

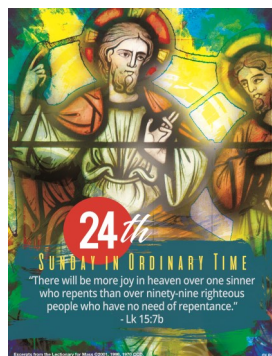
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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlives. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?



Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

**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.** 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—**9 individuals** are needed.

**All are welcome to a free presentation on The Art of Sacred Listening, facilitated by Rev. Bob Bond, Coordinator of Spiritual and Religious Care at Niagara Health, on **September 24, 2019** from **7:00pm-9:00 pm** at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merritville Highway in 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 or emailing [2familyandyouth@saintcd.com](mailto:2familyandyouth@saintcd.com).**

**Join the SAINTCD group study of Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation, Christ is Alive and learn more about his message to Young People and their place in today's Church. The series will run from **7 – 9pm** for **five consecutive Thursdays beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>** at the **Catholic Centre**, 3400 Merritville Highway. Cost is \$25 with the book or \$10 if using a free and downloadable copy of Christ is Alive. Register by Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> by calling 905-684-0154, emailing [familyandyouth@saintcd.com](mailto:familyandyouth@saintcd.com)**

**Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery**, Welland Sat, Sept. 21st, at 11am. Rain date will be Sat., Sept. 28th at 11am.

**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!

**Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments. Patience in all things.**

St. Francis De Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, "Nobody to blame but me!"  
 What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple. You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will.

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada—September 28/29: thank you for your contribution and solidarity!** Following the encouragement of Pope Pius XII, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) was established in 1943 under the name *Canadian Catholic Conference*; it was officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948 and, following the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), became part of the worldwide network of episcopal conferences. 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."**

**First Communion:** If your child is attending a public school and will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this coming school year, please phone the office for information regarding registration and sacramental preparation.

**Cathedral Appeal:** We thank you for prayerfully considering a financial contribution to this important project. Brochures and donation envelopes are at the church entrance. **Our own parish to date has donated \$5250.**

**Parish Calendar**

- September....**
- Sept 15th....** SVDP meeting following 11am Mass
  - Sept 14/15.....** Thanksgiving food drive begins
  - Sept 18th....** Confirmation class 3:30-5pm
  - Sept 18th.....** Opening School Mass 9:30am
  - 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.

**Bingo every Thursday at 7pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!**

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** "Equipping young Catholics to share the truth through word, deeds, and actions, so that their lives are forever purpose-driven and centred on Christ, inviting others to do the same." Wednesday evenings beginning from 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.

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

**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.

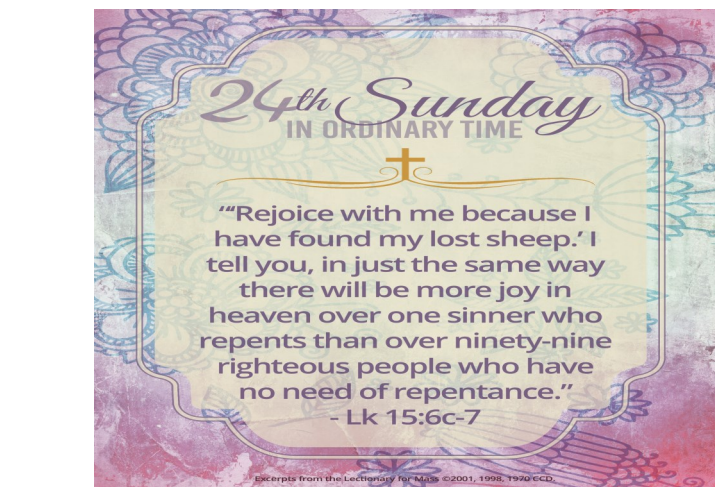
**Married Singles Lifestyle**—The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are now living more like roommates. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels. For confidential information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 25, 2019** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, **905-664-5212** or email: [Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com). Website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Knights of Columbus Cathedral Appeal Fundraiser Pasta Dinner- Buffet Style -Starlight Ballroom Limited Seating for 200** Club Roma, St. Catharines, **Thursday, September 19, 2019**, \$15 per person. Cash Bar. Time 6PM. 50/50 Draw *Proceeds to the restoration appeal for the Cathedral of St Catherine of Alexandria.* For Tickets call Cathedral – 905-684-3964

**The Knights of Columbus** invite you to attend the Bishop's Charities Dinner at Club Roma, Saturday October 19, 2019. Tickets \$50.00 each; Reception 6:00pm; Dinner 7:30pm; entertainment, dancing, silent auction; proceeds to support Diocesan Catholic Charities. For tickets call Bill Amodeo 289-456-7888, Chuck Johnston 905-646-5099, or Al Craig 905-931-3132.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Michael McLaughlin**, brother of Deacon Jim. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 15th, 2019**



Sat. Sept 14	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 15	9:30am	✠ John & Frances Blazic (Ana Mikolic)
	11:00am	✠ Andy Jankovich (Jankovich Family)
Mon. Sept 16	9:30am	Jack & Ivan Wilson (Ava & Austin Wilson)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. Sept 17	9:30am	✠ Agnes Nenadovich (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Wed. Sept 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Thurs. Sept 19	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario) Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Fri. Sept 20	9:30am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Pat Vaillancourt & Family)
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 (Dad & Mum Kennedy)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory September 7th & 8th, 2019**

70 Envelopes	\$1, 625.00
Loose Collection	\$ 74.20
Total Offertory	\$1, 699.20

**Altar server registration forms** were handed out to students last week. If your child is interested, please fill out the form as soon as possible and return it to the school or church or phone the office for more information.



