St. John of the Cross Catholic Cluster

NOTRE DAME du MONT CARMEL
St. David
St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel
St. Thomas Aquinas

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
St. Agatha
St. Luce
St. Joseph (Sinclair)
St. Michael (Summer Months)

ST. PETER CHANEL
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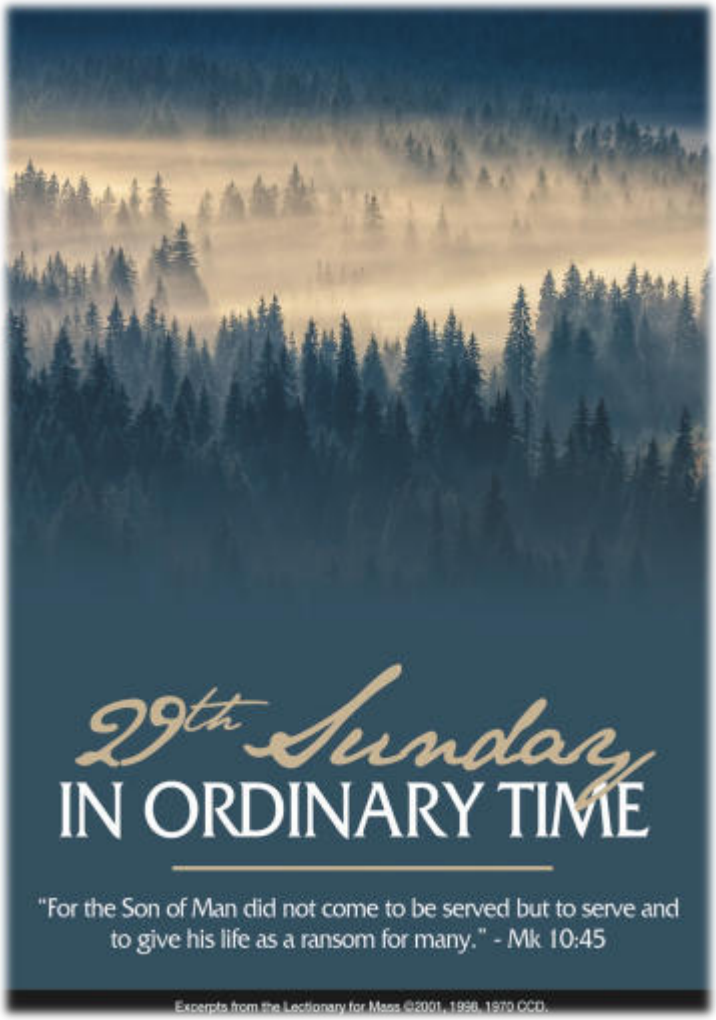

October 17, 2021

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Fr. Kent Ouellette

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Rev. Mr. Rodney Deschaine

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Cluster 2 Website
www.sjvcatholics.org

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Sacramental & Pastoral Care

Sacrament of Baptism
Please call your parish office for appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday before 4pm Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage
Please call your parish office at least 6 months prior to date.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Please call your parish office.

Funerals
Please contact the Cluster 2 business office.

New Parishioners
If you are new to the parish or have an address or phone number change, please contact your parish office.

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Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 16 **Sts. Hedwig/Margaret Mary Alacoque**
4:00pm ST: (LS) Martin Cyr by wife Joan & Family
6:00pm SG: Guy Roy by Barbara & Family

Sunday, October 17 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am ST: Memorial Mass
11:00am SD: Scott Cyr by Herman & Rachel Cyr

Monday, October 18 **St. Luke**
8:30am ST: Bernie & Martha Beaupre by Omer & Muriel

Tuesday, October 19
6:00pm ST: (LS) Lorraine Talbot by Family

Wednesday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross**
8:30am ST: Candide Bouchard by Ladies of St. Anne

Thursday, October 21 **NO MASS**

Friday, October 22 **NO MASS / St. John Paul II, Pope**

Saturday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano**
4:00pm ST: (LS) Armand Picard by Dick & Lorraine & Real Picard
6:00pm SG: Gerald & Therese Beaulieu by Roger & Sandra

