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Sunday, October 4th, 2020



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement and countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried. We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit. Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not? Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Please join the annual Life Chain along LUNDY'S LANE in Niagara Falls Sunday, October 4, 2:30-3:30 pm, - 3 locations: Highland Ave at No Frills; Midas Muffler at Dorchester; Dr. Little at Prince Edward, in St. Catharines at Lake & Carlton Sts.,(2-3 pm) and new this year – in WELLAND: between Woodlawn & Lancaster, 2:30-3:30, as we witness to the Sanctity of human life. We pray that women will choose life for their child, and our country will protect all its citizens – born and unborn. We ask that participants wear a mask; hand sanitizers will be at tables with signs.

Welland Life Chain—Sunday, October 4th, 2020. Niagara St. Woodlawn-Lancaster. 2:30-3:30pm. Contact Josie 905-327-7996

CWL Memberships: Please have your membership fees in by the end of October. If you have an offertory box, the envelope is dated Nov. 1, 2020 or use a plain envelope. **FEES ARE \$25.**

Offertory September 26th & 27th, 2020

Envelopes	\$2, 135.00
Loose Collection	\$ 45.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 180.00
Needs of Can. Church	\$ 318.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS- Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end. My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it. God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.



October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This Marian devotion is a great gift given to the Church. Dominican tradition states that Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 as he was praying and fasting to assist him in fighting the Albigensian heresy. She gave him the rosary to assist in combating evil and promoting peace. On October 7 we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which commemorates the victory of Lepanto where Christian forces defeated the Ottoman Turks in a naval battle. Pope Pius V had asked all of Europe to pray the rosary for victory and it was achieved. This victory eventually led to greater peace. Praying the rosary can assist us as we strive to live a Christ-centered life. As we meditate on the mysteries we are moved to a deeper understanding and love for our Lord. The rosary also becomes a prayerful means of achieving peace as Our Lady of Fatima promised. It has also served as a powerful prayer for families.

Parishioners are asked to recite this prayer of reparation for the desecration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral. We will begin on Monday, September 14, which is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, and conclude on Monday, October 12, which is Thanksgiving Day.
O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

First Communion Class 2020

Congratulations to our young children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on September 26/27, 2020
Elia Cargnelli, Ashton Gilbert, Summer Jayan, Kait Lilliot, Alexandra White, Noah Young.

Confirmation Prayer Partners—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 on **Saturday, November 7th at 11am. Three more individuals** are needed.

Parish Calendar

October.....

Oct 3/4.....	First Communion
Oct 4....	Respect Life Sunday
Oct 12.....	Thanksgiving
Oct 18.....	World Mission Sunday

Date changes for Special Collections

· Sunday, 4 October 2020:	<i>Pope's Pastoral Works</i> (Rescheduled from the Second Sunday of Easter by the Holy See)
· Sunday, 18 October 2020:	<i>World Mission Sunday</i>
· Sunday, 1 November 2020:	<i>C.C.O.D.P – Development & Peace</i>

Respecting the Covid protocols during this time, you are asked to place your donation in the baskets at the church entrance. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Cheques are to be made payable to "St. Ann Parish".



Revealing the courageous gift of Catholic health care.

Second Annual National Catholic Health Care Week—Sunday, October 4 to Saturday, October 10, 2020

The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths – especially society's most vulnerable.

Awaken: National Catholic Health Care Week is part of a broader Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC) initiative called Awaken: Revealing the Courageous Gift of Catholic Health Care. It is an invitation to unite our voices and create a movement to boldly, confidently express the role, value, and impact of Catholic health care in Canada. Awaken cultivates ambassadors and advocates to be vocal, informed supporters of Catholic health care in Canada. Each of us contributes to this campaign through conversations we have with influencers and decision makers in our communities, provincially, and nationally. Nationally, Catholic health care serves over 5 million Canadians each year and employs over 88,000 people. Our footprint is big. Our hearts are even bigger. And our belief that we are part of each other's journey, there to support and transform one another, is the foundation it's all built on. During this especially challenging time of the pandemic and discussion and action on racism, we offer daily reflections and prayers for each weekday to support you in acknowledging and reflecting on our work and collective impact.

Prayer: Healing God, at this particular time of pandemic and while we are seeking to find ways to reach out and communicate with the most vulnerable, such as seniors living in isolation, we give thanks today for the gift of Catholic health care we have experienced in our own lives and in our communities. We give thanks that Jesus' ministry of healing and reconciliation continues every day as people are healed, accompanied and supported. Bless all those who work to continue the ministry of healing in Catholic health care. Amen

Do you feel alone? – Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 23, 2020**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Sat. Oct 3	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Vince & Janet Janzen (Michael Wilson)
	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
Sun. Oct 4	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Usher in the Social Reign of Christ in the King in Canada (Michael Wilson)
	9:30am	✠ Lewis Tremeer (Tremeer Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Oct 5	9:30am	Special Intention for Sean Walters (Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Oct 6	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Vadakoot Family (Zita Alamparambil)
Wed. Oct 7	9:30am	✠ Catharine Meek (Bianco Family)
Thurs. Oct 8	9:30am	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa Walters)
Fri. Oct 9	9:30am	Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Oct 10	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Conversion of Canada to the Catholic Faith (Karen & Michael)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Teresa Walters)
Sun. Oct 11	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
		✠ Mike Ciolfi (Pat Vaillancourt)

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

