri. July 5	9:30am	Ava Wilson (Jankovich Family)
		✠ Martin Smith (Jim & Mary Smith)
Sat. July 6	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
4	-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 7	10:00am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	1:00pm	Spanish Mass

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory June 22nd & 23rd, 2019**

72 Envelopes	\$2, 139.05
Loose Collection	\$ 101.60
Total Offertory	\$2, 240.65

**Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre—Baby Bottle** Please return them to the parish as soon as possible.