Sunday, October 24 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am ST: George Dugal by Ginette & Family
11:00am SD: Alice Corriveau by Rose & Don Michaud

**(LS) Livestream

Our Lady of the Valley Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 16 **St. Hedwig/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**
6:00pm SL: Ronald Landry by Monique & Family

Sunday, October 17 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30am SA: For Parishioners by Pastor
4:00pm SJ: Marie Brown Ayotte by James Ayotte

Monday, October 18 **St. Luke**
6:00pm SA: Maurice St. Laurent by Roland & Arlene Albert

Tuesday, October 19
8:30am SJ: Marie Louise Raymond by Ken & Arlene Lerman

Wednesday, October 20 **NO MASS / St. Paul of the Cross**

Thursday, October 21
6:00pm SL: Dora Franck by Louise Barresi

Friday, October 22 **NO MASS / St. John Paul II, Pope**

Saturday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano**
6:00pm SL: Fr. Richard Ouellette by Mom & Family

Sunday, October 24 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30am SA: Bertrand Collins by Phil & Elaine Cyr
4:00pm SJ: For Parishioners by Pastor

St. Peter Chanel Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 16 **St. Hedwig/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**
4:00pm SB/SR: Connie Lapierre (1st Anniv.10/14) by her Family

Sunday, October 17 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am SJ: Gilbert Parent by Bernard & Priscilla Ayotte
9:15am SB/SR: 50th Wedding Anniversary for Jeannette & Robert Corriveau

Monday, October 18 **St. Luke**
6:00pm SB/SR: Arlene Beaulieu by Joan & Family

Tuesday, October 19 **NO MASS**

Wednesday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross**
6:00pm SB/SR: Raymonde Guy by her husband, Roland Ayotte
6:30-7:00pm SB/SR: Adoration / Confession

Thursday, October 21 **NO MASS**

Friday, October 22 **NO MASS / St. John Paul II, Pope**

Saturday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano**
4:00pm SB/SR: Stephan Ouellette (1st Anniv.) by his Dad

Sunday, October 24 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am SJ: Fred St. Pierre by Bill, Lisa & Family
9:15am SB/SR: Verna Ouellette by Nate & Family

NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL PARISH CORNER

St. David, St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel/Grand Isle, St. Thomas Aquinas/Madawaska

Worship & Spirituality

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy Raymond, Debra Levesque, Sherry Ouellette, Quinn Soucy and Herman Fortin FMI please call 728-7135.

**Please note that after 1 month on the list we will remove the name. You must call back if you want to be put back on. Thank you.

LAMP FOR THE UNBORN BURNS FOR:

St. David - for the Unborn by a Parishioner

St. Gerard - for Alek by Raymonde Corriveau

ST. GERARD SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN OCTOBER FOR:

Roland Morin by family

ST. DAVID SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN OCTOBER FOR:

Ulric & Antoinette Ouellette by Mike & Kathleen Lagasse

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN OCTOBER FOR: Gallant family by Pauline Vaillancourt

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, October 19 / 1pm–5:45pm

at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

INTENTION: For our military men and women who are away from their families, and for our area businesses and their workforces.

Masks are strongly recommended for all persons attending Mass!!

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 17- 8:30am St. Thomas Aquinas

Deceased classmates	by Class of 1967
Joan Belanger	by Janice Young
George Dugal	by Ginette & family
Norman Chasse	by Carlene Pelletier
Berthier Bourgoin	by Tom & Eileen Michaud
Armand & Jeannine Dumais	by Roger & Janine Lagasse
Leona Schultz	by Friend
Pauline Picard	by Irene Ouellet
James Madore	by Paul & Nora Michaud
Norman Chasse	by K of C 4th Degree #0366
Nivard Hebert	by Family
Lena Hebert	by Family
Scott B. Cyr	by Bob & Marge Williams
Gloria Russell	by James & Denise Powers
M/M Robert Corey	by Real Picard
Arthur LeBlanc	by Lester & Anne
Deceased Relatives	by Francis & Martha Dufour
Alphy & Dorothy Pelletier	by Friends of the family
Luella Marquis	by Family
Joel Marquis	by Family
Aline Migneault	by Cindy & Marc Michaud
Joel Albert	by K of C 4th Degree
Souls in Purgatory	by Bob & Leola Cyr
Laurant Geoffroy	by Cecile Geoffroy

