

# TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Mark 9:38--41

- I need this reminder, Lord. It warns me against thinking that I, or my group, have cornered God's grace. I see others doing good or tackling evil, and just because they are "not following us," I feel a proprietary resentment.
- John Wesley deplored "that miserable bigotry that makes many so unready to believe that there is any work of God but among themselves."
- Lord, splits and jealousies are not a sign of your good spirit. Give me a generous heart.



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

First Friday 9:00 a.m. Exposition & Benediction

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mickie O'Heare by Theresa & Richard Patry  
Henry Trudeau by Lydia

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mary McElheron by Jim & Theresa Shea  
Barbara Labonte by Mr. & Mrs Rolland Gratton  
11:00 a.m. Lucien Ranger by the Ranger Family

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:** \$ 2,364.94 Thank You!

### **« Catechetical Sunday » done! Now to do the Catechesis!**

It is one thing to observe what the Quebec Bishops asked us to do by designating the third Sunday of September as **Catechetical Sunday**. Here at St. Mark's we have done so by highlighting the four poles of parish life. We have drawn attention to them by means of posters, by talking about them, by providing a reflection guide entitled **No gift is too small if it is given in love**, by giving a 2008 -2009 overview of the various parish activities grouped under the four poles.

Moreover, last weekend many of us gathered in the church hall after the Sunday Masses where the same four poles were prominently on display thanks to some creative ideas and hard work of a few parishioners. Fellow parishioners talked with one another and shared some refreshments – **something so very necessary**. We had an opportunity to volunteer our services to make sure that those four poles of parish life stay alive and, in the process, to make sure that our parish continues to fulfill the mission that Christ accomplishes today through us who are his **hands and feet**. That is what is at stake: fidelity to Christ's mission in our time, in our 'day and age'. Quite a challenge!

A new element this year was the **registration for Confirmation and First Communion** in the midst of our preoccupation with the four poles of parish life. The point of this was to bring the preparation for these sacraments of initiation out of its isolation and place it in the context of what makes up parish life. These sacraments on their own make little sense; they mean a lot more and really come into their own when they are part of getting acquainted with parish life. Hence...

Our **Parish Pastoral Council** will take some time to evaluate how we handled **Catechetical Sunday**, what worked, what did not work, what benefits are gained from it, what needs attention, whether it met its intended purpose?

Many thanks to all whom in big and small ways, contributed to the build-up to **Catechetical Sunday** and to the shape we gave to that Sunday. Well done and much appreciated!

### **Now that the Posters are gone...**

The theme for this year's *Catechetical Sunday* leaves us really with quite a challenge: ***Doors are opening!*** Are we really a hospitable, a welcoming parish?

### **The gold-coloured Flyer "Welcome" - feel free to take some!**

Naturally, being a welcoming parish goes beyond having a nice flyer around, but it is one aspect of it. We would like to have that flyer get a good circulation. There are lots of them available at the entrances to the church. Would you mind to take some copies home, have it available, pass it on, put it at some place where it may be picked up? Who knows? There are so many "seekers" today, many who believe or try to believe but who have no formal religious faith. Might we be called to play the role of John the Baptist who pointed others to Jesus?

The Spirit that Jesus promised may want to work with that flyer.

### **In case you missed last Sunday's sign-up sheets...**

For those who were not able to sign up last Sunday for the different parish activities clustered around the four poles, there are some sheets at the entrances to the church. There are four different sets of sheets: cream for Liturgy, peach for Faith Formation, blue for Fellowship, green for Service/Outreach. We would not want to deprive anyone of that opportunity.

### **New Parishioners: Welcome!**

Over the last few Sundays some new parishioners have joined us. Welcome! For some it may take a little while to get used to how St. Mark's functions, but you may also want to make a contribution to St. Mark's parish life. We would welcome that too. The sign-up sheets that we used last Sunday are still available; you may want to take a look at them and let us know what you might be interested in.

At the same time, it may take us a little while to be attentive to your presence among us. We'll do our best to make you feel welcome. If there is anything we can do to make your joining us easier, please, let us know.

### **Registration for Confirmation and for First Communion 2010**

We started that this past Sunday, but we'll keep it going until Sunday October 18. That is the closing date for registration for next year's Confirmation (to be celebrated May 22) and First Communion (to be celebrated April 25 or May 2 – parents' choice). Please, if you know of families that would be interested in this, could you give them this information? Thank you.

### **The Bishop's Office has established some new Tariffs**

We are a little late in announcing some of the new tariffs that our Diocese has established.

The first one has to do with the offering for a Mass. The offering for an unannounced Mass (the intention will not be put in the bulletin) will be \$6 and for an announced Mass it will be \$20.

Since there is an exchange of money involved, we often say "that is how much a Mass costs". It is too bad that we use that sort of language. Strictly speaking, we do not buy a Mass. We make an offering. Whatever, it is unfortunate that there is that money business around the Mass. But it has a long tradition; who will get rid of it? Where does that money go? The \$6 for the unannounced Mass goes to the priest. Of the \$20 for the announced Mass \$6 goes to the priest, \$11 goes to the parish, \$3 goes to the Diocese. When a priest says a second or third Mass on the same day, the \$6 of these Masses does not go to the priest, but to the parish. Complicated enough?

There are still some other tariffs:

For marriages: \$300 (that is a hefty increase).

For funerals: \$175 (remains the same)

For baptism certificates etc. \$15

Since it is relatively late in the year, we'll implement these new tariffs beginning 2010.

## **Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: this Sunday**

Today, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally. Known as the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, this collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB)

Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCB is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCB works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **Some Visitors with us next Saturday and Sunday**

The Missionary sisters of the Immaculate Conception will be with us this coming October 3 and 4 (next weekend) to inform us about Venerable Delia Tetreault, their Canadian foundress and to offer us their MIC Mission News periodical and 2010 calendar. They have been with us a few years ago and have requested a return visit. Let us welcome them wholeheartedly!

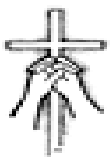
## **Baptism to be celebrated this Sunday afternoon...**

Please remember in your prayers the following children who will be baptized this Sunday afternoon. Naturally, our prayers include their parents & families as well.

Cole	son of	Danielle Marengere & Mark Browning
Stéphane	son of	Michelle & Christian Desrochers
Joshua	son of	Jamie Collins & Brad Paquette
Sophie	daughter of	Julie Haley & Gregory Odyński
Lilly	daughter of	Sylvie Renaud & Neil Forgie
Gabrielle	daughter of	Annick Demers & Eric Loyer
Alexandre	son of	Annick Demers & Eric Loyer
Haiden	son of	Sara Hollington & Logan Cook
Mackenzie	daughter of	Joanne Tanguay & Nicholas Church
Brianna	daughter of	Lesley & Marc Cabeceiras
Rosalie	daughter of	Katelyn Kennedy & Sebastien Galipeau
Emily	daughter of	Stephanie Gagne & Derek Barclay
Jordan	son of	Melanie Joannis & Martin Pillwein
Aymerik	son of	Sonia Desloges & Alain Brazeau

“**DAISY MASS**” will be celebrated on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. by Msgr. Ebacher at the St Joseph Cathedral. For information, call Louise Ward at 819 684 3337. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Women's retreat hosted by CWL St. Isidore's – **Presenter: Sister Rosemary O'Toole CSJ - October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1135 March Road, R.R.1 Kanata – Cost \$15.00 payable at the door – lunch will be catered.** To register call Nancy at 613 832-2306 or Marlene at 613 254-7088.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember Magdalena Mueller, Hilda Preslawski, and their families in your prayers.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the Sage family on the death of Joanne.

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