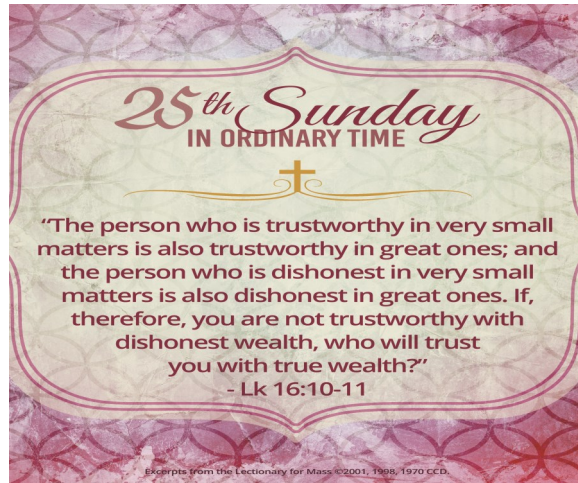


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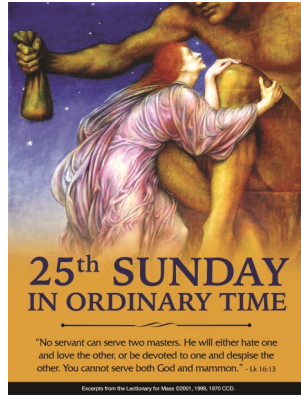


**Sunday, September 22nd, 2019**



**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top. Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done. "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time? Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." This week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?



There will be a study on church history in our parish beginning **Tuesday, October 1st** at 7pm and continuing each Tuesday evening. All are welcome to attend.

**Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments:** What's Most Important? Simply put, you can only have one thing that is the most important in your life. When I ask my children what is the most important thing in their lives, they know to respond, "God." But just because you know that is the right answer doesn't make it the truthful answer. Total allegiance to a sports team seems easier. You won't find a Packers fans secretly wearing a Bear's jersey. However, we can find Christians secretly hoarding their money or doing things based solely on the love of money. Maybe the problem lies in the fact that, at times, we are merely lukewarm fans of Jesus and not disciples. If we truly have matured in our faith and strengthened our relationship with him, then real commitment comes easier. There will always be a temptation for money to take the place of Jesus, but the more committed we are, the harder it is to allow anything to come between us and our God. The question we all must continually ask ourselves is, "Is God truly the most important thing in my life?"

**Confirmation Prayer Partners— Sign up Sheet at the back of the church.** Your role as a prayer partner is to offer a prayer of your choice every day from now until the day of the student's Confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 9th at 5pm.** Please consider being a prayer partner— **9 individuals** are needed.

**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!

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada— September 28/29: thank you for your contribution and solidarity!** As the CCCB President states in his message for the Collection, "Through their Episcopal Conference, the Bishops today continue to work together on doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice, and the development of a culture of life and family.." Thank you for your prayers and your financial contribution. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. If donating by cheque, please make payable to "St. Ann Parish."**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Baskets are at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham Cares appreciated. **Items Most Urgently Needed:** Canned meats, stew & tuna, Sidekicks / Uncle Ben's Rice Mixes, Fruit cups, Regular and Sugar-free Jam / Jelly, Drip coffee, Canned fruit & vegetables; potatoes, mixed vegetables, carrots, mushrooms, Canned Potatoes & Instant potatoes; 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.

**Feast of St. Padre Pio:** St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata, which has never been explained. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry." Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. His funeral was attended by over 100,000 people. Pope John Paul II recognized Padre Pio as a saint on June 16, 2002. His feast day is September 23. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, and the village of Pietrelcina, Italy where he was born.

**Niagara Regional Life Chain:** Are you the missing link? On **Sunday, October 6, 2019** from 2:00pm-3:00pm, join thousands across North America, rain or shine, standing in silent, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Come with your family and friends to pray for an end to abortion – along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Please report to this location at 1:45pm. Participants from St. Catharines area: Highland Ave. & Lundy's Lane; (No Frills store); From Welland, Pelham, Thorold, Port Colborne area: Dorchester & Lundy's Lane; From Niagara Falls area: Prince Edward Ave. & Lundy's Lane.

**The Art of Sacred Listening, September 24, 2019 7-9pm** Catholic Centre, 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

**Parish Calendar**

- September....**
- 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.
- October.....**
- Oct 2....** Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
- Oct 2nd.....** Meeting—parish ministry leaders, 6:30pm
- Oct 4th.....** First Friday visitation of the sick and homebound  
Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- Oct 6th.....** Spanish Mass 1pm
- Oct 7-17...** **Fr. Chad will be away— weekday Masses Cancelled**
- Oct 7th.....** **7pm Holy Hour and Confessions cancelled**
- Oct 9th.....** St. Ann School Thanksgiving Communion service at 9:30am
- Oct 9th .....** Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
- Oct 14th.....** Thanksgiving
- 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!**

**Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY** support group monthly meetings. *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 more information call 905-35 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com). No pre-registration required.

**A Lifeline for Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 25, 2019** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: [Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**The Knights of Columbus** Bishop's Charities Dinner, Club Roma, Sat. Oct. 19, 2019. Tickets \$50.00 each; Reception 6:00pm; Dinner 7:30pm; entertainment, dancing, silent auction; proceeds to support Diocesan Catholic Charities. Tickets: Bill Amodeo 289-456-7888.

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine**, 4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne welcomes Bishop Bergie on **Thursday, October 3, 2019.** Rosary 7:00 p.m., Mass at 7:30 p.m. – **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** The Shrine operates May to October. Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel, the Rosary is recited followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. For more information please call Shelley Tamas, 905-714-7677 or visit [www.rosaryshrineinagara.com](http://www.rosaryshrineinagara.com).

**Serra Club, Diocese of St. Catharines, TRIVIA NIGHT in support of seminarians, diaconate and religious in our diocese.** St. Alfred's Parish Hall, St. Catharines, Oct 25th. Doors open at 6pm. Meal, 6:30pm, Game 7pm. Raffle table, \$20 per ticket. Contact Kate: 905-407-3994(M) Patrick: 416-948-3969(M) OR EMAIL: [SERRACLUBSTC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SERRACLUBSTC@GMAIL.COM)

Sat. Sept 21	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Andy Jankovich (Jankovich Family) Birthday Blessings for Dale Myszczyzyn (Gloria Egert & Family)
Sun. Sept 22	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Karen Kennedy (Mum & Dad Kennedy)
Mon. Sept 23	9:30am	✠ Andy Jankovich (Jankovich Family)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. Sept 24	9:30am	Intentions of Teresa Walters (Teresa Walters)
Wed. Sept 25	9:30am	✠ Patrick Bisson (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Thurs. Sept 26	9:30am	Marie Jankovich (Jankovich Family)
Fri. Sept 27	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon & Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
Sat. Sept 28	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Sept 29	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek) ✠ Mary Myszczyzyn (Gloria Egert)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory September 14th & 15th, 2019**

72 Envelopes	\$1, 940.00
Loose Collection	\$ 55.50
Total Offertory	\$1, 995.50

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **✠Gena Vani** whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish on Wed. Sept. 18th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