Finance & Administration

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Financial Update

Offertory: July 1, 2021 to October 3, 2021

Budget:$92,346 **Actual:**$94,436 **Over Anticipated** :$2,090

	Amount given	Weekly goal
St. David	$1,897	$1,745
St. Gerard	$ 794	$1,032
St. Thomas Aquinas	$3,857	$3,819
Weekly Totals	$6,548	$6.596

WeShare Online Giving: $472 **Dime/Census: $3,165.03**

SECOND COLLECTION

October 23/24—Mission Sunday-Propagation of the Faith

FATIMA ROSARY: ***Recited every 13th of each month at 12pm (noon) at St. Gerard Church. All are welcomed.***

Parish Life

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers for you or a loved one, the Daughters of Isabella can help through the Prayer Line. This is open to anyone – not only for members. To add a name to the prayer line, **Lucy Cyr at 436-9673.**

ST. DAVID LADIES OF ST. ANNE MEETING: Monday, October 18 at 6:00pm in the St. David Rectory (downstairs).

Community Events

YOUR ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY IS HERE FOR YOU:

If you are struggling and need food in these difficult times, we are here for you. Applications available at Frenchville and Madawaska Town Offices. You can also pick one up when you come pick up a box. Drive by St Thomas Aquinas Church parking lot, wear mask & open trunk of your car. **Food Boxes will be available on October 20 from 8-10am. Senior boxes will be available on October 25 from 8-10am.** FMI call pantry at 728-7531

GRAND ISLE SENIOR LUNCHEON: **Thursday, October 21** at the Community Center at 11:00am ****take out only.** New Price: $4.00

MENU: Pork Loin. Please don't forget your proof of vaccination for us to record. Once we get most people recorded we could possible resume eat in meals. Face masks for all to enter the building for now. Meals on wheels home delivery is not available, so make arrangements to have your meal picked up by a friend.

CHARLEMAGNE: Thursdays from 1-3pm at the Madawaska Senior Center starting on October 14. All are welcome.

KITCHEN PARTY: **Sunday, October 24** from 1:00-3:00pm at the Grand Isle Community Center. Plenty of room to keep your distance & wear a mask if you prefer. Free admission. Free snacks & refreshments. Donations greatly appreciated. Join us for an afternoon of fun & entertainment with local talent. All are welcomed. Bring your friends. Sponsored by the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society. FMI call Gerald at 895-6949.

CHICKEN STEW: The St. Gerard Ladies of St. Anne will be having their annual Chicken Stew on **Sunday, October 31** starting at 10:30am. Cost is $7.00. It will be ****take out only** by a drive by in front of the St. Gerard Church in Grand Isle.

Our Lady Of The Valley Parish Corner

St. Agatha, St. Joseph/Sinclair, St. Luce/Frenchville, St. Michael Chapel

Worship & Spirituality

Prayer Line Contacts

St. Joseph: Cecile Ouellette 543-6073

SANCTUARY LAMP: Burns for:

St. Agatha: Philip 'Super' Chasse by Karen & Girls
St. Luce: Fr. Richard Ouellette by Mom & Family
St. Joseph: Wayne Dionne by Lucie Boucher

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday's after 6:00 p.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m. at St. Agatha
Thursday's after 6:00 pm. Mass until 7:30 p.m. at St. Luce

