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Sunday, October 13th, 2019



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Lk 17:17-19

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ..." In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, "Show yourselves to the priests." The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

"As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.



How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

Happy Thanksgiving: As we gather around the table at Thanksgiving, let us thank God, who is the giver of all good gifts. Let us pray... Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your abundant gifts to us. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast, we ask you to send your Spirit, to open our hearts to you and our neighbour, that we may share the gifts you have given us as your Son Jesus taught us to. Thank you for the many blessings of our lives: our family and friends, our home and the food we eat, our health and employment. We ask your blessing on all gathered here today, and all your people throughout the world, through Christ your Son. Amen.



World Food Day—October 16th: A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agricultural Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgement of the nations, ".....I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...." (Mt 25:35). **Thank you to everyone who donated food and other items during this season of Thanksgiving. All donations have been forwarded to Pelham Cares.**

Diocesan Anniversary Mass: Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2019 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, Monday November 25, 2019, 5:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and receive a formal invitation from Bishop Bergie, contact the parish office to fill in a form **by October 18.**

Catholic Women's League

The CWL is asking for assistance making pierogies for the fall bazaar. We will meet on **Tues., Oct 15th @ 9am** to peel potatoes and make the filling. The following day, on **Wed., Oct 16th @ 9am**, the dough will be prepared and the pierogies completed. If you can spare a few hours, please help with this part of the event.

Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 16th., 10am-1pm. More information to follow in coming weeks regarding the bazaar and how you can assist.

Welland Region Fall Conference: Saturday, October 26th, 2019 1-4pm. St. Alexander Parish, Fonthill. Guest Speakers: Carmelina Passero, Topic: Life as the mother of a priest. Deedee Alexander, Topic: The Mantilla (veil & headpiece) and the importance of it.

Mass for the Deceased: The Knights of Columbus Councils of the Diocese of St. Catharines and the Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Catharines Diocesan Council will offer a Mass in honour of their deceased member on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 @ 7pm. Star of the Sea Parish, 34 Elgin St., St. Catharines. Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie. All are welcome. A social will follow in the parish hall.

CWL Membership: We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women's League. Memberships are due as soon as possible for the coming year ahead. Please submit your envelope in the collection plate at Mass or to the church office no later than the end of November as all information and money must be sent to our national office. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 3rd, 2019 or you may 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. If you are joining us from another parish, please include that info as well as the year that you joined. We look forward to your active participation in our league!

All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2019: Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the **special envelopes (if you wish to make a donation)** available at the back of the church. Place the envelopes in the offertory over the next few weeks or bring to the parish office. The names will be written in a **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display as a reminder to pray for those who have passed before us and left an impact on our lives. **Please print the names clearly. If making a donation, include your name and offertory number.**

The clergy of the Diocese will gather at the Priests' plot at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines on Saturday, **November 2nd, 2019 at 11am.**, to remember our deceased brothers and to pray as well for all the faithful of the Diocese who have gone to their eternal reward. All parishioners are invited to attend.

On Saturday, November 23rd, join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You are Called". **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early bird" tickets or for more info about these conferences visit: **branchesoftheword.org** or call Branches at 905-685-7000

October— Month of the Rosary: The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a **powerful instrument for conversion.** The Rosary is the **best** method of honouring Mary.

Parish Calendar

- Oct 7-17... **Fr. Chad will be away— weekday Masses Cancelled**
- Oct 14th..... Thanksgiving
- Oct 14th..... **7pm Holy Hour and Confessions cancelled**
- Oct 15th & 16th... CWL making pierogies, 9am
- Oct 16th..... Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
- Oct 20th..... World Mission Sunday
- Oct 22nd.... Finance Committee meeting 6:30pm
- Oct 22nd..... **First Communion parent meeting & registration in parish hall, 5:30pm**
- Oct 23rd.... Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
- Oct 28th..... **7pm Holy Hour and Confessions cancelled**
- Oct 29 & 30..... **Weekday Masses cancelled**
- Oct 30th..... Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
- Youth Ministry Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.**
- Bingo every Thursday 7pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!**

Fr. Chad will be away from Sunday evening October 7th , returning the evening of Thursday October 17th. Messages will be checked regularly. Consult the bulletin for all Mass cancellations. In case of emergency and a priest is needed, please ask for the priest on call at the hospital. If you are at home and would like a priest to visit, call the office or leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



World Mission Sunday—October 20th. Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Extras are attached to the bulletin. If donating by cheque, please make payable to St. Ann Parish.**

Sunday October 27th marks the day for Notre Dame College School's 44th Annual Pilgrimage for the Developing World. Please support Notre Dame students as they walk in solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Donations can be made online at www.notredamewelland.com, or to a student in our parish.

Cathedral Appeal: In 1995 the Most Rev. Thomas B. Fulton wrote: "From the day of its founding, one hundred and fifty years ago, the Parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria was destined to become one of the premier parishes in Ontario. Not only was it one of the original parishes established in the Niagara Peninsula, but from the outset it assumed a position of prominence in the wider community of Upper Canada. This auspicious position was given further recognition when the parish church was chosen as the Cathedral of the new Diocese of St. Catharines at the time of its creation in 1958." As we now prepare for the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral, we invite you to play a part of history with our renovation and rejuvenation project, **now at 47% of our \$1.2 million goal.** Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure in your church to donate today! **Our own parish to date has donated \$5350.**

ST. Kevin's annual Autumn Hike and Youth and Family Mass: St. John's Conservation Area 3101 Barron Rd. Thorold, Sunday, October 20th, 2019 at 2pm. Hike, prayer service, refreshments at conservation area, Mass 5pm at St. Kevin's parish. Donations to St. Kevin's Food Pantry welcomed.

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| Sat. Oct 12 | 9-10am | Confessions Cancelled |
| | 4 -4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sun. Oct 13 | 9:30am | ✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Teresa & John Sporbeck (Shelley & Nick Dawson) |
| | | ✠ Martin & Teresa Bajuk (Frank & Ivanka Plesko) |
| Mon. Oct 14 | 9:30am | Mass Cancelled |
| | 7-8pm | Holy Hour & Confessions Cancelled |
| Tues. Oct 15 | 9:30am | Mass Cancelled |
| Wed. Oct 16 | 9:30am | Mass Cancelled |
| Thurs. Oct 17 | 9:30am | Mass Cancelled |
| Fri. Oct 18 | 9:30am | ✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family) |
| Sat. Oct 19 | 9-10am | Confessions |
| | 4 -4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sun. Oct 20 | 9:30am | ✠ Cor & Mary Vanderlee (Leo & Emmy Reus) |
| | 11:00am | 25th Wedding Anniversary for Frank & Karen Jankovich (Karen & Michael) |

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory October 5th & 6th, 2019

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| 69 Envelopes | \$1, 865.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 45.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$1, 910.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 515.00 |

Bulletin Sponsorship: In the next few weeks, we will be printing new bulletin covers for the parish. There are a few advertising spots available. If you are interested in promoting your business, please phone the office very soon. Thank you. **Church history study** in our parish hall at 7pm each Tuesday evening. All are welcome to attend.

