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Sunday November 15, 2020
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Transforming Power of Love / Love Your Enemies / Richard Rohr

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say unto you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. —Matthew 5:43-45

In the United States few public figures have spoken more plainly and powerfully about Jesus' teaching to love our enemies than the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This was not an abstract theological question for Dr. King. He wrestled practically and at great cost, with how to love his enemies, both through prayer and through nonviolent direct action. This passage is an excerpt from King's sermon "Loving Your Enemies."

When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality.

Probably no admonition of Jesus has been more difficult to follow than the command to "love your enemies." Some people have sincerely felt that its actual practice is not possible. It is easy, they say, to love those who love you, but how can one love those who openly and insidiously seek to defeat you? This command of Jesus challenges us with new urgency. Upheaval after upheaval has reminded us that modern humanity is traveling along a road called hate, in a journey that will bring us to destruction.

Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, the command to love one's enemy is an absolute necessity for our survival. Love even for enemies is the key to the solution of the problems of our world. Jesus is not an impractical idealist: he is the practical realist. I am certain that Jesus understood the difficulty inherent in the act of loving one's enemy. He never joined the ranks of those who talk glibly about the easiness of the moral life. He realized that every genuine expression of love grows out of a consistent and total surrender to God. So when Jesus said "Love your enemy," he was not unmindful of its stringent qualities. Yet he meant every word of it. Our responsibility as Christians is to discover the meaning of this command and seek passionately to live it out in our daily lives.


When Jesus bids us to love our enemies, he is speaking of neither *eros* [romantic love] nor *philia* [reciprocal love of friends]; he is speaking of *agape*, understanding and creative, redemptive goodwill for all people. Only by following this way and responding with this type of love are we able to be children of our Father who is in Heaven.

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November 15, 2020
**33rd Sunday
 in Ordinary Time**

“Facts do not cease to exist
 because they are ignored”

Aldous Huxley

**Mass Schedule Week of
 November 16th - 22nd**

Monday, 9:00AM	November 16th +Serafina Sacheli
Tuesday 9:00AM	November 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary +Victor & Margaret Rozario
Wednesday 11:00AM 12:00Noon	November 18th Adoration +Gerard Hogan
Thursday 9:00AM	November 19th +Josie Muzzi
Saturday 4:00PM	November 21st +Josef & Anna Fibikar
Sunday 9:00AM	November 22nd +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus
Sunday 11:00AM (B) (B) Baysville	November 22nd +Bernard Smith

**Confessions Sat. 3:15pm - 3:45pm
 or by request.**

**We join our prayers to those
 who have asked us to pray with them**

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Joe Hanrath, Pamela Festing, David Phillips, Connie Gregory, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Ruth Anne Foley, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Patricia Quinn, Brian Haywood, Henk Jensen, Pauline Schumacher & Lawrence Downey

*And for those who we hold
 in the silence of our hearts.*

**If there is someone you would like to
 have added to our prayers list, please
 contact the office. Thank you**



The Beatitudes - The Path of the Disciple - The Revelation of God's Will Part II

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 5.3 (NRSV)

As in all things, a good beginning may lead to a good end, and this is quite true with the first of Matthew's Beatitudes. There would appear to be intentionality in Jesus' ordering of them, and so when he says that those who are “poor in spirit”, it is a reflection of the disciple who is willing to be both God's humble vessel and companion in being the kingdom of God in the world; this is where it begins.

This poverty of spirit, is truly a poverty. It is never about more, greater or best, but is about being simple, the least among others, and the ordinary one in company with their neighbour. There is no self-deprivation or acts of humiliation, but a clarity of mind and spirit that emerges, evoking genuine joy in the disciple who knows who they are and the great potential that lies within. Like any poverty, we hunger for that which will quench our thirst and sate our hunger. This poverty can only be comforted by the awakening to God's life giving Spirit. God's Spirit is like a light that shines within, revealing the substance of our lives. It is never harsh or demeaning, but only honest and sincere. Living in unison with God's Spirit of Poverty, encourages us to let go of death and accept life within. It is about becoming what we have always been.

