

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever is not against us is for us."

## MASSSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

*Psalter II -- Year B*

**MON. September 28**

12:05 pm † **JOSEPH ZAKRAJSEK**

--by Martin

**TUES. September 29** *Feast of Archangels:*

*St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael*

12:05 pm **Special Intentions of the LITTLE FAMILY**

**WED. September 30** *St. Jerome*

12:05 pm † **MARY VASARHELYI**

--DeRoth Family

**THURS. October 1** *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

12:05 pm † **CATHERINE PASSMORE &**

**JAMES GUIRY** --The Family

**FRI. October 2** *Guardian Angels*

10:00 am Mass at Golden Plough

12:05 pm † **BERNARD & KATHLEEN RELF**

--by Connie & Orville Gardner

### Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm † **CATHERINE GLADNEY**

--The Family

### Sunday, October 4

9:00 am † **JOAN & BERT DUNN**

--The Family

11:00 am **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup>: Genesis 2.7ab, 8b, 18-24 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hebrews 2.7-11

Gospel Mark 10.2-16

## Prayers for the Sick

Mary Buckley, Janet Pavan, William Hanley, Fred Gimblett, Gloria Barbosa, Heather Maxwell, Doug Smith, Greg Heenan, Jim Connolly, Bernadette Forster, Jim Corkery, Joseph Slaven, Kathleen Tunney, Marie Solomon, John Kuchma, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Alice Heffernan, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

## Reflection

Jesus taught his disciples two different things in today's gospel. First, when John came to him saying that someone, not one of them, was exorcizing demons in Jesus' name, Jesus explained that anyone who was not against them was with them. If the person acted in Jesus' name, he would not be capable of speaking out against him. The second teaching involved the way a person should respond to temptation. Not that Jesus proposed that people inflict wounds on themselves, but to make his point clearly, he suggested ridding ourselves of the parts of our bodies that lead us to sinfulness. Rather than commit sinful acts using our hands, eyes, feet, or ears, it would be better to enter heaven without those body parts than to use them sinfully and live in eternal damnation.

**Reflection for Families** Love is one of those things that grows in itself. The more you give, the more it grows. There probably is no scientific way to measure why love works that way, but we just know it does. The same is true with acts of kindness - which in a way are the same thing as love. Like the person exorcizing demons in Jesus' name, the more the better. That's how Jesus saw it, even though the disciples in their human jealousy and desire for ownership thought the person was an intruder. Parents see this in their own lives and try to pass it on to our children. It's hard to be mean to someone who just said, I love you, or gave you a hug, or climbed up on your lap. As we try to get along with each other and teach each other to get along with siblings, friends, and classmates, we will make significant progress by acting and reacting in kindness and love.

## Collection Report

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☜

September 20 Sunday Offering \$4729.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Events/Meetings This Week

**Sun. 27**—2:00 pm Clergy & Diocesan Finance

Committee Meeting, Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

**Sun. 27**—2:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Installation of Officers,

St. Michael's Church

**Tues. 29**—7:30 pm KofC Officers & Committee

Members Mtg. at Columbus Community Centre

**Wed. 30**—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

**Thurs. 1**—1:00 pm Progressive Euchre at Columbus

Community Centre

**Thurs. 1**—7:00 pm Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

## Guidelines for H1N1 Flu

As we are all aware...the flu season is upon us and there is great concern about H1N1 flu. Here are some things to keep in mind as far as Mass is concerned:

**Sunday Obligation:** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. But if you are not feeling well, especially if coughing and sneezing, please stay at home and do not risk infection to others.

**Sign of Peace:** Parishioners should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands, and if you do have a cough due to a cold, be prudent and don't offer your hand. A bow and say, 'peace be with you' or a slight wave at the other person is appropriate especially for those parishioners who are at high risk.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are feeling unwell and do come to Mass, please receive communion in the hand, and when the Blood of Christ is offered, refrain from receiving it.

## MARIAN MONTH



October is a month of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Once again the rosary will be prayed twenty minutes before each Mass, beginning Thursday, October 1st. By praying the rosary, a treasured prayer of the Church, we gain many graces. In joining our prayerful intentions to Mary, we show our fidelity and trust in her intercession to God for us.

**Please remember to bring your rosary.**

**Do you have a broken rosary?** Place your rosary in a sealed envelope with your name and phone # marked clearly on it and place it in the offertory basket. *There is no charge for these repairs.*

## Bike for the Planet

This Saturday, October 3, the Go Green Together and Sustainable Cobourg are inviting cyclists of all ages to ride together to promote cycling in Cobourg. This 9K ride around Cobourg will start at 10:00 am at Victoria Park. For more information visit [www.gogreentogether.ca](http://www.gogreentogether.ca) or [www.sustainablecobourg.ca](http://www.sustainablecobourg.ca)

**You're Invited...** St. Therese in Courtice, will be celebrating a Mass on Oct. 1 at 5:00 pm with Bishop De Angelis in attendance in honour of Therese the Child Jesus.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Next weekend, October 3/4 is the first Sunday of the month and therefore St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting your donations for the needy in our community. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Life Chain

Next Sunday, October 4

Come to Life Chain in Cobourg. Join Pro-lifers across Canada in one hour of standing up prayerfully for the unborn and their mothers. It's on **Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**, at the intersection of Elgin St. and William St. in Cobourg. For further information call Jennifer Riccio at (905) 373-8306.



## Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

In honour of St Francis, Patron Saint of Animals, there will be a **Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 AM**. Please bring your pet/s to the Grotto for this special blessing. Note if inclement weather, the blessings will take place in the Church.

## Development and Peace Retreat

The Peterborough Diocesan Development and Peace are holding a retreat and social justice day on **Saturday, October 17, 2009**. This all day event will take place at St. Anne's Parish, 859 Barnardo Ave. in Peterborough. Cost is \$45. Students \$20. which includes continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. The day begins with registration at 8:30 am and ends with Mass at 5:00 pm followed by dinner. Fr. Michel Cote, a Dominican Priest, will be facilitating this day. To register phone 705 878-1485 or email [dedem@sympatico.ca](mailto:dedem@sympatico.ca) by Friday, October 2.

The theme of 2009 Campaign is *Food for the Soul—Food for the World* This retreat will be an opportunity to explore how Catholics are called to respond to the food crisis facing the world in a spiritual and practical way. Pamphlets with more information are available at the entrance of the Church.

## Clergy Changes

Due to health reasons, Fr. Paul Hickey has resigned as Pastor from St. John the Evangelist Parish, Kirkfield.

Fr. Sanyatson Seshaiyah is now the new Pastor.

Fr. Christopher Reynolds, has been appointed Administrator of St. Paul's Parish, Norwood. These are in effect October 1, 2009.

## St. Michael the Archangel

September 29

(Hebrew "Who is like God?"). St. Michael is one of the principal angels; his name was the war-cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against the enemy and his followers.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.*

*Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -by the Divine Power of God -cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be closed Thursday, October 1. It is the annual gathering of Secretaries of the Diocese. Thank you.