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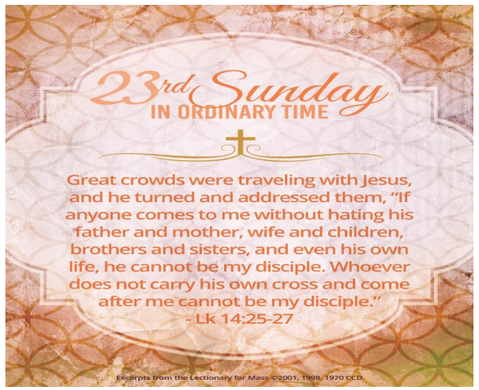
Sunday, September 8th, 2019



Sat. Sept 7	9-10am		**Confessions**
	4 -4:45pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✞	Gerry Berkhout (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Sun. Sept 8	9:30am		Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am		Austin Bosco Columba Wilson (Granda & Granny Kennedy)
Mon. Sept 9	9:30am		Austin Wilson (Jankovich Family)
	7-8pm		**Holy Hour & Confessions**
Tues. Sept 10	9:30am	✞	Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
Wed. Sept 11	9:30am	✞	Margaret Young (Mike & Anne Young)
Thurs. Sept 12	9:30am		Raina Huynh (Ava & Austin Wilson)
Fri. Sept 13	9:30am		Intentions of Isaiah Kaleby (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Sept 14	9-10am		**Confessions**
	4 -4:45pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm		Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 15	9:30am	✞	John & Frances Blazic (Ana Mikolic)
	11:00am	✞	Andy Jankovich (Jankovich Family)

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

Offertory August 31st & September 1st, 2019

64 Envelopes	$1, 805.00
Loose Collection	$ 33.80
Total Offertory	$1, 838.80
Maintenance	$ 270.00

Thursday Bingo: Thank you to the Bingo team for paying for the cost of our new parking lot lines. As of the end of August, Bingo has covered $2110 for church maintenance this year alone. This weekly fundraiser resumes on **Thurs. Sept 12th at 7pm.** If you can spare some time to volunteer, let us know very soon. Also, we need participants. It's a fun bingo, not expensive for an evening out and helps cover some of our church expenses.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

All are welcome to a free presentation on *The Art of Sacred Listening,* facilitated by Rev. Bob Bond, Coordinator of Spiritual and Religious Care at Niagara Health, on **September 24, 2019** from **7-9:00 pm** at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merritville Highway in Thorold. Come learn about the importance of empathetic listening and its role in compassionate care of family and those in crisis. Register by calling 905-684-0154 or emailing familyandyouth@saintcd.com.

Join the SAINTCD group study of Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation, Christ is Alive and learn more about his message to Young People and their place in today's Church. The series will run from **7 – 9pm** for **five consecutive Thursdays beginning September 19th** at the **Catholic Centre**, 3400 Merritville Highway. Cost is $25 with the book or $10 if using a free and downloadable copy of Christ is Alive. Register by Sept. 13th by calling 905-684-0154, emailing familyandyouth@saintcd.com

Knights of Columbus Cathedral Appeal Fundraiser Pasta Dinner- Buffet Style -*Starlight Ballroom Limited Seating for 200* Club Roma, St. Catharines, **Thursday, September 19, 2019**, $15 per person. Menu penne, red sauce, home-made meatballs, sausage dinner roll, salad, coffee, tea, dessert. Cash Bar. Time 6PM. 50/50 Draw .Table reservation for eight or more. *Proceeds to the restoration appeal for the Cathedral of St Catherine of Alexandria*. For Tickets call Cathedral – 905-684-3964

Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments.
Reach Out in Love

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ. This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them. We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24th** beginning with Mass at 6pm followed by the meeting and fellowship. Plans will be underway for the fall bazaar scheduled for **Saturday, November 16th.**

The CWL would like to keep members informed of league activities/events happening in our parish and diocese and a great way to do this is through email. If your email has recently changed or you now have access to email, please notify the office so we can update our records. We look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings this year ! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated food and assisted with the luncheon following the Spanish Mass last weekend.

Families and children are important to our parish. Recognizing this, **Children's Liturgy** will be offered at the Sunday, 9:30am Mass. Children in the congregation will be invited up and then dismissed to the church hall where volunteers will share the readings in a focussed environment from approved resources adapted for children. This process helps them to better understand the gospel message and its application to their own lives. This is an act of worship. Parents and grandparents can expect the return of their children at the offertory as the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. Intended for children ages 4 -8, this special liturgical ministry is dependent on volunteers. If interested, please call the parish office. NOTE: Those 18+ will need to be screened and obtain a police check as part of this ministry's volunteer training protocols.

First Communion: If your child is attending a public school and will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this coming school year, please phone the office for information regarding registration and sacramental preparation.

Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Welland Sat, Sept. 21st, at 11am. Rain date will be Sat.,September 28th at 11am.

Parish Calendar

September….	
Sept 7/8….	Sundae Sunday following all Masses
Sept 11th….	Confirmation class 3:30-5pm
Sept 12th…	Bingo resumes 7pm
Sept 15th….	SVDP meeting following 11am Mass
Sept 14/15…..	Thanksgiving food drive begins
Sept 18th….	Confirmation class 3:30-5pm
Sept 18th…..	Opening School Mass 9:30am
Sept 24th….	CWL meeting beginning with Mass at 6pm
Sept 25th…..	Confirmation class 3:30-5pm
Sept 29th…..	Special Collection—Needs of the Can. Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY :"Equipping young Catholics to share the truth through word, deeds, and actions, so that their lives are forever purpose-driven and centred on Christ, inviting others to do the same." Wednesday evenings beginning from 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.
Confirmation Classes have resumed on Wednesdays from 3:30 -5pm. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates.
Mass attendance … every Sunday (and on holy days of obligation).
Class participation. Candidates must be on time and be attentive at every class, at prayer services and retreats, and at other required formation events.

Volunteers needed: Please phone the office soon if you can assist with church cleaning, lector, Eucharistic Minister, Youth Ministry, Bingo, Seasonal Agricultural ministry, altar serving, music, church maintenance (inside and out including gardens). Information about these ministries is posted on the parish website www.stannfenwick.com. Church cleaning commitment requires about 2 hours ever 4 weeks.

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group monthly meetings. *The Journey* (Sept 9, 2019); and *Pastoral Care, Fr. Chris Kulig presenter* (Sept 23). Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. No pre-registration required.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Begins next weekend. Baskets are at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham Cares appreciated. **Items Most Urgently Needed:** Canned meats; ham, turkey, chicken, Canned stew, Canned tuna, Sidekicks / Uncle Ben's Rice Mixes, Fruit cups, Regular and Sugar-free Jam / Jelly, Drip coffee, Canned fruit; all varieties, Canned vegetables; potatoes, mixed vegetables, carrots, mushrooms, Canned Potatoes & Instant potatoes; mashed and scalloped, Hamburger Helper, Jello (regular), Sugar / flour, Raisins, Condiments; mustard, relish, ketchup, pickles, Baby food 8m+ – 12M+, and Squeeze Fruit (baby/child), Incontinence products, Diapers – larger sizes, Pull-ups size 4 & up, Hand lotion, Dish soap, Zip-loc sandwich bags, Cleaning supplies, Laundry detergent.

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 25, 2019** 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.

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