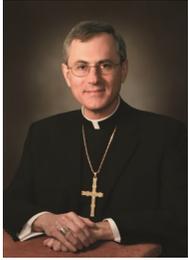




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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 24, 2021**



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Saturday 5:00 PM

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Wednesday 12 Noon

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XVI Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2023 For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.

“The Synod has three key words: communion, participation and mission. Communion and mission are theological terms describing the mystery of the Church, which we do well to keep in mind. The Second Vatican Council clearly taught that communion expresses the very nature of the Church, while pointing out that the Church has received “the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God, and is, on earth, the seed and beginning of that kingdom” (Lumen Gentium, 5). With those two words, the Church contemplates and imitates the life of the Blessed Trinity, a mystery of communion ad intra and the source of mission ad extra. Commemorating the opening of the Council, Saint Paul VI stated that its main lines were in fact “communion, that is, cohesion and interior fullness, in grace, truth and collaboration... and mission, that is, apostolic commitment to the world of today”

The words “communion” and “mission” can risk remaining somewhat abstract, unless we cultivate an ecclesial praxis that expresses the concreteness of synodality at every step of our journey and activity, encouraging real involvement on the part of each and all. I would say that celebrating a Synod proves truly beneficial if it becomes a living expression of “being Church”, of a way of acting marked by true participation. Participation is a requirement of the faith received in baptism. Baptism, the source of our life, gives rise to the equal dignity of the children of God, albeit in the diversity of ministries and charisms. Consequently, all the baptized are called to take part in the Church’s life and mission. Without real participation by the People of God, talk about communion risks remaining a devout wish.

And so, brothers and sisters, let us experience this moment of encounter, listening and reflection as a season of grace that, in the joy of the Gospel, allows us to recognize at least three opportunities. First, that of moving not occasionally but structurally towards a synodal Church, an open square where all can feel at home and participate. The Synod then offers us the opportunity to become a listening Church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen. To listen to our brothers and sisters speak of their hopes and of the crises of faith present in different parts of the world, of the need for a renewed pastoral life and of the signals we are receiving from those on the ground. Finally, it offers us the opportunity to become a Church of closeness. If we do not become this Church of closeness with attitudes of compassion and tender love, we will not be the Lord’s Church.

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy. The Holy Spirit guides us where God wants us to be, not to where our own ideas and personal tastes would lead us. Father Congar, once said: “There is no need to create another Church, but to create a different Church” (True and False Reform in the Church). That is the challenge. For a “different Church”, a Church open to the newness that God wants to suggest, let us with greater fervour and frequency invoke the Holy Spirit and humbly listen to him, journeying together as he, the source of communion and mission, desires: with docility and courage.”

Excerpt from the Address of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Opening of the Synod; Saturday, 9, October 2021

The full address can be found [here](#). For a paper copy please call the office.

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Restore Our Sight

“Today we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus’ fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus’ reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.



faith of the person requesting Jesus’ help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark’s Gospel,

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus’ attention. We notice how quickly the crowd’s reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus’s sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark’s Gospel, actions accompany Jesus’ words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus’s faith has saved him. Throughout Mark’s Gospel, the success of Jesus’ healing power has often been correlated with the

Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—“Son of David.” Many in Jesus’ time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus’s words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark’s Gospel, which begin with Jesus’ preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.”

The Sunday Connection, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Loyola Press

World Mission Sunday

We cannot but speak about what we have heard. (Acts 4.20)

World Mission Sunday has been celebrated since 1926 as a universal parish encounter to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. World Mission Sunday will be observed on October 24, 2021 with a special parish collection. A video message from Pope Francis with his appeal for the support of missionary Churches can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHk5QZllsIc>.

In a recent letter from Bishop Fabbro he states:

“Each year at this time, we are called to focus our attention on the great needs of the Church in the Developing World. This year’s scriptural theme, “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20) reminds all baptized Catholics of their responsibility to share in the missionary work of the universal Church. In times of tragedy, natural disaster, war, and persecution, many people look to the Church and her missionaries for help and hope.

World Mission Sunday celebrates our unity as a human family and provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of missionaries and of the Church among the suffering and the poor. This collection has been mandated by the Holy Father and is not included in the annual assessment. All parishes and Catholic Communities, therefore, are to invite the faithful entrusted to their care to contribute towards this collection.”

For more information, contact Deacon Dave Robertson, Mission Director, Diocese of London at 519-488-0846 or email missionoffice@dol.ca.



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St. Vincent de Paul



During this past September, our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society visited 50 homes, assisting 71 people, with \$2500 in grocery cards and twenty-five vouchers for either furniture or clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul store on York St. People have been particularly appreciative of receiving our help during this difficult time. We can provide this assistance only because of your generous support—both through your contributions and your prayers.

Christmas will soon be upon us, and we will be making our annual delivery of Christmas gifts on Saturday, December 11. Further details of this program will appear in the bulletin in the next few weeks.



