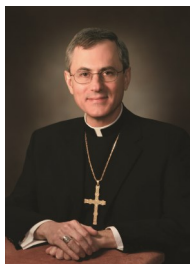


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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
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## Actions Speak Louder than Words

"In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus has already warned his disciples three times that he is to suffer; and he has indicated that the chief priests and leaders of the people will be responsible for his death. The brief parable in today's reading, addressed 'to the chief priests and the elders', reflects the growing confrontation with these authorities that will lead, in the end, to his death. He knows that, in their opposition to him, they see themselves as upholding the traditions of Israel - giving expression to their faithfulness to the Lord. His parable gently confronts them with their tragic miscalculation. In Matthew's narrative, immediately before Jesus tells this parable, he was challenged by these leaders: what authority did he have for teaching in the Temple precincts? He showed up their hypocrisy, putting them in a dilemma - asking them what authority John the Baptist had when he preached to the people.

The simple story of the parable he now addresses to them ends with a question. His parables, we recall, were designed to leave the hearers pondering an unsettling question. Because the answer to the question he put to them is straight forward - the son who initially refused, and 'afterwards thought better of it and went', was the one who did the father's will - the opponents of Jesus answered accordingly. But as they do so, they begin to realise what Jesus' parable is driving at. As the defenders of the nation's faith traditions, they see themselves as always saying 'Yes' to God. But now Jesus is inviting them to reflect that their actions may not match their professions of faithfulness. John the Baptist called the people to a conversion whereby they would be open to what was about to take place in the great plan of God. The very ones these leaders despised, as 'outside the law' - tax collectors, sinners, those whose busy lives and slender means made it impossible for them to observe all the rituals and customs they emphasised - were listening to the teaching of the one announced by the Baptist, while they themselves were intent on destroying him, not recognising that he came from God. The ironic lesson of the parable would have been very real to the Jewish converts of Matthew's community.

The old proverb, 'Actions speak louder than words', reminds us of the inconsistencies that can be present in the lives of all of us. The parable of Jesus reminds us that these inconsistencies can be present in our Christian lives - when we see ourselves as fervent believers, always faithful to our devotions and religious observances, but with little practical expression to show of our following of Christ. St Paul's exhortations to the Philippians in today's reading provide simple but telling examples of the practical attitudes that true followers of Jesus should have: no competition or petty rivalry, putting the wellbeing of others before our own, being genuinely concerned to assist those around us. And, as always, Paul leads us back to the ultimate pattern of our life as disciples of the Lord - the Son who said 'Yes' to the Father, came to work in the God's vineyard, setting aside his divine glory and making himself the Servant of us all. 'In your attitudes you must be the same as Christ'.

Jesus may well have told the same parable in different forms. As we hear today's brief parable we may well ask whether it is related to the great parable, in Luke's gospel, of the wayward son who found his way back to his father's love and welcome."

*Fr. John Thornhill SM, Sunday Reflection-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Emmaus Series, [www.theemmausseries.com](http://www.theemmausseries.com)*

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### New Weekend Mass Schedule

Beginning the weekend of **October 17/18** the schedule will be as follows:

*Saturday at 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*

We will be moving to a Reservation System for those attending Mass. Reservations will be by phone or online. More information will be available in the weeks ahead.

### Weekday Mass Begins

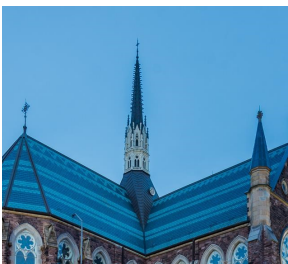
Weekday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays at noon beginning on **September 30th**. Seating will be by first come first serve basis. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.



### The Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

The Prayer Shawl Ministry met last Thursday to bring in the shawls that were finished during our time at home due to COVID. Five members met and were fortunate to have Father Jim visit with us. He blessed the shawls and the people who are to receive them. We thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent with us. His encouragement and support of our ministry meant a lot to each one there. Anyone who knits or crochets are truly welcomed to come along on the third Thursdays of each month at 7pm in room 105. As a reminder please bring a mask to wear and we shall be following the COVID-19 regulations as set by St. Peter's Cathedral and the Diocese of London.

