

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2017

We are called to discern God's will in our lives and follow it, as Jesus did.

CWL - Please join the CWL for the Rosary at 7:00 pm **Tuesday October 10th**. Our General Meeting will follow at 7:30 pm after the Rosary.

Investiture in the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel - On the First Saturday of Oct following the 9am Mass there will be an investiture of the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel. Brown Scapulars will be available. Sister Lucia of Fatima said, "one could not follow the Message of Fatima unless he fulfilled the five conditions, one of which is the wearing of the Brown Scapular all the time - day and night." On the First Saturday of Oct following the 9am Mass there will be an investiture of the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel. Brown Scapulars will be available.

Life Chain takes place this Sunday 2-3pm. Life Chain is a peaceful demonstration that advocates the dignity of each human being. The closest Life Chain location to our parish is at St. Joseph and Orleans Blvd.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Parish enrolment for Levels 1 and 2 of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is open for the Fall 2016-Spring 2017 session. CGS is a Christ-centred program that introduces children to biblical and sacramental themes in a way that embraces their youth, joy and capacity for prayer. CGS sessions take place in a Montessori environment called an atrium, located at the parish. Level 1 is designed for children aged 3, 4 and 5, while Level 2 is for those aged 6, 7, and 8. Level 1 sessions will take place on Thursday OR Saturday mornings, while Level 2 sessions will take place on Thursday evening OR Saturday morning.

Do you have children or grandchildren in this age range whom you'd like to send to this weekly 1.5 hour program which begins after Thanksgiving? Please contact Beth Jaz at [613-590-9741](tel:613-590-9741) or beth.jaz4@gmail.com or Sarah MacDonald-McLean at [613-424-2133](tel:613-424-2133) or smacdo03@gmail.com for additional details on this wonderful program. Registration forms can be found in the gathering space, in the parish office, or on the parish website.

RCIA - YOU ARE INVITED!

Sometimes invitations lead us to totally unexpected experiences...to a life of peace, faith, and hope.

If you have **never been baptized** and find yourself attracted to the Catholic faith, come and explore the possibilities of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A)** is a process by which one can answer God's invitation! Good Shepherd Parish offers R.C.I.A., a process of learning and discussion held in the context of prayer, shared experiences, and the Word of God!

We meet each **Wednesday from 7:00p.m - 8:30 p.m. beginning October 4, 2017.**

If you feel this invitation may be intended for you (or someone you know), please call Kimberley Waara for more information. 613-590-7613.

Offering for September 17, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3024.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 656.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 6340.00

Needs of the Canadian Church \$ 1781.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

From the Deacon Dan's corner – Mt 21.28-32 September 30, 2017

In today's first reading, we hear God responding to the people of Israel who declared His ways as unjust. They may have presumed that if they were once righteous but changed their ways, their former righteousness would save them. In the same way, if they were once wicked and then became righteous, their former wickedness would still prevail. But the difference between God's ways and those of the Israelites in the first reading was made more dramatic in today's Gospel.

In today's parable, two sons were asked by their Father to work in the vineyard. That would have been a lowly assignment in those days because labourers and slaves were the ones that normally worked in the vineyard of the master. The first son refused his father's directive but later changed his mind and went to work in the vineyard. At first, the second son agreed to go – but didn't.

“Which one obeyed the father - the one who agreed to go and didn't, or the one who said no but later went?” The answer should be clear. They both made changes; one was positive and the other negative. There are times when we are the second son - we make promises quickly, only to change our mind – and this often occurs in the framework of our relationship with God. Can we recall how many times we went to confession and ended with these words “...I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace...” and how many times we acted contrary to that, even when the grace of God was always sufficient for us. How many of us have stood by our New Year's resolutions? How many still remember to keep the vows of Baptism renewed each year at Easter?

Positive change is needed in our lives. But often we're faced with something that stands in our way. We have become our own greatest obstacle. We take so much time noticing the negative in other people that we can fail to see the negative in our own lives; choices; decisions; plans; and goals – several of which can run contrary to God's expectations of us. Often, we see ourselves as righteous men and women and believe that that label stands to save us - regardless of the wrong we do afterwards. God wants us to be consistent. That was why our Lord said: “let your yes be yes, and your no be no; anything other than these comes from the evil one”.

As we begin a new week, let's admit that change will always take place. But let's take some time to examine that big obstacle (ourselves) and move forward with positive and helpful changes. Have a wonderful, blessed week filled with God's free gift of grace!

English as a Second Language — assistance requested

A key to settling in to their new life in Canada is that all members of our sponsored Syrian family be comfortable in the use of the English language.

There remains a need for English as a Second Language training for Mrs. Krait. If you are able to assist in any way (large or small) please contact Marilyn Olsen via email (mabolsen@rogers.com).

INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30– Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
5:00 †Michael D’Souza req by Carmen D’Souza
†Charles Lawrence req the family
Mass of Special Intentions req by Ken & Dorothy Riopelle
†Father Joseph Kane req by Joe & Donna Verner

Sunday, October 1 –Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Intention of Gert Hall req by Jean Hall
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
†Josephine Joseph req by Magdalena Joseph

Monday, October 2 – Memorial, The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 am †Sr. Patricia Fontaine req by the Atherton family

Tuesday, October 3 – Twenty Sixth Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory and a mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 5 – Twenty Sixth Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Byrnes, Lemieux & Vinette families req by Joe Byrnes

Friday, October 6 – Twenty Sixth Friday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Georgette Akiki req by the family

Saturday, October 7– Twenty Seventh Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Cletus Downey req by the family
†Christina Husbands req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
†Dawn Shaver req by George Shaver and family
†June Irwin req by the Laciak family
Intention of Catherine req by a Parishioner

Sunday, October 8 – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Ron Joly req by Jean Hall
†Katie Lewis re by Carol-Ann & Claude Trudel
†Noeline De Cruz req the family

Please pray for our sick; Julia Ferguson, June Cheverie, Antoinette Tissaaratchy, Joe MacDonell, June Cheverie, Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Prema Raddalgoda, and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God’s love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that the Church’s call to repentance and promise of mercy may reach and comfort all those who suffer because of a past abortion. Post Abortion healing retreat takes place Friday 10 - Sunday 12 Nov. For additional information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca
Life Chain takes place this Sunday 01 Oct, 2-3pm. This is a silent prayerful witness to the dignity of all human life. The closest location to our parish is the intersection of St. Joseph & Orleans Blvd. Other locations include: Montreal Rd. & St. Laurent Blvd.; Vanier Pkwy. & Montreal Rd.; St. Patrick & Cobourg.