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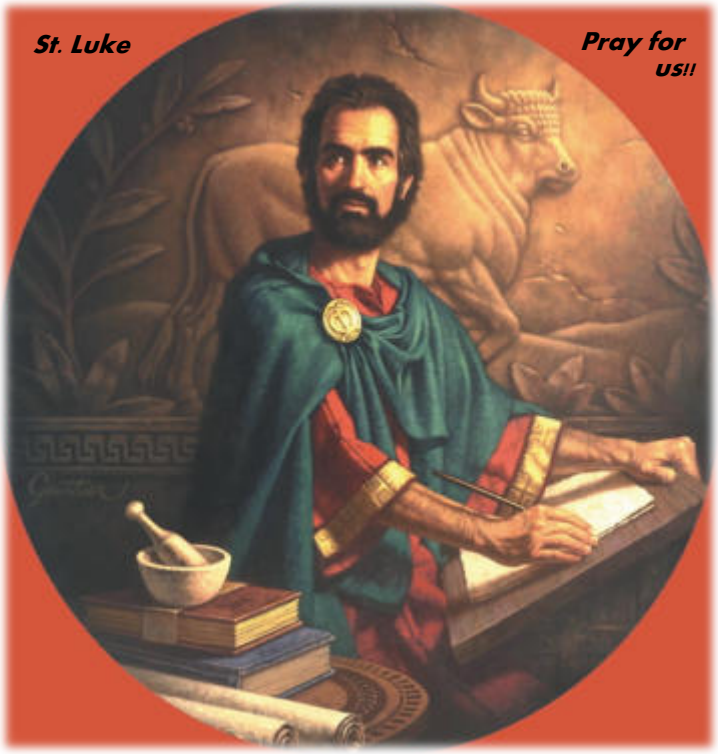
October 23/24—Mission Sunday-Propagation of the Faith



Community Events

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY IN SINCLAIR

Serving St. Agatha, Sinclair and Cross Lake

If you are in need of food in these difficult times, we are here for you. If you are a senior you may qualify for a senior box and food box every month.
Food is given every first Tuesday of every month also senior box and this is a drive thru pick up, just open trunk and we will load the box of food for you. Pick up time is 1-3pm.
Please wear a mask!
FMI call Cecile Ouellette @ 543-6073 or 543-5057
Monday thru Friday from 1-4pm
Application will be completed over the phone due to COVID-19

Finance & Administration

Our Lady of the Valley Financial Updates

Offertory: July 1, 2021 to October 3, 2021

Budget:$49,808 **Actual**:$51,152 **Over Anticipated**:$1,344

	Amount Given	Weekly Goal
Weekly Totals	$2,484	$4,167
	This Year	Last Year
Average Collections	$3,654	$3,352

WeShare Online Giving: $100 **Dime/Census: $657**

Masks are strongly recommended for all persons attending Mass!!

BE NOT AFRAID!!

St. Peter Chanel Parish Corner

St. Bruno-St. Remi Church/Van Buren, St. Joseph Church/Hamlin & Borderview Nursing Home

St. Bruno-St. Remi Church Sponsors

Bread & Wine Sponsor / In Loving Memory of:

Verna Gagnon by Jackie Cyr

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor / In Loving Memory of:

John Desjardins by his wife, Nora

Masks are strongly recommended for all persons attending Mass!!

St. Peter Chanel Outreach Committee News

Food Pantry News:

Next Curbside Distribution: October 28th, 1-2:30pm.

Thanks to everyone for your consideration to neighbors and pantry volunteers, returning boxes for repacking and sharing the love of this wonderful community.

For food extras/emergencies: *Nancy 868-5324, Bob 868-5623, Harvey 868-5679 & Norman 498-9570.*

People Helping People Thrift Store:

Note New Hours on Tuesday

HOURS: Tuesday 12-3:30pm & Wed-Friday 12-4pm.

Clothing is $8/bag unless specially marked. NOTE NEW PRICE

DROP OFF OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE DONE ONLY DURING STORE HOURS. PLEASE. Thank You!!

A sincere thanks to the community for all your donations and support...we could not do this without you!

Matt 25:40 "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Mass Scheduling: Anyone coming into the office to schedule a Mass needs to know that the Mass request will be booked immediately but not scheduled unless it is a 1st Anniversary Mass. The dates that Masses are scheduled will be listed in the bulletin weekly. Thanks for your understanding in this. God Bless.

