

Sunday, October 10th, 2021

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
- Mk 10:26-27

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| Sat. Oct 9 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Margaret Marfics (Diane Danku) Birthday Blessings for Kamini Gujadhur (Divya G.) |
| Sun. Oct 10 | 9:30am | ✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) |
| | | ✠ Lewis Tremeer (Tremeer Family) |
| | 11:00am | Missa Pro Populo |
| Mon. Oct 11 | 9:30am | MASS CANCELLED |
| Tues. Oct 12 | 9:30am | ✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & Confessions |
| Wed. Oct 13 | 9:30am | Vince Addario (Lena Addario) 80th Birthday Blessings for Gloria Egert (Lorraine Goodman) |
| Thurs. Oct 14 | 9:30am | Intentions of Teresa Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| Fri. Oct 15 | 9:30am | ✠ Patrick Gilday (Liliana Haynes) |
| Sat. Oct 16 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo) Birthday Blessings for Varun Harish (Divya G.) |
| Sun. Oct 17 | 9:30am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario) |

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses. Offertory September 25th & 26th, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 935.00

Offertory October 2nd & 3rd, 2021

Envelopes: \$1, 135.00

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbour with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbours, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

World Mission Sunday: This year World Mission Sunday is on **October 24, 2021**. It is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Donations can also be made by e-transfer.**

First Communion Class 2021

Congratulations to our young children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on September 26th.

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| Kentyn Boyce | Esben Scott |
| William Boyce | Nathaniel Junkin |
| Michael Adams | Jacob Troyan |
| Lucca Biagi | Alexis Vanderzanden |
| Elia Kasunic | Jullianna Zari |

Happy Thanksgiving! As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us give thanks with grateful hearts, both in word and action for all God's gifts. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.



Sunday, October 17th, 2021



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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| Mon. Oct 18 | 9:30am | MASS CANCELLED |
| Tues. Oct 19 | 9:30am | ✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family) Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & Confessions |
| Wed. Oct 20 | 9:30am | Amer, Divya & Praanjali (Divya G.) |
| Thurs. Oct 21 | 9:30am | ✠ Souls in Purgatory, Especially Priests (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| Fri. Oct 22 | 9:30am | Kleio Addario (Vince Addario) |
| Sat. Oct 23 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Margaret Marfics (Liliana Haynes) |
| Sun. Oct 24 | 9:30am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | Birthday Blessings for Elwood Stuart (Divya G.) |

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Covid-19 Protocols: Please consult the website for information.

Confirmation Prayer Partners- Confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 13th at 11am**. Please consider being a prayer partner. Thank you to those who have volunteered. There will be no sign up sheet this year, so please email the church for the names.



All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2021:

Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the special envelopes which can be found 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.**

Masses on the Feast All Souls will be celebrated at 9:30am and 6pm.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



October- Month of 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 was a favourite prayer of St John Paul II. "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and a theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it."~St. John Paul II

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Call: 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Pre-registration is required. Meetings held both in person & virtually via Zoom platform. Please see contact information above to pre-register and consult the Diocesan website for Covid protocols at saintcd.com October 12, 2021- Coping with Stress (*Note date change to Tuesday due to holiday*). October 25, 2021- Pastoral Care, Fr. Chris Kulig Presenter; November 8, 2021 Causes of Anger

