

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **THEME: "THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON SHALL LIVE BY THEIR FAITH"**

We often wish that God will act and execute justice in the face of evil perpetrated by the ungodly. That was the situation in which the prophet Habakkuk found himself. He wanted God to apply justice and God appeared to be very slow. We too sometimes wonder why God would allow so much injustice and evil in our world. But we have the assurance from God that evil will nevertheless be addressed. What is expected of us is to have faith in God, who in his infinite wisdom will ultimately execute justice. Hence, "the righteous person shall live by their faith". Faith's other name is trust. "When you trust someone or something you have faith in that person or thing: that they will not let you down or fail you". It is easy for a human being even with the best of intention to let you down because he is human. It is this 'letting down' that makes the Scripture to say: "cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength" (Jer 17:5). But this is not the same with God. He does not let us down. He is infinite and there is no limit to what he can do for us. He is only looking for a faith as small as mustard seed. If our faith is solid and unbroken even if it is as small as mustard seed, it is enough to do the impossible. We do not need a huge faith but just to have faith. To the apostles' plea "Lord increase our faith". Jesus responded that what we need is faith as small as mustard seed and that will be enough. What is important is the quality of our faith not the quantity. Do we have a faith that has love and is sustained by love? St Theresa of Calcutta, the then mother Theresa of Calcutta was known for her love and compassion but they are the products of her faith in the Lord Jesus. "If I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing" (1Cor 13:2).

1st reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4. Prophet Habakkuk complains to God about the prevalence of injustice and evil. God promises to that those who have faith shall live by it.

Responsorial psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14. St Paul urges Timothy not to be ashamed but to remain faithful to the teaching he has received by the laying on of hands.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10. A little, but authentic faith can do great things. We are to render service and give God all the credit.

### **Masses for the Upcoming Week**

#### Sunday, October 6

9am Mass in Garson

11 am Mass in Cook's Creek Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of Sr. Diane Belisle RNDM by Liz Hogue

#### Tuesday, October 8

9 am Mass in Garson

#### Wednesday, October 9

9am Mass in Garson

#### Thursday, October 10

9am Mass in Garson

#### Friday, October 11

9 am Mass in Garson: Mass intention is for the souls in purgatory as requested by Kathy Bylo.

#### Saturday, October 12

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

#### Sunday, October 13

9:00 am Mass in Garson

11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek: Mass intention is for the repose of the soul of George Taka'cs as requested by Joseph and Ilona Selyem at St Michael

#### Sunday Mass intentions:

October 20: Mass is for the repose of the soul of Eleanor Young as requested by Liz Hogue at St Michaels.

#### Announcement:

Parishioners are reminded that October is Marian month. We are encouraged to say common rosary if it is possible. More so, we are advised to sing Marian hymn especially at the end of the Liturgical celebrations.

Thanks.

Fr. Sylvanus

**Please use special envelopes for Mass Intentions. Please, consult the bulletin or find out from the priest to know which Sunday is free for Mass intention.**

### St. Michael's

#### **Praying the Rosary**

October we celebrate Mary. Starting October 6th and through to the last Sunday in October, the Rosary will be prayed before mass starting at 10:30.

#### **Altar Server Schedule**

October 6th: Hannah and Noah Meadows, Evan Matos

October 13th: Brodie, Grace and Fiona Kotzer

October 20th: Madeline Duval, Daniel and Joe Zubricki

October 27th: Grace Kotzer and Brodie Kotzer, Daniel Zubricki

**New Altar Servers Needed!** Please consider assisting Father Sylvanus with Mass as an altar server. Training is provided by an older server. Time commitment is usually one or two Sundays per month. Any child or teenager who has had their First Communion and Reconciliation can become a server. Please see Michelle Zubricki if interested or come talk to any of the servers at the back of the church for more information

#### **Catechism**

The Catechism Program is in need of a **grade 3 teacher**. Please contact Evelyn Kotzer for more information.

#### **Please don't forget the Springfield Food Bank.**

Your donations can be left at the back of the church in the drop off box. Your generosity is much appreciated.

#### **Caretaker required for the basement.**

Flexible hours. Please see a member of the Admin Board, Guy Delaurier or Mike Dobell for more information.

#### **Administration Board News:**

Approved minutes of the May 16th meeting are on the website and a copy is at the back of the church. The Chair Lift has required extensive repairs. We are looking for 4 or more people to be available to operate the lift when the basement is book and the lift is required. Please see Mike Dobell for more details.

Parish Directory is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for further details.

The Cemetery is seeing some upgrades and an expansion to the north side to provide a better resting place for our loved ones.

#### **Change of Address**

As many have had address changes there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church starting next Sunday. The names will be alphabetical order. If your name is not listed, please add to the end of the sheet. Thank you!

#### **St Michael's Dinner**

On Sunday September 29TH, our parish held our annual dinner, honouring the St Michael feast day. A heartfelt **Thank You** to everyone who put their time, effort and talents to make this a success. The shoppers, cooks, servers, decorators, clean up crew.

**Appreciate you!**

Our next **Fellowship Sunday** is October 20, 2019. Please join us after mass. Everyone is welcomed!

