

**OCTOBER 4th , 2020 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

***Saturday, October 3rd***

430 Francis Erwin De la Cruz by Mr. & Mrs. D. Corpus

***Sunday, October 4th***

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

***Monday, October 5th***

St. Faustina Kowalska

9:00 Aline Chretien by Dr. Gaston and Maria Schwarz

***Tuesday, October 6th***

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

St. Bruno

9:00 Aline Chretien by Dr. Gaston and Maria Schwarz

***Wednesday, October 7th***

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 Ruddy Songuir by the Family

***Thursday, October 8th No Mass***

***Friday, October 9th***

St. Denis and Companions

St. John Leonardi

9:00 In Thanksgiving by Anna

***Saturday, October 10th***

430 Souls in Purgatory by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

*This week*

*the Sanctuary lamp*

*will burn in memory of*

***Horacio Limgo by the Family***

**REFLECTION**

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ’s disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in “baby steps.”

Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today’s Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father’s request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father’s will. The first son tells his father, “no.” At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son’s honest, less-than-perfect response, is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven’t we all felt this way at times when God’s will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it’s just to say, “I don’t think I can, Lord,” He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

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### ***Mary Queen of the World Basilica: Sunday & Daily televised Mass in English***

Salt + Light will be broadcasting the English Mass celebrated at Mary Queen of the World across Canada. Mass will run daily at 8:30am and Sunday at 8:00am **starting October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Bishop Thomas Dowd has called on Catholic Action to reach out to our English-Speaking Catholic community to participate in this new and exciting project. They need English lectors, one reader per service as is the current protocol. Contact Judy Wong at [jwong@catholicaction.ca](mailto:jwong@catholicaction.ca)

### ***STUCK AT HOME? TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF EVERYTHING?***

*An invitation from St. Thomas à Becket Parish*

**Wednesday, October 7**, will see the launch of our Fall 2020 session of Sycamore, following a very successful first experience last year.

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and some time for discussion. There’s no pressure, no commitment, no charge. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged. There’s a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship and some great conversation. Everyone is welcome. Given current circumstances, the program will be entirely online.

See the trailer and register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxm6g9b8> or visit our website: [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca)

### ***Montreal Directed Retreats***

Enjoy a tranquil and restful silent personally directed weekend retreat at beautiful Villa Saint Martin located on the shore of Rivière des Prairies in Pierrefonds, QC. For the past 48 years, Montreal Directed Retreats has been helping individuals to find “rest for their souls” through directed retreats. We welcome you to this historic Jesuit retreat house and invite you to take some time for yourself the weekend of October 9-11, 2020 For further information or to register: email [montreal.directed.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:montreal.directed.retreats@gmail.com)

### ***Recovering Together!***

***Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s new national campaign for a green and just recovery from the pandemic.***

This national campaign is focussed on global solidarity in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic has put our human family in crisis. Severe malnutrition and extreme poverty are increasing around the world as people get sick, jobs are lost and markets are closed. Vulnerable people including refugees, women and Indigenous peoples face the worst impacts of the pandemic., which began while we are facing another global threat—the global climate crisis.

Together, we have to tackle these global challenges of the pandemic, climate change and extreme inequality that have come to define our era. How we respond right now will determine the future of life on our planet. This critical moment is our opportunity to create the greener and more just world that we have always dreamed of.

Our greatly reduced travel has temporarily reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Government programs such as the CERB have shown how a universal basic income could reduce poverty. These changes prompted by the pandemic have demonstrated that another world is possible. At the same time, the pandemic has exposed the extreme inequalities of our current economy. In his Urbi et Orbi message this Easter, Pope Francis called on us to put people and the environment first in the response to the pandemic, encouraging “political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life.” The Holy Father reminded us that “now more than ever, persons, communities and peoples must be put at the center, united to heal, to care and to share.” There will be a collection in our parish (date to be announced) You can also make a donation online directly to Development and Peace at <https://www.devp.org/en>