As one continues to allow for this, the presence of poverty becomes more apparent and operational in ones daily living and being. As one humbly accepts being blessed by God, one is in turn, bless-ed in God. The poverty of Spirit is God's indwelling, but it awaits our consent to allow it to break open, to take root, to grow and to finally expand beyond the confines of the self. But the disciple must choose to be transformed into simplicity itself, so allowing the kingdom of God to be revealed within and without. They have accepted what has always been there and is now being awakened within them. One does not become superhuman or supra-human. On the contrary, one becomes truly and authentically human, and it is then that ‘theirs is the kingdom of God’. Or more to the point, and *there is the kingdom of God, living, acting, and moving in them.* pah

Ministry Schedule - Weekend of November 21st / 22nd

	Sat. 4pm	Sun. 9:00am	Sun 11am (B)
Readers	Marguerite Goodfellow	Al Cormier	Teresa Dean
Ushers	Laila Etherington Walter Gryz Diana Snowden Margaret Warman	Nadine Diplock Doug Neigel Judith Gottschalk Mike Pearson	Jean MacInnis John MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Sanitizers	Schedule Provided	Schedule Provided	Schedule Provided

Tuesday Nov. 17th

Counters: Linda Latour & Marguerite Goodfellow

"Each of us must confront our own fears, must come face to face with them. How we handle our fears will determine where we go with the rest of our lives. To experience adventure or to be limited by the fear of it."

Judy Blume

“Everything that is not given is lost.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Next Sunday November 22nd, 2020

Christ The King

Life is a beauty, admire it
 Life is bliss, taste it
 Life is a dream, realize it
 Life is a challenge, meet it
 Life is a duty, complete it
 Life is a game, play it
 Life is costly, care for it
 Life is wealth, keep it
 Life is love, enjoy it
 Life is a mystery, know it
 Life is a promise, fulfill it
 Life is sorrow, overcome it
 Life is a song, sing it
 Life is a struggle, accept it
 Life is tragedy, confront it
 Life is an adventure, dare it
 Life is luck, make it
 Life is too precious, do not destroy it
 Life is Life, fight for it

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Parish Meetings and Gatherings

- **St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank:** Every Wednesday, **10am - 12noon**
- **St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive: Tuesday November 17th, 9:30AM - 12noon,** food drop off in the garage next to SVDP Office.
- **Ladies Quilting Retreat Day: Saturday November 28th,** 8:30am—3:30pm Parish Hall

November 8, 2020

**Weekend Offertory
 \$3,383.00**

**D&P Collection
 \$250.00**

**Hot Lunch Tuesday
 \$180.00**

**Thank you for your
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“There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going all the way, and not starting.”
Buddha

“The eyes are useless when the mind is blind”
Anto Henry

Parish Pastoral News

Hot Lunch Tuesday: Is slightly different this year. We will be providing vouchers that they may take to the Family Restaurant. If you are able to help this wonderful tradition in our parish, your generosity and kindness will be greatly appreciated. At the entrance of the church, at St. Mary's, is the Poor Box. You may place a donation in there, or place your offering in the Sunday Offertory basket, ear marked for the **“Hot Lunch Tuesday”**.

Memory and New Life Service: This will be a service of prayer, hymns and remembrance, honouring our deceased family and friends. You are welcome to attend and let God's Spirit of healing and consolation continue to work within you. It will be **Thursday November 26th, at 7:00PM in the Church. Bring a friend - all are welcome.**

Communion Pyxis: We have several **Communion Pyxis** that you may borrow, so as to take the Eucharist to a loved one who is unable to attend mass. Please speak to the office so as to borrow one. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation: We will be working quite closely with the School to ensure we can provide a good and safe environment for this to take place. More information coming to you by mid November. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sunday Missals - Living With Christ / 2020-2021: Are now available still at \$5/missal. You are asked to not leave your missal in the pews, so that we can minimize contamination. Thank you

Volunteers needed at **The Table Soup Kitchen.** If you could give a few hours a week, once a month even, please call, **705-783-5827** - It will make a difference in your life and the lives of those you serve.
Shalom

Christmas Masses: I know it is early, but Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will have limited seating capacity. We will require our parishioners to sign up for one of the Christmas Liturgies. Your options are:

- 1) a sign up list at the entrance of the church
- 2) emailing the office at office@stmaryshuntsville.ca or
- 3) calling the office, at **705.789.2348.**

We will begin this Monday November 16th.

The Mass Schedule will be:

Christmas Eve, St. Mary's / 4PM **Christmas Day,** St. Mary's / 9AM
Christmas Eve, St. Mary's / 6PM
Christmas Eve, St. Kateri / 6PM
Christmas Eve, St. Mary's / 8PM

JOB POSTING: Office Administrator, Part-Time, St. Mary's Parish, Huntsville, ON. Please see poster at front of church or on the website. **Resumes sent to office@stmaryshuntsville.ca by November 23rd.** Attention Fr. Paul Hogan. Thank you.