### Cathedral "Fleche" Work

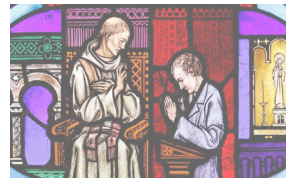


If you have been around the Cathedral this week, you would have noticed a crane that can reach 200 ft. in the air hovering a basket containing two men working around the Fleche. The

project would only be possible because of the generosity of parishioners who have donated to the Restoration Fund/Building Fund. This will allow us to complete this project which will stop the leaks from the Fleche into the Cathedral and allow us to apply primer and 2 coats of paint to the structure.

Click [here](#) to view the workers in action!

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)



General Absolution will be offered following each weekend Mass beginning this weekend-Sept. 26/27, as well as Oct. 3/4 and Oct. 10/11.

General Absolution will be offered following Wednesday noon Mass on September 30, Oct. 7, and Oct. 14. Beginning Oct. 21, individual Confession will be available following the noon Mass each Wednesday until 1:30 p.m. Of course, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by appointment by contacting [Fr. Jim](#) or [Fr. Peter](#).

Information regarding General Absolution is available [here](#). If you require a printed copy, please contact the [parish office](#).

### Pickleball Anyone?



St. Peter's Cathedral now has a pickleball court which has been installed in the gym and is available for booking from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Friday in 1 1/2 hour increments. The rental cost for a court is \$25 for the 1 1/2 hours. Free Parking is available and a change room is available if needed. Players will need to bring their own paddles and balls. Please email [basilica@dol.ca](mailto:basilica@dol.ca) or call 519-432-3475.



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### 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

**"Forced like Jesus Christ to flee."**

This weekend marks the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. A letter from Bishop Fabbro to mark this day can be found [here](#). A report on the Refugee Ministries and Migrant Worker Ministry in our Diocese "Journeying Together in Prayer, Action and Advocacy" can be found [here](#). The report details how they have adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic and contains a selection of stories of charity and faith from people on the frontlines.



## *From the Desk of the Rector*

**Scheduling Changes.** Elsewhere in today's bulletin you will find the dates for upcoming changes to our Sunday and weekday Mass schedules as well as the reintroduction of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we move to more activity we are going to need volunteers to assist in the process. Please consider if you can help us out. As well, we all need to remain vigilant as we do what we can to keep the virus from spreading. With past success in mind it's not a time to let up. Wash your hands. Keep your distance. Direct coughs and sneezes into our elbow. Wear a mask and plan to get a flu shot this year. If we continue to do all these things for each other we will remain safe.

**Yom Kippur.** On Sunday evening our Jewish sisters and brothers begin their observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is a significant day that is marked with great honour, honesty and prayer, as they stand before God, asking for his mercy for the coming year. It is a day of great simplicity, humility and fasting. We have an opportunity to pray for them and be united with them on the holiest day of the Jewish calendar.

**Changing our Minds.** In today's Gospel Jesus tells another story about someone who changed his mind and finally responded to an invitation. God is always pleased with our efforts even if we are reluctant. He likes when we don't stop trying. When our efforts are not as strong as they could be, God has a chance to step in as long as we leave room for him to do so.

Maybe there are those who have disappointed us. Can we pray for them and forgive them? Maybe they have changed.

*Fr. Jim Mockler*

*We remember in prayer* all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Rick Baker, husband of Shelley, father of Jordan, Megan, and Ali; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Deacon Matt Sutton; Rev. Christopher Pietraszko;  
Rev. Vince Gulikers; Rev. Richard Charrette;  
Deacon John White; Deacon Cap Van Au;  
Rev. Ljubo Lebo, O.F.M.

## **READINGS - SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020**

### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading - Isaiah 5.1-7

*The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is  
the house of Israel.*

Psalm - Ps 80.8+11, 12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
(R. Isa 5.7)

*R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

Second Reading - Philippians 4.6-9

*Keep on doing these things, and the God of peace  
will be with you.*

Gospel - Matthew 21.33-43

*The landowner will lease the vineyard to other  
tenants.*

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## **Come Pray With Us**



Join us each Sunday for our Sunday Prayer Service online. The service invites us into the Sunday scriptures and celebrates a time of prayer, music, and reflection led by members of our Pastoral Team. The service will be available at the following [link](#) each Sunday morning.





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