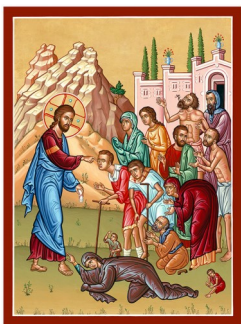


OCTOBER 13, 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God, who offers us salvation.

We see the power of gratitude on display in the Gospel passage from Luke after Jesus heals 10 lepers. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the 10 recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus, and he returned to thank Him. While it's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus, how often do we fail to recognize the blessings, answered prayers, and healings (both physical and spiritual), that the Lord showers upon us day and night?



The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth.

The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing with the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often we hear the phrase, "Count your blessings," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.

BISHOP'S CHARITIES DINNER

Tickets are available for the Bishop's Charities Dinner, Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, reception 6:00pm, dinner 7:30pm, Proceeds going to Diocesan Catholic Charities.

Tickets \$50 each payable to Knights Bishop's Charity Association

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

PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

MON, OCT 14	8:30 am	Carla Ann Pawlik †
TUES, OCT 15	8:30 am	Frances Ann Novak †
WED, OCT 16	8:30 am	Special Intention
THURS, OCT 17	8:30 am	No Mass
FRI, OCT 18	8:30 am	Chester Abramek †
SAT, OCT 19	5:00 pm	James Gorday † <i>Coffee Social</i> followed by Brock University viewing of "Unplanned"
SUN, OCT 20	9:00 am	Mass for the People <i>Coffee Social</i>
	11:00 am	Vittoria Passero † Angela Napoli † Joseph Huibers † <i>Coffee Social</i>

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY, OCT 06

Offertory:

185 Envelopes.....	\$5,396.00
Loose	\$ 339.25
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$4,565.00

Total Offertory.....\$10,300.25

Special Collections:

Bishops Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 240.00
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Total to Date.....\$1,330.00

Cathedral Restotom.....	\$5,000.00
Total to Date.....	\$25,331.50

ST. JULIA PASTA NIGHT

*Mark your calendars now for our first
St. Julia Family Pasta Night
on Wednesday, November 20th.
More delicious details to come!*

DID YOU KNOW.....

...that the mission of Development & Peace, a Canadian Catholic organization, is to support partners in the Global South who promote alternatives to unfair social, political and economic structures? In the struggle for human dignity, Development & Peace forms alliances with northern and southern groups working for social change as well as the consolidation of peace and advocacy for human rights in 70 countries! It also supports women in their search for social and economic justice. Visit www.devp.org for more information on this most commendable organization and watch for the Fall campaign the weekend of October 26/27 here in our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS AWARDS

We congratulate Sasha Schimmelpenninck from our parish who received the Altar Server Award from Bishop Bergie at St. Alfred Parish this past Thursday. Thank you Sasha, and all of our servers for their dedicated service to our parish! The awards are sponsored by the Serra Club of St. Catharines, a group who pray for and promote vocations in our diocese.

MOVIE SCREENING OF "UNPLANNED" AT ST. JULIA

Everyone is invited to the movie screening of "Unplanned," an eye opening look inside the abortion industry through one woman's inspiring true story of transformation. This evening is sponsored by the Brock Catholic Students' Association in our parish hall on Saturday, October 19th. Join us for our Coffee Social with the movie beginning at 6:30 p.m..

A FRAGRANCE FREE COMMUNITY

Thank you for your assistance in making our parish a fragrance-free place of worship. A number of our parishioners are sensitive to scented products, so for the health and consideration of others thank you for wearing non-scented products.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

In 1995 the Most Rev. Thomas B. Fulton wrote: "From the day of its founding, one hundred and fifty years ago, the Parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria was destined to become one of the premier parishes in Ontario. Not only was it one of the original parishes established in the Niagara Peninsula, but from the outset it assumed a position of prominence in the wider community of Upper Canada. This auspicious position was given further recognition when the parish church was chosen as the Cathedral of the new Diocese of St. Catharines at the time of its creation in 1958." As we now prepare for the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral, we invite you to play a part of history with our renovation and rejuvenation project, now at 47% of our \$1.2 million goal. Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure in your church to donate today!

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2019 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, Monday, November 25, 2019, 5:30 p.m. 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 18. Details will be included in the formal invitation.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

SVDP would like to thank you for your generosity this Thanksgiving in assisting St. Patrick Church with their food bank. They are most grateful for our help and friendship. A sincere thank you to St. Peter School for their collecting food for this endeavour and for taking up the food basket during the Offertory Procession this weekend.

"WHAT YOU DO UNTO OTHERS YOU DO UNTO ME"



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46 Broadway Avenue, St. Catharines, ON (Port Weller East)
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Giant Garage Sale

Bazaar

Saturday, October 19, 2019
46 Broadway Ave.

Starts 8:00 am with outside
BBQ Breakfast/Lunch

For your shopping pleasure:

• Crafts	• Housewares	• Toys
• Electronics	• Books	• Jewellery
• Flowers	• Clothing	• ...Much More

Donations Welcome

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All Proceeds to

The Niagara Warehouse of Hope.

2019-2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

...are available in the Narthex of the church. Envelopes are arranged in numerical order. Please refer to the alphabetical listing to find your envelope number. Kindly contact the office if you do not see your name on the list.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Liturgical Ministries October 19—20, 2019

	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Docherty P. Docherty R. McLean	C. Buckley E. Matuch R. Adams	S. Pyper M. Dugo F. Mascia
Readers	N. Johnson K. Timmins	K. Neureuther E. Sauer	L. Flynn S. Lohnes

Counters: B. Abramek & W. Szymiski (October 21)