Parish Needs / In Loving Memory:

Steve & Lilly Perreault by Gil & Kim Lajoie

SECOND COLLECTION

October 23/24—Mission Sunday-Propagation of the Faith

Finance & Administration

St. Peter Chanel Parish Financial Updates

Offertory: July 1, 2021 to October 3, 2021

Budget: $37,692 **Actual**: $40,183 **Over Anticipated**: $2,490

Amt. Given $2,026 Wkly Goal $2,692

This year $2,870 Last year $2,708

WeShare: Online Giving: **$277** **Dime/Census** : **$479.43**

2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Goal: $13,762: **Total pledges to date:** $9,262

(67% of goal) with 29 households participating.

Bulletin Memorials In Loving Memory of:

Marquis & Cyr Families by Ray & Judy Marquis	Love you Aunt Mildred by your Nephew	Lajoie & Sirois families by Mike & Marie Lajoie
Janet Michaud by Lorance Chamberland	John Levesque by Jim & Linda Levesque	Kim Beaulieu Love Mom, Dad & Max
Tardif, Parent & Young Families by Ron & June & Family	Simon Cyr Love Grandpa & Grandma	Madore & Rossignol Families by Carlene & Sheila
Lajoie & Ayotte Families by Gary & Lisa Lajoie	Antoine Levesque by his wife , Irene	St. Pierre & Marquis Families by Paul & Helen St. Pierre
Martin & Deveau Families by Ron & Della Martin	Available	Deceased Members of the Chamberland Family by Lorance Chamberland
Gervaise Lapierre by Bob & Family	Deceased relatives of Allan and Karie Ouellette	Leonhard Adam by Ella & Sharon
Ron J. Cyr by Ken & Lorraine Fongemie	Fredrick St.Pierre by Jean & Family	Betty Paradis by her Family

****Bulletin Memorials**:**

This is a reminder that **there are bulletin memorials available**. The cost of each memorial is: (1 mos.): $20; (3 mos.): $50; (6 mos.): $100; (1 Yr.): $200. **These memorials honor family members & friends while helping to offset parish expenses**.

Community Events

KC Breakfast: There will be a community KC Breakfast held Oct. 17th, From 7-11 am. Cost is $8 for adults and $5 for kids. Eat in or Take out. All are welcome to attend.

(**note date change**)

Columbiettes Supper/Meeting: The meeting will be 10/21/21 @ 5:00pm social at 6:30pm meeting.

Knitting and Crocheting Group:

Anyone who would like to learn how to knit or crochet will be gathering on Wednesdays from 1-3pm at the Community Center, starting September 8th. Enter by the office door and turn right and then left down the hall. For more information call Rachel Levesque at 868-3048. If no answer please leave your name and contact info for her to return your call. All are welcome to attend.

50/50 KC & Columbiettes Weekly Drawing

(drop off at KC mailbox or mail: 284 Main St, VB)

Name: _____

Address_____

Phone #_____**Amount Enclosed $**_____

$10 = 5wks, $26=13wks, $52=26wks, $104=52wks

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CLUSTER / DIOCESAN CORNER

Pastor's Corner

James and John were not bad people, but even Jesus would not give them what they asked for. Did you understand that? Even Jesus could not give them what they asked for! It was not theirs' to have, and it was not his to give. So, we should be careful what we ask for, "as a right", for ourselves or someone else. Our real "rights" if you want to call the grace of God that, are not in our desires but in the grace won by Jesus and in the sacrifice through which he won it for us. In the reading from Hebrews we can see grace is the result of a perfect sacrifice. The reading says: "Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens...let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." His grace, the grace that he won, is available to all who approach him in an acceptable way. This grace should not be viewed as a right we must be given but as truly what it is, a grace and a gift. This grace powerfully given to us through the sacrament of Confession, which brings us mercy as well. This mercy is really the forgiveness of sins. The Gospel reinforces the idea that there should be no aspiration to greatness through a claiming of personal rights. It is through humility and service to others that the highest gains will be made. Thus, the suffering servant, Jesus proclaims that his way, which was called for by the Father is the only way. James and John gave up their desire for power as a right they might have claimed and followed Jesus with fidelity. Can we do the same? With my prayers

Fr. Kent

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS: Saturday, November 20 at 9:30am at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall. To register for the class, please call the office at 728-7531.