DIOCESE OF LONDON Diocesan COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

On October 18, Bishop Fabbro promulgated a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for all clergy, employees, staff, and volunteers engaged in the ministry of the Church. This policy has been enacted to continue to provide safe places of worship, work, and ministry, celebrate the sacraments, and carry out our religious duties and responsibilities for the common good. As Pope Francis himself said: *“Being vaccinated is an act of love. Each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love....no matter how small, love is always grand. Small gestures for a better future”*.

The full policy can be found [here](#). For a paper copy, please call the office.



Mass, Confessions, and YOU

We are exploring the possibility of adding another weekday noon Mass (Fridays) as well as looking at a weekly Confession time (Saturday, 9am-9:45am). We will need more volunteers to carry this out with the regular duties needed of screening, registration, and seating. Proof of vaccination is now required.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Cathryn Hall chall@dol.ca.



From the Desk of the Rector

As we continue to experience these days of change leading us to new discoveries of who we are and need to be many people are finding great comfort in the desire to slow down in order to be reflective and prayerful. Some are, for the first time, not taking things or anyone for granted. Others are looking for signs of God's presence. Often our search for God takes us some place other than where we find ourselves at the present time. Thinking about this search I was reminded about the parable of the person looking a treasure or fine pearl (Matthew 13: 44-46).

Both parables are about a man and something very precious for which he is willing to give all he has.

But there are differences in the two parables. In the first he seems to really stumble across the buried treasure. He wasn't really looking for anything special but all of a sudden something extraordinary shines across his life. Examples of the birth of a baby, falling in love, a growing friendship, selfless service simply surprise people unexpectedly – the person is changed and gains an entirely new perspective, and happily gives himself / herself to their treasure. Events like these can awaken in us an awareness of God's gifts.

In the other parable, he is on a search for something precious. Possibly he has been studying, praying, hoping for some answers or enlightenment and what he finds seems to be and is the answer to his prayers. This is another way in which we find God and the kingdom of God and give ourselves to it. So, one way or the other we will discover and cherish the gift of God's presence.

Our gift is to figure out how to grow in wisdom and to let it govern our lives. We must place ourselves in a constant state of learning as we stay open to new ideas. Staying open to new ideas opens us to God. This will see us through troubled times, and it will give us the foundation of happiness to make our lives meaningful and rich.

Perhaps our prayer for each of us could be: *Lord, God, give me an understanding heart that seeks you, and then in the process of seeking you, finds you were always right by my side.*

Fr. Jim Mockler

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Deuteronomy 6.2-6
 Responsorial - Ps 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab (R.1)
I love you, O Lord, my strength.
 Second Reading - Hebrews 7.23-28
 Gospel - Mark 12.28-34

This is the first commandment. And a second is like it.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

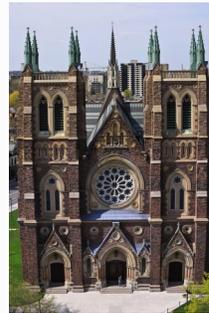
October 27, 2021—Wednesday 12 PM

Gerard Baratti; Eric Nackay; Noreen Woods

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Lolita Caalim. We also pray for those who have died including Michael Gioiosa, husband of Lina and father of Toni & Rob; and Mary Anne Marrone; and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Mrs. Lisa Wright, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation;
 Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.; Rev. Jason Kuntz; Rev. Brian Jane;
 Rev. Patrick Bénéteau; Deacon Raymond Girard;
 Rev. Vargees Devas



Parish Thanksgiving Appeal

Each year, every parish in our Diocese participates in the annual Thanksgiving Appeal. 100% of all funds generated during this appeal remain in the parish and help us to meet our financial commitments and to support our many parish activities in ministry, liturgy, outreach, and special projects. It is through your generosity that will allow us to continue to attend to the ongoing maintenance of our buildings, rising costs of our various ministry initiatives, the increased demand for our outreach to the needy in our community, and to bring to life the pastoral priorities we have set for the years ahead. All donations are gratefully accepted. Donations will be accepted until the end of October.

Coming to Weekend Mass in-person? Please read this!

Our Reservation System for weekend Masses, which began last October was introduced to alleviate the necessity of long line-ups with the previous "first come, first serve" premise we used when we re-opened. The reservations system comes with its own caveat "those with reservations must arrive no **later than 15 minutes** before Mass for registration, prescreening check, and seating. Once the 15 minutes has passed we give away the reserved seats to those arriving without a reservation. Those arriving without a reservation are not guaranteed a seat." Each week we still have those with reservations arriving very close to or after Mass has begun. Expecting to get in. Often our volunteers are met with harsh words and attitudes when seats are no longer available. If you have a reservation, please do your part in arriving within the first 15 minutes. The doors open 30 minute before Mass.

Please be kind to our volunteers who make it possible for you to attend Mass. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Financial Update

The Finance Committee has released the Financial Report for the parishioners of the Cathedral Parish. In addition, we would like to thank you for your support of the Cathedral through the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.

Please click [here](#) to access the full report. For a paper copy, please call the office.



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