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Do You Know What You Are Asking?

From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; October 21, 2018

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✠ **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

October 17, 2021

PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL EXTRAORDINARY APPEAL:

TODAY we would normally have been conducting our annual Parish Harvest Festival. We are hoping that with this extraordinary appeal to your generosity, we might be able to offset the loss of \$25,000 that would have normally been raised with the dinner and raffle draw. Please use the Harvest Festival envelope that is supplied in our Sunday box of envelopes, or the ones that are at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we make this appeal to all registered parishioners.



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Parents who desire that their children receive these Sacraments will be responsible for teaching their children at home and will also be assisted by parish catechists. To register, first speak to Fr. Burchat in person after any Saturday/Sunday Mass. Parents must feel that it is “safe” to return to regular attendance of Sunday Mass and commit to do so.

Today’s Gospel passage (cf. Mk 10:35-45) describes Jesus who, once again and with great patience, tries to correct his disciples, converting them from the world’s mentality to that of God. The opportunity is given to him by the brothers James and John who approach the Teacher and make their request: “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory” (v. 37).

Jesus knows that James and John are inspired by great enthusiasm for him and for the cause of the Kingdom, but he also knows that their expectations and their zeal are tarnished by the spirit of the world. Thus he responds: “You do not know what your are asking” (v. 38). And as they are speaking of ‘thrones of glory’ on which to sit beside Christ the King, he speaks of a “cup” to be drunk, of a “baptism” to be received, that is, his passion and death. James and John, always aiming at the hoped-for privilege, say in an outburst: yes, “we are able”! (v. 39). But here too, they do not truly understand what they are saying. Jesus forewarns that they will drink his cup and receive his baptism, that is, that they too, like the other Apostles, will take part in his cross, when their time comes. However, Jesus concludes: “to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared” (v. 40). As if to say: now follow me and learn how to love ‘at a loss’, and the heavenly Father will see to our reward. The way of love is always ‘at a loss’, because to love means to set aside egoism, self-referentiality, in order to serve others.

Jesus then realizes that the other 10 Apostles are angry with James and John, and thus show they have the same worldly mentality. And this offers him inspiration for a lesson that applies to Christians of all times, for us too. He says: “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all” (vv. 42-44). It is the rule of Christians. The Teacher’s message is clear: while the great people of the Earth build themselves ‘thrones’ for their own power, God chooses an uncomfortable throne, the cross, from which to reign by giving his life: “the Son of man”, Jesus says, “also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (v. 45).

The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place; it is the medicine for status seekers, this seeking first place, which infects many human contexts, and does not even spare Christians, the People of God, nor even the ecclesiastical hierarchy. Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 20 - 22

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	+Larry McEachern <i>by Bob & Sandy Lee</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	+Joan Robinson <i>by Judy Holmes</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+Sandra Pickering <i>by Wayne, Denise & Andrew Pickering</i>

✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 24, 2021

Saturday	<i>3:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
	4:30 p.m.	+Lou Martin <i>by Robert & Ann Eddy</i>
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of the People (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners: that they would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion;
- that as our Country and Church remember the truth of past and present injustices towards First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples, may we also recommit to ongoing reparation, reconciliation and the path of friendship;
- parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: *Sylvia Desarmia* and *Jackie Heath*.

CHURCH ACCESS: remains open for personal prayer Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. At this time, for security reasons, access is now only by the side door.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOL FOR MASSES AT SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: Even as we return to some “normalcy” for our Masses (i.e., limited singing, processions, etc), face masks and social distancing are still mandatory in our church at this time. When necessary for easier breathing, masks can be lowered below the nose but only when you are socially distanced from others and in your own pew. We ask everyone to show charity by complying and when instructing visitors. All pastoral and parish staff at St. John Chrysostom are double vaccinated.

SUNDAY OFFERING: October 10 - \$3,416.29. Thank you for your continuing commitment during these difficult times of pandemic and testing of faith. Sunday Envelope Offerings can also be put through the mail slot on the parish office door.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Why not use direct deposit for the sake of convenience and for the continual support of our parish? Just call the parish office to set it up! We have 55 parishioners who have chosen this option.

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: This monthly appeal uses a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. The amount of \$6,199.25 from the month of September was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT: The 12th Annual Women's Fall Retreat, "Be Encouraged", will be held by Zoom on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 9am - 3pm. Women of all ages are invited to a day of encouraging talks, inspirational music, breakout sessions, and Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian McNally. Laura O'Reilly, from the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, will again be the speaker. For more information and to register, please go to www.womensfallretreat.com. The cost for the day is \$30. Further queries can be directed to Diane Melanson-Howe (613-992-4693).



Catholic Women's League Nancy Black, *Madame President*

Next Meeting: *Wednesday, November 3 @ 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall*

Bake Sale: While there will be no Pie Sale this year, there will be a bake sale on December 11/12. More details to follow.



Knights of Columbus Bob Lee, *Grand Knight*

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Business Meeting: *Monday, November 1 @ 6 p.m.*

Executive Meeting: *Monday, October 25 @ 7 p.m.*

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Mass for Faithful Departed Brothers: Saturday, November 13, 4:30 p.m.