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**MADE FOR ETERNITY**

We all have been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, the failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000 year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives - in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

**Office hours**  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**Parish Organizations**  
Catholic Women's League  
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**Parish Groups**  
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**Ministry Schedule - Oct 5/6**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom Shields  
10:00 am - Sharon R. & Pat W.

**Altar Servers**  
5:00pm -  
10:00 am -

**Children's Liturgy**  
Jenn N. & Mary Ann

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
October 6th

**Sept. 29, 2019  
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Heather Tomascini  
#2 - Mitch Pogoda  
10:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong  
#2 - Mary Pikula

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.  
10:00 am - Mike, Mary & Vern

**Stewardship Counting**  
Beth Davis & Mary Ann Paradis

# September 29, 2019

## The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Tue Oct 1	9:00 am For God's blessings upon Gary & Linda Bowron 3:00 pm Graveside Service for Gerald Moore	by Josie & Vern Dell Father Christopher
Wed Oct 2	9:00 am For God's blessings upon the Melo Family & children 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Haldimand Deanery Meeting Caledonia 6:15 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting	by Mr & Mrs Melo Father Christopher Father Christopher
Thur Oct 3	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Jim Flaherty 5:00 pm - 10 pm ACTS Retreat Ministry Men Women Teams Mississauga	by Maureen Flaherty Fr. Christopher
Fri Oct 4	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Ursula & Andrew Koenig For the health and healing & God's blessings upon Maria & Jack Chorley	by family by Joan & Bob Hignett
Sat Oct 5	<b>The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:30 am Diocesan Discernment Wrap-up Workshop at St. Alfred's 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 6:00 pm Family Fun Night Parish Hall	Fr. Christopher & Repls
Sun Oct 6	10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Stefano Carbonara For God's blessings upon Joan & Bob Hignett for their 55th Wedding Anniversary	by Josie & Vern Dell by Heather Belmont

#### CATHEDRAL APPEAL PARISH UPDATE UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS Target Appeal Amount \$6,500.00

1 Pledge. \$300.00  
21 Donations from Parishioners \$4,351.00  
Catholic Women's League Donation \$500.00  
Father Christopher Gillen \$1,000.00

#### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) DIOCESAN UPDATE

The momentum continues to build! Since the launch of our appeal in our parishes on the weekend of May 11/12, we have raised \$421,206.81 in cash donations and \$119,979.20 in pledges (as of Sept. 18, 2019). This brings our total raised to \$541,186.01 or 45% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many, from both within our diocese and outside. Considering a donation to our project? There is no better time than now to be a part of this beautiful restoration of the Mother Church of our diocese! Visit us on the web at : [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) today or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today.

#### FAMILY FUN NIGHT Karaoke for Everyone Including Kids

Saturday, October 5th, 2019  
Following 5:00 pm Mass in the Church Hall  
\$10.00/person (Sausage on Bun) - White Ticket  
\$5.00/person (Wiener on Bun) - Grey Ticket  
Children 5 and Under are free  
(Included with above - Sauerkraut, Chips, Bean Salad, Ice Cream, Pop/Tea/Coffee)  
Tickets available on September 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29 before & after mass. Please Come out and support this joint venture by our Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League  
**Tickets Must be Purchased by September 29th**

#### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Several parishioners have indicated that they would like to engage in a weekly Bible Study. "The Bread of Life" Catholic Bible Study which gives us an opportunity to review the liturgical readings for the following Sunday. This would take place in the parish hall from 9:30am-10:30 am each Thursday. This review will give us a greater understanding of the Liturgy of the Word. If you are interested, please let Marg Van Geest (905-957-2803) or Pauline Lewis (905-957-9363) know before the end of **September so we could begin on Thursday, October 3rd.**

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration forms along with sponsor form and guidelines have been presented to Grade 8. All forms MUST be returned before or on Thurs Oct 24, 2019. Late registrations will not be accepted. Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday December 5, at the evening vigil Mass.

#### CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Voting as Catholics: Federal Election Guide  
[http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019\\_Federal\\_Election\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019_Federal_Election_Guide.pdf)

#### COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

Thank you for your contribution and solidarity! Each year, and with the generosity of Catholic faithful from coast to coast to coast, the Bishops of Canada continue their work on important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice; and the development of a culture of life and family. In addition to their national Conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB and the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church, as well as the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. On behalf of all Bishops of Canada, the Most Reverend Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and CCCB President, shares his gratitude for the continued support of the Church in Canada, "With my prayers and thanks for your generosity, I ask the Lord to bestow his graces upon you, your families and communities."

#### REGENERATED(D) 2019

As a baptized Catholic you have a calling (or vocation) in life. On Saturday, November 23 join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre for Regenerate(d) 2019: "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. Regenerate(d) Youth will run simultaneously for ages 12 to 18. For more information or "early bird" tickets visit: [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call 905/685-7000.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Sept 21/22, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (69 Env)	\$ 1,665.00
Loose Collection	\$ 123.00
Facility Maintenance (1 Env)	\$ 10.00

Weekly budget: \$ 2,100.00

Registered Families: 186  
Registered Sunday Envelope Users: 148

*Thank you for your consistent stewardship*

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

- TBD - Parish Discernment Meeting
- TBD - Financial Council Meeting
- Wed. Oct 2 - Haldimand Deanery at St. Patrick's Church Caledonia 12:00 - 2:00pm.
- Wed Oct 2 - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting beginning at 6:15 pm
- Wed Oct 2 - Knights of Columbus General Meeting beginning at 7:00pm
- Wed Oct 9 - Catholic Women's League Meeting beginning at 7:00pm
- Wed. Oct. 16 - Haldimand Regional Convention for Catholic Women's League at St. Martin's beginning at 6:00pm.
- Mon. Oct. 28 - Wed. Oct. 30 - Diocesan Priestly Study Days at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.
- Thurs. Nov. 14 - Sun. Nov. 17 - Women's ACTS Retreat.
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - Sun. Nov. 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat.

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO WORSHOPS

- Sat. Oct 5 - 9:30 - 12 noon - Diocesan/ Parish Discernment Workshop at St. Alfred's St. Catharines. In preparation for Diocesan Synod in 2020. Parish Reps: Lisa Poort, Vern and Josie Dell.

#### BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend the Bishop's Charities Dinner at Club Roma, Saturday October 19, 2019. Tickets \$50.00 each; Reception 6:00pm; Dinner 7:30pm; entertainment, dancing, silent auction; proceeds to support Diocesan Catholic Charities. For tickets call the parish office.

#### NEXT EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2:00 pm to 3: 00 pm.**  
**Changed to the Second Sunday of the month due to Hospitality the First Sunday of the month.**