

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 14, 2007

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday - Saint Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Tuesday - Saint Marguerite d'Youville
Wednesday - Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Thursday - Saint Luke
Friday - Saint Paul of the Cross

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15th

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Robbie Collins by Mickie O'Heare & Family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Rita McGuire by Elizabeth & Des Bolton
11:00 a.m. (1) Earl Brennan by Grace and Family
(2) Gerry Collette by Elizabeth & Des Bolton

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: \$2667.99 Thank you for your support.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. HOW ABOUT HONOURING THAT TRADITION THIS TUESDAY EVENING? October is traditionally the month of the Rosary. We are used to saying the Rosary in a particular way. In an Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II suggested that we recite the Rosary in a slightly more elaborate way and with a more explicit focus on Jesus Christ. Bishop Raymond Lahey has worked that out in a format that we plan to use **this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** It should take about half an hour. Those who are interested in the thinking behind the format may find it explained on a blue page with the title **Rosary**. It can be found at the entrances to the church.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Still we respond! Development and Peace continues to strengthen advocacy programs each year. Our voices have been heard on Parliament Hill and around the world. Our membership is increasing and our parish youth groups are taking up the challenge by involvement in **"Think-Fast"** and raising funds. Please find inserted in your Sunday Bulletin a brochure entitled **"A Voice for the Voiceless"**. This important and valuable information outlines a program to establish an **"OMBUDSPERSON"** to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. This document is well worth your time to read and evaluate the need for an **"OMBUDSPERSON"**.

MEETINGS:

Wardens: Tuesday October 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. & PPC.

THE FOOD BASKETS AT SUNDAY MASS: a beautiful gesture!

When we get the altar ready for Sunday Mass, we normally have the bread and wine and the collection presented. In addition to that, you also see some canned food and non-perishables presented. In the course of the week, these are brought to the Aylmer Food Bank so that the less fortunate in our wider community can benefit from it.

Why do we do that? The bread and wine we bring is for the Mass itself. Once transformed by the Holy Spirit, it is for us the Body and Blood of Christ with which we are being nourished at communion time. When we are being nourished with heavenly food and drink, we cannot help but think of those in our wider community who must do without much daily food on the table. In other words, that simple gesture of bringing canned food and non-perishables to Mass makes the Mass very real....the poor are included in our Sunday Mass.

ATTENTION: Fr. Joy Paul's new phone # 011-91 657 329 9578. Fr. Joy would like to apologize for not answering your e-mail. The parish he is affiliated with does not have the hook-up and it's a distance to another, hopefully there will be one in the near future.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST IN THE CHURCH'S READING CORNER?

Did you know that our church has a reading corner? It is located in the Marvee Room, the room behind the folding doors. Some books have been removed some more recent books have been added. You will also find some periodicals and weeklies, such as *Prairie Messenger, the Tablet, the Christian Century, Celebrate*. You may find something of interest. Enjoy it. Please note, it is not a "lending library"; that would make it too complicated. It operates on the honour system.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER & AUCTION:



We will be hosting our **4th spaghetti supper & auction October 21st**. If you have items to donate for the auction or would like tickets - Please call Rita- 819 684-8445, Joan 819 684-5039, Fran 819 684-3329 or Florence 819 682-5619. Proceeds will be going to our India Mission.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE:

St. Mark's is having it ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE on **Saturday, October 27th at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 or 3 or more tickets for \$25.00**. There will be a DJ, light lunch, prizes for best costumes, etc... So, come one and come all - a great family event. For tickets please contact Julie Salois at 819 684-7254.



READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

A good number of us met last Tuesday evening to go over the slightly modified procedures for these ministries at Sunday Eucharist. Yes, attention to the mechanics of these ministries is important. More important even is a reflection on what these ministries are all about. If we are conscious of "what we are doing", we'll find the proper "way of doing it". That is why the *points to consider* are re-printed here.

For Readers:

1. The readings are there to enable the people assembled to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of salvation we are celebrating. The hearers are not just there to hear the reader, but the Word of God.
2. Readers bring God's Word to life; they communicate God's Word. So readers draw attention to the Word of God, not to themselves. Readers draw attention to themselves when they read badly, inaudibly, sloppily.
3. Readers must be thoroughly familiar with the passage so that they are not slaves to the printed page. Preparation alone will get you to that point.
4. Sufficient familiarity with the text enables you to make eye contact with the listeners at appropriate moments. At the same time, be aware that excessive eye contact can be distracting.
5. Approach the ministry of reading with a sense of awe. You are reading from a collection of books from which a faith community draws its nourishment. As readers we are ministering to a holy people who are about holy things. That means that, while the technical aspects of reading need to be attended to, a prayerful reading is called for. Faith speaks to faith.

For Ministers of Communion

1. The quality of the Eucharist as a faith-filled event also depends on the ministers of communion.
2. The ministry of serving the bread and the cup is not just for individual communion with Jesus, but serves our shared communion in and with Jesus Christ.
3. What you do (walking up, positioning yourself, giving the bread and the cup), do it with confidence, joy and dignity: you are serving the Body of Christ in your sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with fellow-believers. So perform your ministry with grace and reverence.

4. Your ministry is an awesome one. You are instrumental in having the persons you serve become the Body of Christ and God's Covenant people by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Once again St. Mark's will take part in this great project; the packing of a shoe box with toys, school supplies and hygiene items which are distributed to hurting children around the world. Shoe boxes and information pamphlets are available in the Marvee Room. Please bring back the filled boxes during **the weekend masses of November 4th** to the Marvee Room. **Do not forget to insert the \$7 cheque in your box to cover the shipping charges.** For more information please call Shirley @ 819 685-0576

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Kindly remember Jeannette Chartrand, Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, Robert Nolan and their families in your prayers.