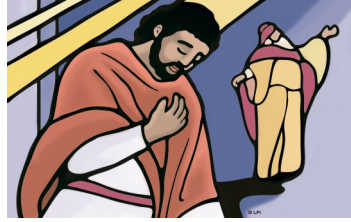


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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector." For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay



on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal. In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who "went home justified." How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it? We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it.

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of November: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

All Saints Day—Reflection: Throughout the Church's history, we have honoured saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits, the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favourite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God? **Masses will be celebrated on November 1st at 9:30am & 7pm.**

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. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30am.**

Offertory October 19th & 20th, 2019

65 Envelopes	\$1,790.00
Loose Collection	\$ 108.50
Total Offertory	\$1,898.50
World Mission Sunday	\$ 743.85
Maintenance	\$ 125.00

Sunday, October 27th, 2019



Sat. Oct 26	9-10am	Confessions
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Stephen Bozik (John & Veronica Douglas)
Sun. Oct 27	9:30am	✠ Mark Simmonds (Carolyn Botari)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Oct 28	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions Cancelled
Tues. Oct 29	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Wed. Oct 30	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs. Oct 31	9:30am	Intentions of Jack & Dorothy Walters (Teresa Walters)
		✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Pat Vaillancourt)
Fri. Nov 1		Solemnity of All Saints
	9:30am	✠ Luciano Armenti (Ferrara/Haynes Families)
	7:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sat. Nov 2		Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
	9-20am	Confessions
	9:30am	Souls in Purgatory
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 3	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
		✠ Lastovic & Rozic Families (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
	11:00am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Christine Meyo & Family)
		✠ Martin, Maria & Ivan Plesko (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)

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

Catholic Women's League
 Our CWL Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 16th., 9am-1pm. **CONSULT TODAY'S BULLETIN INSERT FOR DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN HELP! Phone the office if you have any questions. New this year....On Thursday, Nov. 14th, from 3-5pm, we invite the parents, children and staff of St. Ann School to visit the parish hall for children's games and an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Pierogies will also be available for sale. This is a parish and community event and we hope many will respond to the invitation. If you can help on the day of the bazaar, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.**

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!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Training for the Race If you were going to run a race, wouldn't you need to train? My wife is not a runner, but a few years back, she wanted to participate in a race with my youngest son. She embarked on a journey which included a healthy diet, exercise, and a lot of running. After several months, she was ready. The race came and went but what remained was a sense of accomplishment. She would have never made it through that event if not for her training. When the time came, she was ready. Our life in Christ is a race of sorts. It is not a race that starts and stops again and again but one that continues from our baptism until eternal life with him (hopefully). Even though we never stop the race, we do have moments where we need to hydrate, take nourishment, and gain strength. That's what we do at the Mass and in our parish community. It is in our parish where we find what we need to keep running that race. The problem is that too many assume we only are running the race when we are involved with the parish. Living out our discipleship in stewardship is not only to be done in the Church. In fact, what we do in the Church is to prepare us for what we are called to do during all the times we are not at Church. We encounter Christ in his Church so that we may bring him into a world that needs him. In community, we train and take nourishment so that we have any chance of running the race every day. Don't let your stewardship stop at the church doors. Outside those doors, the race is on!

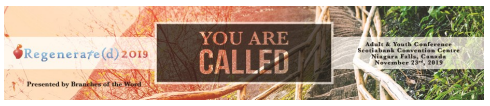
The clergy of the Diocese will gather at the Priests' plot at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines on Saturday, **November 2nd, 2019 at 11am.**, to remember our deceased brothers and to pray as well for all the faithful of the Diocese who have gone to their eternal reward. All parishioners are invited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

Parish Calendar	
Oct 28th.....	7pm Holy Hour and Confessions cancelled
Oct 29 & 30.....	Weekday Masses cancelled
Oct 30th.....	Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
November.....	
Nov 1st.....	Feast of All Saints. Masses 9:30am & 7pm
Nov 1st.....	Visitation of the sick and homebound
Nov 2nd....	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.
	Confessions 9-2:20am, Mass 9:30am
Nov 2nd.....	Confirmation Retreat 9am-12pm
Nov 2nd/3rd...	2020 St. Joseph Missals available to purchase
Nov 3rd....	CWL Memberships are due
Nov 3rd.....	Move clocks back one hour
Nov 8th.....	Confirmation Rehearsal 2:15pm in church
Nov 9th.....	Confirmation 5pm
Nov 11th.....	Holy Hour Cancelled
Nov 11th-14th....	Weekday Masses cancelled
Nov 14th.....	Bingo cancelled
Nov 14th.....	3-5pm—CWL Bazaar open house for St. Ann School community
	CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 16th.....	Special Collection— Deo Gratias
Nov 17th....	Christ the King
Nov 24th....	2020 Offertory boxes available to pick up
Nov 23/24....	

First Sunday of Advent.....December 1st.
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!

St. Joseph 2020 Missals— If you would like one for your personal use, they will be available to purchase **next weekend-** \$3 each. If you are a lector or musician, please take one at no cost.

World Mission Sunday— Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. This support is a blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers and the Lay Catechists who depend on this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.



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". Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **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

Kindergarten Open House and Online Registration 2019: November is Kindergarten Registration month across Niagara Catholic. Open House at St. Ann School will be **Wed., November 20th, 2019 from 9am-6pm. 905-892-3942.** Online registration is available throughout the school year and through the board website or by visiting the school.

Welland Knights of Columbus Council #2146 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in June 2020 and would appreciate it if anyone has any photos, memorabilia or stories they could share with their Council. Contact Patrick Rothwell, Grand Knight, Council #2146 Welland, 905-732-9475.

