

OCTOBER 6, 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.



The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

..... 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.

PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

MON, OCT 7	8:30 am	Carla Ann Pawlik †
	7:00 pm	RCIA
TUES, OCT 8	8:30 am	Steve Miller †
	7:00 pm	CWL Meeting
WED, OCT 9	8:30 am	Denis Morris Thanksgiving Mass
		Margaret O'Neill
	9:45 am	Denis Morris Thanksgiving Mass
	10:00 am	SVDP Meeting
THURS, OCT 10	8:30 am	No Mass
	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Mass at St. Peter School
FRI, OCT 11	8:30 am	Kevin McGrath †
SAT, OCT 12	5:00 pm	Marg Doodeman †
SUN, OCT 13	9:00 am	Domenic Alfieri and deceased members of the Alfieri family †
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY, SEPT 29

Offertory:

170 Envelopes.....	\$4,272.50
Loose	\$ 174.85
Total Offertory.....	4,447.35

Special Collections:

Bishops Needs of the Canadian Church	
.....	\$1,090.00
Cathedral Restoration.....	\$00.00
Total to Date.....	\$20,331.50

*Thank you for your continued
generosity and support of our Parish*

You are invited to join us to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with scripture and song on the Feast day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary – Monday, October 7, 2019 – at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, 21 Queen St. South, Thorold ON.

DID YOU KNOW.....

... that there is tremendous symbolism to be found in the funeral Mass? At the very heart of the Mass is the Eucharist, which is a source of life, a source of strength and nourishment, but also an offering of thanksgiving. While the community of God gathers together in sorrow, part of the consolation is in the gathering to offer praise to God and an offer of thanksgiving, being focused not just on the deceased but on Jesus. The priest or deacon also blesses the covered casket with incense, a liturgical gesture that reminds or teaches the faithful that their prayers are rising to heaven, so that the deceased's soul may also ascend to be with God. This is our faith. This is what we believe!

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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

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.sainted.com/appeal or pick up a brochure in our church to donate today!



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The CWL would like to thank those who supported the Alzheimer's Coffee Hour and a very special thank you for our guest Betty Lane who gave a very heartfelt presentation of her journey with her husband's illness. Just a friendly reminder that the CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. Marian Devotions will be held during this meeting.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

S.V.D.P. meetings have resumed! We welcome back our members and invite interested new members to join in our Mission: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love respect, justice and joy. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. in the downstairs meeting room. Please consider joining this Mission.

2019-2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please stop by to pick up your new envelopes this weekend in the Narthex. Please note that we have reassigned envelopes to align with our number series. The envelopes are displayed 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.**

BRANCHES CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Are you aware that as a baptized Catholic YOU have a calling (or a vocation) in life? This is YOUR unique purpose. Do you live with this purpose in mind? On **Saturday, November 23rd** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You Are Called". Keynote speakers such as **Jackie Francois, Matthew Leonard** and others will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early-bird" tickets or for more information about these Conferences visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

Liturgical Ministries October 12—13, 2019

	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Carlucci G. Porco L. Hicks	K. Masse I. Masse P. Palombo	M.J. Modolo L. Flynn M. Epstein
Readers	E. Wood J. Smith	L. Petroff A. Milligan	V. Tommasini G. Treanor

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