

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 01, 2017

Intentions - For personal intentions, requested by the Laughlin family.

Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection

September 17 - \$647.85

September 24 - \$421.50 Needs of the Canadian Church - \$87.95

Thank You

Social Sunday

Today is "Social Sunday" so please join us in the church hall after mass today for light refreshments and fellowship.



October 02

The Holy Guardian Angels: God does not abandon to what we call "chance," any of His creatures. By His essence and providence He is everywhere present; not a sparrow falls to the ground, nor a hair from our heads, without His consent. He is not content, however, with assisting His creation daily and at every moment, with sustaining His handiwork, which without His continuous support would return to dust. His divine and infinite Love, not only maintaining the existence which He gives and perpetuates in living beings, has charged His Holy Angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding each one of His rational creatures.

The Angels, divided into nine hierarchies, have varied obligations. Their intelligence and prudence are penetrating like the beam of a lighthouse; so it appears even when we compare it to the best of human intelligences, which are like the light of a little candle in contrast. An Angel, visualizing an end to be attained, sees instantly the means necessary to achieve it, whereas we must pray, study, deliberate, inquire, and choose during many phases of effort, in order to reach our proposed ends.

Kingdoms have their Angels assigned to them; dignitaries of the Church and of the world have more than one Angel to guide them; and every child who enters into the world receives a Guardian Angel. Our Lord says in the Gospel: "Beware lest you scandalize any of these little ones, for their Angels in heaven behold the face of My Father." Thus the existence of Guardian Angels is a dogma of the Christian faith, based on Holy Scripture itself.

Reflection: This being so, what should our respect be for that holy and sure intelligence, ever present at our side? And how great should our solicitude be, lest, by any act of ours, we offend those eyes which, without losing the divine vision, are ever turned upon poor creatures in all their ways!

Today's Gospel Reflection: When Jesus tells this parable of the two sons, and makes this statement about the religious leaders not believing John, he is saying that those who were tax collectors and prostitutes believed John and repented. They stopped sinning, which means the tax collectors stopped abusing the tax system to steal money and the prostitutes stopped being prostitutes.



These people are therefore entering the kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders, because they did not believe John and did not repent. Jesus is calling the religious leaders sinners, saying that they did not stop sinning like the tax collectors and prostitutes did. In Matthew 23, Jesus specifically tells the religious leaders what their sins are, saying they do not practice what they teach (calling them hypocrites) and listing several examples of their sins.

The religious leaders are the son who says "I go, sir" but then does not obey the father. Jesus is telling them that having the intentions to obey God is not enough for salvation. Obedience is what matters, not intentions. It is only those who actually obey God who are doing the will of their father.

As Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21-23)

Obedience and disobedience are based on our actions.



New in West Carleton – Soup for Seniors : If you or those you support are in need and would like some homemade soup, please register your name with Suzanne Lee (832-8063) or Linda Cassidy (832-2403) and we will happily make arrangements to give you frozen soup in two cup containers prepared by the church ladies of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United churches.

Thank you

- to all volunteers who helped watering the church gardens this summer.
- to all volunteers who participated in the success of the Roast Beef Dinner.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: When you grocery shop this week, please remember the West Carleton Food Access Centre. They are in need of canned salmon, canned flakes of ham or chicken, canned fruit and canned pasta noodles. They are in need of nut free lunch box items. Please check the expiry dates, as the Food Bank cannot accept expired cans.



8th Annual Pilgrimage to St-Joseph Oratory from Dioceses of Ottawa, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier, Alexandria/Cornwall and Kingston : Special stop at the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake Québec. **Sun., Oct. 15.** 7:00 a.m. Departure from Westgate and Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes. Cost: \$65. Info: Mike Budge 613-224-8110.

Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

- Saint Cecilia

Pope's Intentions for the Month of October

Worker and the Unemployed - That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Urgent Need

St. Gabriel's Parish is in need of a new choir director
Please speak with **Martine Messier**
(613) 832-4415.

Roast Beef Dinner

- **Mrs. Esther McTaggart won the Roast Beef Dinner 50/50 draw of \$175.00. Congratulations!**
- **Our 2017 Roast Beef Dinner raised \$5400.00. A huge success!**



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Gerry Borris, Colleen Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Christine Fraser, Mary Jardine, Joanne Langford, Sheila Moeser, Dianne Pelland and Rosa Maria Santos. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*