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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life.

It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth--whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comforts? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.

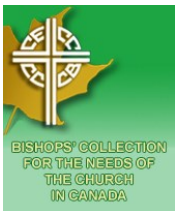
The Legion of Mary: Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Beloved Mother? Are you being called to help the Church through prayer and works? The Legion of Mary is seeking active and praying members in our parish. On **Tuesday, September 27th, at 7pm** there will be a meeting for anyone interested in this ministry. Come and join this wonderful organization.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a practice session for **new** and **current** altar servers **Saturday, October 1st** at 10:30 am at the church. Please attend this session as we will be reviewing important procedures for serving.

Diocesan Anniversary Mass and Dinner: Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th anniversary in the year 2016 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, **Friday, November 25th, 2016, 5:30pm** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and receive a formal invitation from Bishop Gerard Bergie, contact the parish office to fill out a registration form by October 14th. **A dinner will be held at Club Roma, St. Catharines, 7pm.** Details of dinner cost will be included in the formal invitation.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Begins this weekend. Baskets at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham cares appreciated.

The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm** at the Fenwick Lions Club. There will be a guest speaker from St. Kevin's Parish on how their family is enjoying Canada. All are welcome.



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: An invitation to support the faith and evangelization mission of the Church!

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is mandated by the Holy See and the Bishops of Canada to assist dioceses/eparchies and their Bishops in a number of areas of pastoral life: faith formation, doctrine, ecumenical dialogues, international relations, interreligious conversations, liturgy, relations with Indigenous Peoples, social justice, and building a culture of life and family. In his letter to the parishes for the annual collection, CCCB President Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., of Hamilton, expresses the recognition of all the Bishops, a few weeks from the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy towards the parishes for their pastoral care to be close to the suffering and sick people. "We remember our compassionate Catholic response to the refugee crisis as well as to the tragedy of the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Palliative care continues to be undeniably the only moral, effective and much needed alternative, the only truly compassionate choice for the terminally ill and the dying, now that our country has embarked upon this perilous road," the CCCB President writes.

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Bishop's Charities Dinner: Saturday, October 22, 2016, Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines. Reception 6pm, Dinner 7pm with the proceeds going to Catholic charities. Tickets \$50 each payable to **Knights Bishops' Charity Association**. Door prize is a Smart TV. For information contact Bill Amodeo 289-456-7888; Albert Craig 905-988-1222; Chuck Johnston 905-646-5099; Christopher Turner 905-643-3375; Martin Marko 905-401-5646.

Regenerate(d) 2016: Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, Regenerated 2016 will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on **Saturday, November 19th**. This year's theme is on the Holy Eucharist and will feature dynamic talks on how Our Blessed Mother brings us closer to this sacrament, on how to explain the Eucharist to others, on current Eucharistic miracles and the scientific evidence behind them. For early-bird tickets visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

Reasons to Attend: To grow in your understanding of relevant topics to our Catholic Faith; To challenge your own doubts and misgivings about Church teaching; To experience the excitement of your faith in a dynamic setting; To be regenerated and allow God to speak to your heart; To get connected with your Catholic Family.

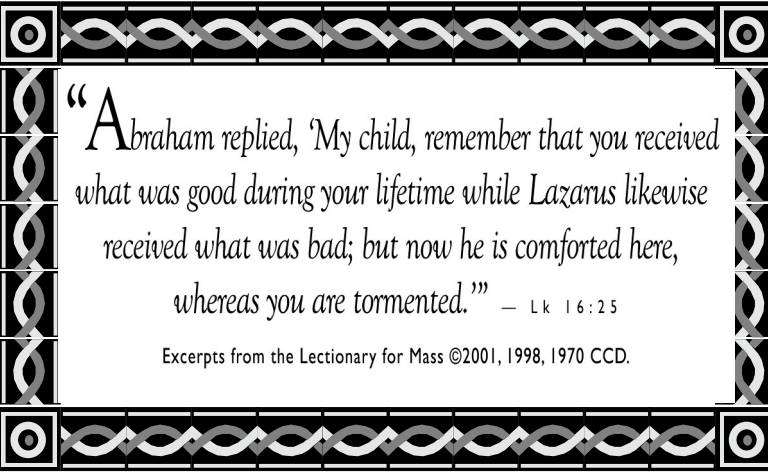
The Catholic Women's League : The fall bazaar fundraiser in November will be a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available. If you would like to purchase tickets or sell them, contact us and we will be happy to accommodate your request. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The DIOCESAN SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY: This month's topics 'Coping With the Stresses of Separation and Divorce' (Sept 26). No registration required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com Pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

