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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



September 18, 2022 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.



We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead" Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about the get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth?

That's our lesson and our challenge

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, September 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Kevin Montgomery †

Tuesday, September 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Christopher & Francis Carroll † Sylvia Smith †

7:00 p.m. - St. Peter Confirmation Preparation Night

Wednesday, September 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Don & Catherine Brown †
Clarence DeCoste † | Natale Iorio † | Bruno Mambella Jr. †
7:00 p.m. - Faith Study

Thursday, September 22 - No Mass

Friday, September 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention

Saturday, September 24

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Teresa & Oreste Fabiani † Tom O'Neill †

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m. - Michael Morra † | Special Intention 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People



No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is RETROUVAILLE! The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 21 – 23, 2022.

For more information call Angelo and Chiara at 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Offerings for August

Envelopes	\$ 17,739.25
Preauthorized Giving	9,677.67
Canada Helps	318.85
Interac e-Transfer	3,815.00
Renovations & Repairs	4,151.00
Heating/Air Conditioning	80.00

Total \$ 35,781.77

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish



Please join us!

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is celebrating 55 years of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South! This workshop will serve as our Annual General Meeting and a continuation of year's theme, "People and Planet First". We'll discuss corporate accountability and our own Laudato Si' call to be stewards This is a great opportunity to creation. reconnect with D&P or to introduce someone new! We will gather for fellowship (and free soup!) at 6:00pm, followed by the AGM & workshop at 6:30pm. The evening will wrap up by 8pm.

Date: Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00pm at St. Alfred Parish (227 Vine St. Saint Catharines) Contact Emily (elukasik@devp.org) for details.

CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Catholic Women's League Corner, September 18, 2022

Once again. our St. Julia Council is collecting cancelled stamps for Development and Peace. To support this cause, please place your used stamps, trimmed to have 1/4 inch borders, in the grey and white container on the cabinet behind the back pew.

CWL Book Study St. Catharines Diocese The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen



Starting: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Frequency: every Tuesday

Time: 6:45 p.m., Zoom portal opens; 7 p.m. start

Duration: approx. until 8:30 p.m.

Where: on Zoom—**go to** steatharinescwl.ca at 6:45 p.m. each Tuesday --all info will be on the home page

Suggestion: you may want to keep a journal for this book study!

for Sept. 20, please read up to and including pages 1-23

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA Open House will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in our Divinity Room.

The RCIA is the Church's way of bringing new members into the community of faith. We look forward to the fall when we will begin the process anew. Who should consider RCIA?

- Those who have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic;
- 2. Baptized members of other Christian churches who wish to enter the Catholic Church;
- 3. Catholics out of high school who have never been confirmed and who wish to be fully initiated into the Church by receiving Confirmation.

We also invite interested parishioners to serve on the RCIA team. There are a number of dedicated people involved, but we can always use more. **How Can I help?**

- 1. As a CATECHIST who would give an instruction about the Catholic faith or lead a Scripture Sharing.
- 2. As a HOST who would prepare the room and refreshments for the RCIA gathering.

For those who volunteer for the RCIA team, the various duties would be shared to make it as easy as possible for all. The RCIA is a most rewarding experience for all involved. We encourage you to join the RCIA if you wish to be initiated into the Church or can give your talent as part of the team.

The RCIA meet evenings beginning in October. Questions? Please contact Fr. Greg by calling the parish office, via email at frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com, or by completing this form and returning it to the parish office or in the offertory collection.

DETACH AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE			
I'm interested in RCIA		I'm interested in:	
Name:	Phone::	Joining RCIA	
Address:		Being on the RCIA Team	

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Click Here to print the form. Don't have a printer? Simply email or call the office and we will be pleased to mail you a form. Once completed drop off at the parish office or mail to:

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