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Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God!

He gives us victory
through Our
Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57





27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 8 October 2017

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builder rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom." Matt: 21:42 a b – 43

First Reading + Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading + Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel + Matthew 21:33-43

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 9

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, October 10

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Tim SKELTON, RIP – M Heydon

Wednesday, October 11

8:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – C Walsh/Family

Thursday, October 12

8:00am+Joe MCCARROLL, RIP – P/C Morrison

Friday, October 13

12:10pm+Margaret CROWLEY, RIP – M/A Crowley

Saturday, October 14

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Jack MAHER, RIP – P/M Heffernan

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, October 15

9:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Crump Family

10:30am+Jim/Rita VANDERVOORT, 60th Wedding Ann.

How Do I Become Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic have them contact Fr. Glass at father.glass@gmail.com

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Through a glass darkly.

There are some things that are, strictly speaking, unimaginable — we quite literally cannot form a mental image of them in our minds. For example, we know that the universe was created from “nothing,” but it is impossible for us to have a mental image of nothingness. Or take the case of a man born blind: even though he may acquire a thorough scientific knowledge of the properties of light, it is impossible for him to have a mental image of the color red. We can only picture in our minds what we have first seen with our eyes. Or as St. Thomas Aquinas puts it: *nihil in intellectum nisi prius in sensu* — there can be nothing in the intellect unless it is first in the senses.

This is the difficulty that we face when we try to imagine God. Since we cannot grasp God with our senses — we cannot see him or hear him or touch him — it is not possible for us to have a true mental picture of him. This is true even for the loftiest theologians and the holiest saints. This impossibility of imagining God leads many people to doubt his existence, as if a blind man would doubt the existence of color.

There are many things that we can know about God and many things that we can say about him: that he exists; that he is all-knowing and all-powerful; that he created the universe and everything in it. But even though we can know all these things about God with certainty, still we cannot imagine him. We describe God as a spiritual being, but that is not strictly true. God is not “a being” at all — God is the *source* of all being. Even when we say “God exists,” that is true only in the sense that God is the *source* of all existence. God cannot be put into any category.

How then can we see God? We are like poor blind Bartimaeus, standing in the crowd and crying out as Jesus is passing by. Jesus stops and calls him forward. “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus says: “I want to see.” Jesus then gives him the power of sight, saying: “Go, your faith has made you well.” This physical healing is only the symbol of a greater spiritual healing.

We “see” God through Faith — Faith is “a way of knowing.” Faith is often represented as light or vision. In the familiar hymn we sing, “I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.” One spiritual writer referred to our connection with God as a “cloud of unknowing,” an intimate and sure knowledge of God, but without any distinct images.

How does one describe the certainty of faith? On the one hand it is absolutely certain — there is not the least doubt. But on the other hand, there is also an inevitable obscurity: God, in his very nature, transcends all human thought and imagination. In this world, we walk by faith and not by sight. “For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

Saint of the Week:

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

- Pope John XXIII (1881-1963), Pope of Second Vatican, Feast Day October 11

WE NEED
YOU!

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CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, November 4, 2017
10:00 am to 1:30 pm

We are looking for **volunteers** for all areas, and for **donations** of sandwiches and sweets for the tea room; baking, breads, candy, preserves, pickles, etc. for the bake table; new items for the penny table; new or gently used Christmas ornaments, cleaned jewelry and scarves (donation box in lobby); and bakers, apple peelers, box folders for the bake off. Please sign up on the sheets in the church lobby. **There is a job for everyone. We need you!!!** Conveners: Dawn Westcott 705.435.9914, Helen Beamish 705.435.9761 Marion Pickett 705.434.1091



Catholic Youth Ministry
For Grades 9-12

KICK - OFF!!

Saturday, October 14th
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Social and Games Night!

Out of the Cold Program

New Tecumseth hopes to open the doors to its **first “Out of the Cold” shelter** this winter at 41 Paris St. The shelter will provide accommodation and meals from November to April for up to 16 people a night.

The planning committee has sought help from all the local churches. In response, St. Paul the Apostle Church has pledged that they will provide a meal for those present on Monday evenings. That works out to 23 Mondays.

We are not looking for anything complicated. What is being suggested is a one pot dish; something like a casserole, a pot of chili, or a hearty soup. You don't need to worry about any fancy touches; just plain, simple but nourishing food. The dish can be delivered on Monday morning before 8:30 or on Monday evening around 7 pm. It should already be cooked so that the volunteers need only heat it up.

In the prayer, ‘The Our Father’ we ask to be provided with our daily bread. **We need your help to make this happen!!** Please consider helping the less fortunate in our community and sign-up for one of the Mondays at the back of the church. For further inquiries please phone:
Martha Whelton 705-435-0991

FIRST COMMUNION

*****CORRECTION*****

FIRST SESSION:

Group A: Wednesday, 11 October, 6:00 pm

Group B: Friday, 13 October, 6:00 pm

Come join us for prayer in honour of

Our Lady of Fatima

Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions,
and Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Andrew Mayer.

Where: Henry Carr Farm

When: Wed. Sept. 13 and Fri. Oct. 13
from 10:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Claudette Morrison 705-435-3234

We will be having light potluck refreshments!

All are welcome!

† *All Souls Day Masses*

November 2nd @ 8am & 7pm

For All the Faithful Departed of the Parish.

All Souls Envelopes can be picked up at the back of the Church. All donations will go directly to Cemetery Board for the upkeep of our parish cemeteries.

Calendar of Events

Oct 8 – Muffin Sunday following the 10:30am mass
Oct 10 – Our Lady of Fatima Video Sessions 7:30pm
Oct 10 – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 11 – 1st Communion Class Group A ~ 6:00pm
Oct 12 – K of C General Meeting at 7:30pm
Oct 12 – CWL Executive Meeting at 7:00pm
Oct 13 – 1st Communion Class Group B ~ 6:00pm
Oct 14 – First Life Teen Night at 6:00 – 9:00pm
Oct 15 – K of C 4th Degree Meeting 4:00pm

The Catholic Women's League: During this Thanksgiving we give thanks to this group of women who volunteer their time and talents to organize and run events for our parish and community such as the Christmas Bazaar, Garage Sale and Potato Festival Pie Booth. Over the years this group has donated to our parish debt considerable and capital upgrades and repairs as well as providing services. Recently we received from the CWL a \$2,000.00 donation towards the Lawn Sign, \$650.00 towards the north door canopy which is currently being manufactured. They also contribute to our Youth Program by donating \$700.00 towards the Steubenville Retreat and Edge Camp. CWL also assists with youth events such as the Oktoberfest and Pierogi Dinners. **Thank you for all you do!**

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