Parish Calendar

September.....
Sept 25th.... Special Collection—Bishop's Collection for Needs of the Church in Canada
Sept 27th... Legion of Mary meeting 7pm
Sept 28th..... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Sept 30th.... Office Closed
October.....
Oct 1st.... Altar Server Practice 10:30am
Oct 2nd.... Spanish Mass 1pm
Oct 3rd –18th... Fr. Chad on Vacation
Oct 4th-6th.... Communion Service 9:30am
Oct 5th.... Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 11th.... Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting, 7pm, Fenwick Lions Hall
Oct 11th –13th.... Communion Service 9:30am
Oct 12th... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Oct 22nd-23rd.... **MINISTRY FAIR— more to follow**
Oct 23rd..... World Mission Sunday
Oct 26th..... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Oct 24th..... Holy Hour Cancelled
Oct 25th & 26th.. Weekday Masses Cancelled

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Sat. Sept 24	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 25	9:30am	✠ Ugo & Antonietta Scurci (Scurci, Devine & Gregoris Fam.)
	11:00am	✠ Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
		✠ Craig Mooren (Hall Family)
Mon. Sept 26	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Sept 27	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Christina & Theeben (Vianney & Fam)
Wed. Sept 28	9:30am	✠ Dorothy & Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Thurs. Sept 29	9:30am	✠ Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Fri. Sept 30	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Sat. Oct 1	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 2	9:30am	✠ Ugo & Antonietta Scurci (Scurci, Devine & Gregoris Fam.)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Karen & Robert Franko)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory September 17th & 18th, 2016

72 Envelopes	\$1, 890.00
Loose Collection	\$ 217.60
Total Offertory	\$2, 107.60
Maintenance	\$ 120.00

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend Getaway for marriage enrichment October 21-23, 2016 at Queen of the Apostles in Mississauga. Apply online at www.wwme.org or Contact Gerard & Marge at 1-905-792-1925.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YM starts on Oct 5 for grades 5-8 and Oct 14 for grades 9 – 12. Anyone interested in attending please print and fill out the registration form on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. Anyone interested in joining YM or volunteering with us can check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

The next Chosen Confirmation prep course will take place on Wednesday, **September 28th from 5-6:30pm.** A reminder that these classes will continue to March 22nd, 2017. Dinner will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you all there as we continue on the journey towards Confirmation!

First Eucharist: An information and Registration evening will take place on **Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm** in the parish. All parents/guardians of children planning to receive the sacrament, are expected to attend. More information will follow.

Retrouaille—A Lifeline for Marriage – Do you feel alone? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 14, 2016**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca

Niagara Regional Life Chain: Sunday October 2nd, 2016 from 3:00-4:00pm. Come with your family and friends to pray for an end to abortion along Lundy's Lane. Please report to this location at 2:45pm: No Frills Store – Highland Ave. & Lundy's Lane. For more information contact Amanda—amanda.hendriks@hotmail.com

LIVING ROSARY CONCERT FOR LIFE: Music, Prayer, and Personal Testimony with Gretchen Harris and Donna Lee, (accomplished Musicians from California) along with Fr. Bill Quinlivan, (from the Diocese of Buffalo) on **Sunday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Alfred Church, 272 Vine St., St. Catharines. These talented women will share their personal testimonies about adoption, abortion and transformation through the Mercy of God. Free Will Offering! For further information—905-684-3964.