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**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner’s property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control—not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God’s kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.



Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God’s work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own? God has trusted us with a place in the world, *his* world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.

**October– Month of the Rosary:** The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. This is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. 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.

**All Souls’ Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017:** 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 or write the names on the sheet of paper. 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.**

**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 11th at 5pm.** Your prayerful commitment will be a rich spiritual blessing for you as well as for the student. The Sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please consider being a prayer partner– 7 individuals are needed.

**Looking for an amazing Bible Study?**

Discover the “big picture of the Bible”, as St. Ann’s hosts Jeff Cavins’ popular video series, “The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible.” This exciting study will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels:

- Understand how the **people, places and events of the Bible fit together** in God’s plan of salvation history and **how relevant this is to our lives today.**
- Learn the **six covenants God made with humanity** and how they led to the establishment of the Catholic Church.
- Discover how **your own Catholic faith fits into “His story”.**

The first session of this 24 week, two part series will be offered on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm starting Oct 3, 2017 and will run to Dec 19, 2017** in the Parish Hall; the second part will resume in January of 2018. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$48.99 + tax. Please register by calling the Parish office or by e-mailing [stannsfewick@cogeco.net](mailto:stannsfewick@cogeco.net). Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to the above email address.

**World Mission Sunday: Theme: “Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith.”** Will take place on **October 22nd.** This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.



Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, **Regenerate(d) 2017** will take place again at

the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.** This year’s theme is based upon one of the most important questions of our time, “What is Truth?” and how and where do we find it? In a culture that promotes that truth is relative how do we as Catholics respond? To purchase tickets and more information about these conferences visit [www.branchesoftheword.org](http://www.branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000.



Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

**Spiritual Reading Book Club:** Come out and join lively discussions on inspirational books chosen to deepen the Catholic faith. Meetings are the last Thursday of the month, September—June, 6:30pm, at St. Denis parish, 230 Lake St., St. Catharines. For more information, contact [bcoleman@bell.net](mailto:bcoleman@bell.net). 905-646-1995.

**Parish Calendar**

**October.....**  
**Oct 9th.....** Thanksgiving  
**Oct 11th.....** St. Ann School Thanksgiving Mass 9:30am  
**Oct 16-20....** Weekday Masses cancelled  
**Oct 16....** Holy Hour Cancelled  
**Oct 21....** Confessions cancelled 9-10am  
**Oct 23-25....** Weekday Masses cancelled  
**Oct 23....** Holy Hour Cancelled  
**Oct 22....** Special Collection– World Mission Sunday  
**Oct 29....** Youth Mass during 9:30am Sunday Mass  
**Oct 30....** Holy Hour Cancelled  
**Oct 30 & 31....** Weekday Masses cancelled  
 Every Wednesday: Confirmation classes 4-5:30pm; Youth Ministry 6:30-8:30pm (Grades 5-12)  
**First Eucharist:** An information and Registration evening will take place on **Wednesday, November 8th at 7pm** in the parish. All parents/guardians of children planning to receive the sacrament, are expected to attend.

**For more than 150 years, Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools** have been a distinctive, highly successful and valued contributor to our public education system. The “Together in Faith” campaign amplifies that message by promoting our Catholic school students’ achievements in academics, social justice, and Christian service. Parishioners are invited to join the campaign to strengthen publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario – add your name to the “Together in Faith” community list at [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca). Follow the campaign on Twitter (@Catholicedu) and on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario)) and help us share the Good News! This campaign is sponsored by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association and is supported by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association.

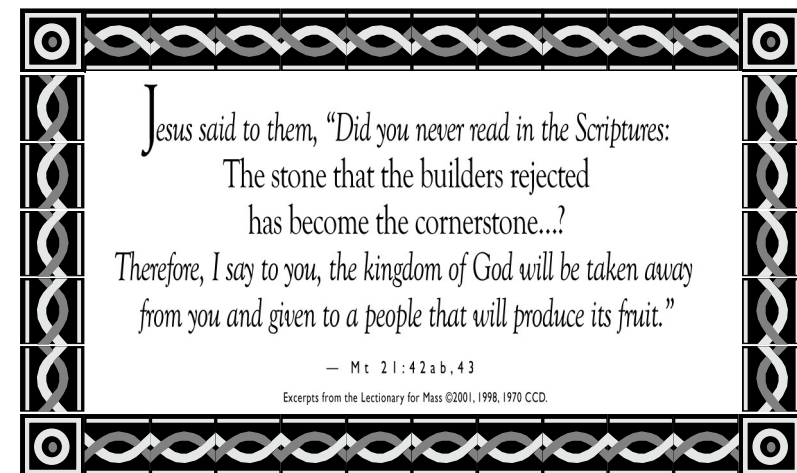
**The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group** meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com).  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Causes of Anger** (note date change to Thanksgiving)  
 October 23, 2017 **Working Through the Anger**  
 November 13, 2017 **Sadness and Depression**

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **November 3, 2017**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

How often do we find ourselves wanting what is not ours? Greed, envy, and even gluttony lead us to a bad end. We live in a world that feels very entitled. Many people believe that wants and needs ought to be provided or simply given to them, without any work or effort. It is easy to feel that we have received the short end of the stick or less than what we deserve. However, feeling shortchanged makes it impossible to walk with gratitude in our hearts and feel a sense of responsibility, the two essential elements of the spiritual life. Are we grateful?

**Sunday, October 8th, 2017**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Sat. Oct 7	9-10am 4-4:45pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. Oct 8	5:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family) ✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
Mon. Oct 9	9:30am	✠ Edward Yagelashek (Gloria Egert)
Tues. Oct 10	7-8pm 9:30am	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b> ✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. Oct 11	9:30am	✠ Frank & Mary Myszczyzyn (Gloria Egert)
Thurs. Oct 12	9:30am	✠ Virginia Correia & Manuel Pereira (Maria Baptista)
Fri. Oct 13	9:30am	✠ Adelaide Pereira (Maria Baptista)
Sat. Oct 14	9-10am 4-4:45pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. Oct 15	5:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) ✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Ted Uranowski & Family)

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

**ST. ANN WEEKLY BINGO—NEW DAY**

**Our church bingo is now on THURSDAY evenings beginning at 7pm.** The format will remain the same—you can play one card or 10. Regular cards are 50cents—specials 50cents each. Jackpot \$100. This parish social/fundraising event assists with some of our regular maintenance items (elevator inspections/licences) and supplements other maintenance expenses. Your support over the years is very much appreciated!