Lifting up the lowly (Luke 1:52): CCHD in Maine

Since 2015, 22 Maine parishes have begun or expanded programs aimed at ending the cycle of poverty with imaginative and resourceful projects funded in part by the Campaign for Human Development. Such projects have helped with financial literacy training; heating and weatherization tips and materials; developing ministries for the aging; job search skills; welcoming Catholic immigrants; obtaining temporary housing for homeless families; addressing addiction in the local communities; and offering nutrition and cooking classes in association with food pantries. Contributing to the national collection in mid-November helps the Catholic Church witness to God's concern for the poor and serve many of the 38 million Americans living in poverty.

PUBLIC ROSARY GROUP

(America Needs Fatima)

We meet every **Wednesday & Friday at 3:00pm** at the Madawaska Bi-Centennial Park in the gazebo & at Joan Ouellette's house at 11 Green Point Rd. We begin with Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. Pray for pandemic situation and for the restoration of our country facing evil forces that is prevalent right now.

ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Basement

HOURS: Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 3pm & Friday 10am - 3pm or by appt., Call 728-4346/316-8062 Lee

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STATUES: 12" **St. Francis** with his birds and a beautiful little deer. $49.95 (MT391)

PENDANTS: A beautiful St. Anne Medallion with chain—only $12. (C801)

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ROSARIES: Beautiful SAPPHIRE Precious Stones Rosary - Capped or Uncapped - was $39.95 Now $35.

ANGEL POCKET TOCKENS: **WORRY STONES:** Come with their own little envelope ready to give away. $4.50

BOOKS: "When A Nation Forgets God"

7 Lessons we must learn from Nazi Germany.

This book studies seven similarities between Nazi Germany and America today - some of them chilling - and cautions us to respond accordingly. Engaging, well-researched, and easy to understand, the book explains the messes of our nation's government, economy, legal pitfalls, and propaganda and points to the God who always has a plan. In the early twentieth century, Germany didn't look like a country on the brink of world-shaking terrors. It looked like America today. *When a Nation Forgets God* uses history to warn us of a future that none of us wants to see. It urges us to speak up, take action, and trust in God. $10.99

KIDS: *"Jesus Calling"* - 365 Devotions for Kids

The book you are holding will tie your heart to the Lord's in a way you've never felt before. Each daily devotion is based on Scripture and written as though Jesus were speaking directly to you!

Bestselling author Sarah Young has touched more than seven million lives through her devotionals. She invites you to spend a few minutes each day with this book, listening as....Jesus is Calling You! $15.99

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THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHILD IS READ ALOUD TO HIM/HER!

Also, *Gift Certificates* are always available!!

Medicare Part D (Clinics)

Medicare Part D clinics will be given in the St. John Valley during the months of October, November & December. These clinics are put on by the Senior Planning Center with Tammy Delong. Changes can only be made between Oct.15 and Dec 7. You must make an appointment by calling 778-6565 ext 460. All clinic hours are 9am to 3pm.

The clinics are:

Fort Kent: **OLD** Fish River Rural Health
October 22 & November 5 & 19

Madawaska: Madawaska High School
(Back entrance off School Street)
October 20, November 9 & 23

St. Agatha: Library
October 26, November 11 & 30

Van Buren: Hebert Pharmacy
October 28, November 16 & December 2

October 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

Question:
Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:
It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).
Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

Children's Corner

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~JESUS~~
DISCIPLES
PEOPLE
LEADERS
POWER
GREAT
SERVANT
FIRST
RESCUE

H	E	D	A	S	F	I	R	S	T
G	H	I	O	L	D	S	E	K	N
R	E	S	C	U	E	A	D	T	S
E	Y	C	A	N	R	M	U	O	E
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MISSION

Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.

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September thru June Monthly Meals and Meetings
Lady's Auxiliary 1st Monday of the Month @ 5:30 PM
Legionnaires 2nd Monday of the Month @ 6:00 PM

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