



BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Weekday Mass

Wednesdays

8:45am

St. Brother Andre Catholic High School
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Sunday Mass 10:00am & 12:00pm

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“The question which is agitating the world today is a social one. It is a struggle between those who have nothing and those who have too much. It is a violent clash of opulence and poverty which is shaking the ground under our feet. Our duty as Christians is to throw ourselves between these two camps in order to accomplish by love, what justice alone cannot do.”

– Frédéric Ozanam

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2017



The owner of this vineyard entrusted it to the tenants without any supervision. He did not dictate how they should cultivate the land or protect it. He trusted them to do what was best, just as God has created us, given us life, and trusted us to live our lives in the best way possible. He has

entrusted us to care for one another. He has given us gifts of freedom, creativity, and compassion. It is up to us to use our gifts to bring about a better world.

Jesus told this story during his final days on earth. This part of the narrative is the introduction to the fifth and last of Jesus' sermons recorded in Matthew's Gospel. The religious leaders whom Jesus was speaking to knew that the vineyard stood for Israel and that the owner represented God. In his parable, Jesus depicted the tenants (the religious leaders of Israel) as killing the messengers (the prophets) whom God had sent again and again. When Jesus added to the parable that the tenants killed the owner's son, he asked the religious leaders what the owner would do to the tenants.

They answered, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give them the produce at the proper times" (Matthew 21: 41). Jesus agreed with them, quoted a psalm, and said, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43).

The Gospel According to Matthew was written after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the audience was made up of converts from Judaism and paganism. They understood the reference to the son as referring to Jesus himself. So, in giving the kingdom of God to the people who produce fruit, he was putting his trust in them.

With trust comes responsibility. We have the responsibility to do the best we can with the gifts God has given us. We are entrusted to care for one another and bring the message of God to those we encounter.

God is patient. The owner of the vineyard sent messenger after messenger and never punished the tenants. In the same way, God continually gives us opportunities to correct and learn from our mistakes. This parable gives us hope.

How do you use your gifts? Do you act in a way that exhibits how you are entrusted with care for yourself and others?

INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR



We joyfully invite all of you as Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be celebrating Mass and the Installation of our pastor, Fr. Joseph Grima on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the 12 noon mass. Please keep Fr. Joseph in your

prayers.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER



This Thanksgiving, I am grateful to all of you who are part of our new family of faith. I wish you and your families a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving. Let us pray...

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

In honor of the month of the Rosary, we wish to invite all parishioners to pray one decade of the Holy Rosary with us every Sunday, 15 minutes before each Mass.

In Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun and the Apparitions of our Lady.

On Hwy 7 and McCowan Road

Saturday, October 14th at 12 NOON

We will be among thousands of other churches and prayer groups from all around the world.

We will pray: for our parishes and our loved ones; for Canada and for peace in the world; The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; for our own personal intentions.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world"

FIRST COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLLMENT CEREMONY

**THE ENROLLMENT CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT:
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017
10AM OR 12:00PM (NOON) MASS**

If your child is in Grade 2 and you missed the parent meetings this past week, please contact the office at 289-554-0556 or email: firstcommunion@blessedoanam.ca as soon as possible. As well, if you have a child attending a Private, Public or French Immersion school that is Grade 2, please contact our office for a First Communion registration package.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS

ST. JOSEPH CES	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 @ 7:00PM
ST. JULIA BILLIART CES	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 @ 7:00PM
ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CES	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 @ 7:00PM
SIR RICHARD W. SCOTT CES	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 @ 7:00PM

**MEETINGS TAKE PLACE AT THE SCHOOL.
PLEASE BRING YOUR CONFIRMANDI TO THE MEETING.**