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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 4, 2022 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.



In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### Parish Calendar

Monday, September 5

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - John & Margaret Doodeman †

Tuesday, September 6

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention 5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Mass for vocations

Wednesday, September 7
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday, September 8 - No Mass

Friday, September 9

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Chuck Masse † | Fran Novak † Special Intention

Saturday, September 10

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Kevin Montgomery † Special Intention for Jennifer & Edward Murphy

Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Cherie Wilson † | Joseph & Mary Petric †

### **Are You Being Called?**

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

# CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Catholic Women's League Corner, September, 2022

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in Divinity Hall.



## A Prayer for our Students

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form.

As our Children prepare to start a new year may Confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide, and may hope be their Compass toward a bright future.

We pray they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well.

May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.





### Let Go of Worries & Fear and Find Your Peace

Led by: Anna Racine Date: Sept 23-25

Cost: \$325

Do you struggle with being consumed with worry and fear? If you do, you're not alone. Worry and fear will rob us of our joy, our peace and contentment. It wastes precious moments of our lives and takes us away from what we value most.

This Retreat will provide you with tools to find the root cause of your worries and fears and give you practical guidance on how to control your anxieties instead of having them control you. Learn how to start worrying less and living more and find peace of mind.

Presenter bio at www.annaracine.org

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Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine, 4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne welcomes Bishop Bergie on Thursday, September 8, 2022, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. and Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m. – EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The Shrine operates May to October. Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel, the Rosary is recited followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. For more information please call Shelley Tamas, 905-714-7677 or visit <a href="https://www.rosaryshrineniagara.com">www.rosaryshrineniagara.com</a>.

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