### **Sacred Heart**

The next **Altar Society meeting** will be **October 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

The next **Administration Board meeting** will be **October 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

Fr. Sylvanus's rectory kitchen needs to be renovated as nothing much has been done to it since it was built. Gerard and Margaret Lannoo have accepted the challenge to help raise enough funds by collecting discarded metal, old cars etc. So far with generous supporters the sum of \$2,276.31 has been collected. A really good start to a much needed project. So if you have anything you would like to donate and help this worthy cause phone Gerard at 204-268-3224 or cell 204-268-5458.

### **St. John Paul II**

Please remember that we need to update our records with your new mailing address, whether it be just a postal code or a complete address change. You can write your name and address on a paper and place it in the collection basket. Thank you all.

The month of October is also a month where we can assist with the training of seminarians and on-going training for our priests.

Please read the brochure in your bulletin and assist if you are able to.

Our church would like to help the Knights of Columbus with the "Koats for Kids" campaign. As you read in the bulletin, they are asking for a donation of \$29.75 for a warm winter coat. If you wish to help with this campaign, please put your donation (whatever amount you would like, it can be more or less than what was suggested), in an envelope along with your name and envelope number. This can be done any week in October, but we will have a special collection on the third Saturday for this cause. We will collect the donations and issue a cheque for the total donations from the church to the Knights of Columbus.

St. John Paul II has a membership number with the **Red River Co-op**. If anyone wants to donate their fuel purchases, our number is **500286**.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. To register, please complete the form that is available at the back of the church and is also on our website at [www.stjohn-paulii.org](http://www.stjohn-paulii.org). Completed forms can be left with a greeter at the door or placed in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

Our next Board meeting is Thursday, November 7th at 7 p.m.

### **St. Michael's CWL**

Our next Perogy Making Dates are Monday and Tuesday, October 28th and 29th, both at 9:00 am.

**Day of Reflection** is on Saturday October 19th. There are some CWL members that are attending. Guests are asked to bring items for the north. Fr Shantha is asking for rosaries, crucifixes, prayer cards etc. Also, school supplies are being collected. Examples include ; scribblers, loose-leaf sheets, erasers, rulers, pens, pencils, scissors, calculators, backpacks. There will be 2 boxes at back of church, with only the Sunday Oct. 13th for donating. I can also pick up throughout week. Call Carmen 268-1173. Thank you very much!

Our next CWL meeting will be Sunday, October 27th, after Mass.

**Social Action - Development & Peace**

**The survival of the Amazon concerns all humanity.**



The Amazon is home to one-fifth of the world's freshwater and one-third of the Earth's forests. Its Indigenous peoples live sustainably from its resources, but the Amazon is under threat. "The destruction of the Amazon is not just the problem of Indigenous peoples, but of all humanity. If the Amazon disappears, it is very likely that all humanity will disappear," says Yesica Patiachi, a member of the Harakbut Indigenous community in Peru.

We are all interconnected. Let's stand in solidarity with those who strive to protect our land, our waters and our lives.

Let's take action *For Our Common Home*: [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign).

Please consider supporting Development and Peace – Caritas Canada by enrolling in **the Share Year Round Campaign**. Your monthly donation would be most appreciated by those in the Global South who need it the most!

**Cooks Creek Heritage Museum      www.cchm.ca**

"Polski Czat" an informal Polish language group will be starting up again on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the St Michael's Church Hall. New members are most welcome! Please contact Liz @ 204-801-0829 for more info

**Community News**

**Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program**

The Coats for Kids is one the many programs in which the local Knights of Columbus Council #5870 participates. Since the program's launching in 2009, nearly 500,000 coats have been distributed in 49 states and all 10 Canadian provinces. In winter 2018 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed 105,192 coats in 1,600 communities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

With the support of the local community in its fundraising activities, the Knights of Columbus Council #5870 were able to purchase 24 warm winter children's coats in 2018. These coats were distributed by Manitoba Family Services, on behalf of the Knights and their supporters, throughout the Eastman area of Manitoba. The distribution includes Manitoba Family Services offices in Beausejour, Steinbach, Pine Falls, St. Pierre and Saint Anne.

The St. Mary Catholic Women's League contributed towards the purchase of coats. In addition, the CWL solicited more donations of new winter mittens, hats and scarves for children. One generous and talented Hazelridge resident donated 36 cozy handmade winter children's hats last year!

Please consider a donation of \$29.75 for a warm winter coat for a child or a donation of \$356.95 for a case or portion there for 12 coats. Donations of new mitts, scarves and hats are greatly appreciated. Our Council goal this year is to raise funds to purchase 4 cases of these much need warm coats for children in Eastman.

Please contact Ron Obodzinski e mail [Mariaron@mts.net](mailto:Mariaron@mts.net) Phone: 204 268 9337 or Gerry Geall e mail [ghgeall@icloud.com](mailto:ghgeall@icloud.com) or 204 509 6282 for donation pickup and information

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**Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba provides a hand-up to families who are working but cannot qualify for a conventional mortgage. Habitat offers a 15-year, interest-free mortgage with no down payment required. Habitat is looking for one qualified family to purchase a Habitat house that was built in Anola in 2016. Partner families must be willing to do 500 volunteer (sweat equity) hours. Other qualifications are that they must be working at time of application with at least 2 years work history and fall within the criteria income range. Please see full criteria under Homeownership on the website: [habitat.mb.ca](http://habitat.mb.ca). Contact Brenda Friesen for more information and to register for an information meeting, 204-235-2405, [bfriesen@habitat.mb.ca](mailto:bfriesen@habitat.mb.ca)