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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**
*“Put out into the deep water and let down your
 nets.” (Lk 5:4)*
Sunday, September 23rd, 2018
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

— Mk 9:35b-37a
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Sept 22	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Sept 23	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Jim & Gladys Dorman (Stephanie Anthony)
Mon. Sept 24	9:30am	✠ Carole Price (Gloria Egert)
	6:00pm	✠ Carol Price & Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Sept 25	9:30am	Intention Available
Wed. Sept 26	9:30am	Blessings, Health & Happiness for Rosemary Valacak on the occasion of her 90th Birthday (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic & Family)
Thurs. Sept 27	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. Sept 28	9:30am	✠ Dixie Draper (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sat. Sept 29	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 30	9:30am	✠ Walter Blaszyński (John & Diane Szydłowski)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory September 15th & 16th, 2018

73 Envelopes	\$1,921.00
Loose Collection	\$ 97.00
Total Offertory	\$2,018.00
Maintenance	\$ 120.00

Special Collection—Needs of the Church in Canada: September 30, 2018: . Envelopes are in your offertory boxes.

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to “be the best” goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.



Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. *“The Son of Man is to be handed over ... and they will kill him.”* Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. *“They ... [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest.”* True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. *“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”*

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. *“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”* Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.



Looking for another amazing Bible Study?
 Continue the journey with **Jeff Cavins' popular video series**, “The Great Adventure” as St. Ann's Parish hosts the next study: **Matthew – The King & His Kingdom**. This exciting program will once again take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels! If you are a newcomer to the Great Adventure series you will find this Bible study extremely relevant and practical.

The first session of this 24 week series will be offered on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm starting October 16th** and will run to December 4th, 2018 in the Parish Hall; the second part will resume in January of 2019. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$39.99 + GST. Please register by calling the Parish office or by e-mailing John Douglas at veedouglas@sympatico.ca Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to ja-nine@go2branches.com.

A Missa Solemnis (Solemn High Mass) in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, commemorating the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal in A.D. 1917. **Saturday 13 October 2018 @ 10:00am.** St. Anthony of Padua parish: 360 River Road, Welland. The Mass will be sung in Latin and hasn't been celebrated in this solemn form in the area in almost 50 years. For more information visit www.facebook.com/StAnthonyChurchWelland



Niagara Regional Life Chain: Are you the missing link? On Sunday, **September 30, 2018** from 2:00pm-3:00pm, join thousands across North America, rain or shine, standing in silent, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Come with your family and friends to pray for an end to abortion – along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Please report to this location at 1:45pm: Participants from St. Catharines area: Highland Ave. & Lundy's Lane; (No Frills store); Participants from Welland, Thorold, Port Colborne area: Dorchester & Lundy's Lane; Participants from Niagara Falls area: Prince Edward Ave. & Lundy's Lane.

St. Catharines Right to Life will present Fatal Flaws, a new documentary showing the perils of legalized euthanasia, on **Thursday, September 27, 2018** at Harbour Fellowship Church, 51 South Service Rd, St. Catharines, at 7pm. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more info: 905-684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca.

Bishop's Charities Dinner: Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, reception 6pm, dinner 7:30pm with the proceeds going to Diocesan Catholic Charities. Tickets \$50 each are payable to Knights Bishop's Charity Association. Door prizes. 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.

Confirmation Prayer Partners– Sign up Sheet at the back of the church. 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 which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 10th at 5pm**. Your prayerful commitment will be a rich spiritual blessing for you as well as for the student. The Sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please consider being a prayer partner– **15 individuals** are needed.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Begins the weekend of September 8/9. Baskets are at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham Cares appreciated. **Items Most Urgently Needed:** Canned stew / chili, Canned flakes of chicken & turkey, Hamburger Helper, Manwich Sauce, Drip coffee, Decaffeinated instant & drip coffee, Jam / Jelly, Kleenex, Canned fruit, Pudding mixes / jello, Almond or soy milk - unsweetened, Fabric softener, Disposable razors - women's, Conditioner. Please note that at this time we have an **abundant supply of dried pasta and pasta sauce**.

Catholic Women's League
 Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 24th** beginning with Mass at 6pm followed by the meeting and fellowship. Plans will be underway for the fall bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 17th. Raffle tickets are now available to purchase or you may take books of tickets to sell.

The CWL would like to keep members informed of league activities/events happening in our parish and diocese and a great way to do this is through email. If your email has recently changed or you now have access to email, please notify the office so we can update our records. We look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings this year! Thank you!

Parish Calendar
September
Beginning this month, raffle tickets for the CWL Bazaar will be available to buy or take a book to sell. The prize is \$500. More to follow soon.....
Sept 24th..... CWL meeting beginning with Mass at 6pm
Sept 26..... Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
Sept 30.... Special Collection– Bishop's collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church.
Bingo every Thursday evening 7pm. All are welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY: “Equipping young Catholics to share the truth through word, deeds, and actions, so that their lives are forever purpose-driven and centred on Christ, inviting others to do the same.” Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.
Confirmation Classes have resumed on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates.

The next Spanish Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th at 1pm. A few volunteers are needed to assist with setup and clean up for the luncheon following Mass. Also if you are able to contribute salads and dessert, it would be appreciated. High school students are welcome to assist and their time would be eligible for their community service hours. Phone the office if you can help.



Diocesan Anniversary Mass: Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2018 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, **Monday November 26th, 2018, 5:30pm** 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 12th. Details will be included in the formal invitation. **Our diocese is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Families, friends and parishioners are also invited to join this 60th Diocesan Anniversary Mass.**



Regenerated 2018: Are you aware that the gifts you receive at Confirmation from the Holy Spirit are to prepare you for battle? You may ask what kind of battle are we talking about? It's called 'spiritual warfare'...it's real and it's growing! **On Saturday, November 17th** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2018**. Keynote speakers such as Johnette Benkovic, Thomas Sullivan, Dr. Edward Sri and others will address the misconceptions about this Sacrament and its importance to the stability of the family and ultimately society at large. **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. For “early-bird” tickets or for more information visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000. **Registration forms are at the back of the church.**

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre is hosting an exhibit from the Sanctuaire Diocésain Sainte- Thérèse-de-l'Enfant-Jésus in Quebec City from October 9-24. It is entitled "Therese of Lisieux: Burning with Love," and is comprised of 36 panels of photographs and writings exploring how St. Thérèse lived her vocation as Love in the heart of the Church.

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY *Coping With Stresses of Separation and Divorce* (Sept 24). Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, No pre-registration required.

