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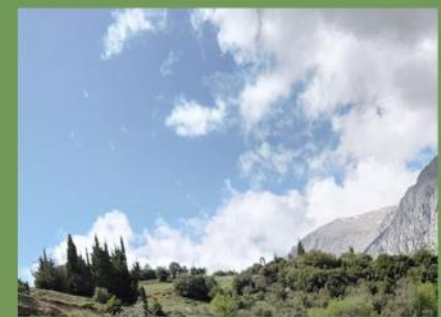
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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The serpent tempted me and I ate.

**10th Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Year B)**



With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption.
Psalm 129:7

Parish Pastoral Team

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June 9, 2024

Adam, where Are You?

When God gave Adam and Eve the gift of free will, he gave them the capacity to be moral, that is, to choose to do what is right. But they chose evil. To choose evil is to abuse freedom. And like children who have done wrong, they tried to hide rather than face the consequences. But God came looking for them and called out to Adam, 'Where are you?'

But there seems to be a problem here. If God knows all things, why did he ask Adam, 'Where are you?' Are we to conclude that God didn't know where Adam was. Oh, God knew all right. It was Adam who didn't know. In asking the question God does not expect to learn something he doesn't know. What he wants is to produce an effect on the person which can only be produced by just such a question.

The question 'Where are you?' is a profoundly disturbing question. And it is a question which is addressed not just to Adam but also to every person. In every era, God calls to every person in sin, and says: 'Where are you in your relationship to me, to others, and to yourself?'

Adam hid to avoid rendering an account, and to escape responsibility for what he had done. We hide for the same reason, when we find ourselves in Adam's situation. When we do wrong, we try to hide from the consequences. In trying to hide from God (which is impossible), we are hiding from ourselves too.

But there is Someone who seeks us out. We hear the voice of God in our heart asking: 'Where are you?' God is not indifferent. God pursues us when we would rather not deal with him. He does so, not to punish us, but to get us to face up to what we have done. He loves us enough to forgive our sins, but he wants us to take responsibility for them and to try to atone for them.

Adam and Eve trembled on hearing the voice of God. They were ashamed of what they had done. Everyone's heart trembles on hearing the question 'Where are you?' But it is not meant as a threat but as help. It is the voice of Someone who cares about us.

Adam and Eve felt guilty. Today guilt has almost become a dirty word. But guilt can be constructive. It is a sign of a healthy conscience. If people do wrong they ought to feel guilty. It is a sign of being truly human. Only a psychopath feels no guilt: what one encounters is a scary moral numbness. We don't consider such a person normal or fully human.

When Adam and Eve sinned there were consequences. Before they sinned they enjoyed a delightful familiarity with God. They are portrayed as walking with God in the cool of the evening. After their fall they are afraid of God and try to hide from him, And there is a breakdown between themselves. Where once unity and harmony existed, now there is division and mutual-recrimination. It wasn't God who brought this punishment on them. They brought it on themselves. We are punished not so much *for* our sins as *by* our sins.

However, the sad scene ends with a promise of salvation. God takes pity on Adam and Eve and promises to send them a saviour. The gospel shows the promise fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus overthrows Satan and establishes the Kingdom of God.

For those who believe in him, and who do God's will, a new kinship is formed and a new intimacy with God becomes possible. As a result of what he did, we are not just God's creatures, but members of God's family. And a new bond is formed between us. Thus the old divisions are overcome.

McCarthy, Flor. "Tenth Sunday of the Year". *New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, 2011*, pp. 226-227.

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - June 15th / 16th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Gaile Romanowski	Helen Hebb	Bob Lacroix
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Counters	Tuesday, June 11, 2024	Gisele Neigel &	Bob Moore

Parish Pastoral News

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL / A Lay Missionary Associate is being formed and started in our parish. The Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) is a Lay movement involved in the missionary activities of the Catholic Church today; known as Associate missionaries for the modern time.

Their apostolate is to organize retreats for young families, youth, prayer and conferences to boost the Catholic faith and spiritual growth and development in the spirit of the missionary mandate of the Church.

The inauguration Mass will be on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

The inauguration Mass starts at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch, talks and induction of membership.

There is a lot to be learned and shared about our faith in this forum. We are expecting a large turnout.

A team from Saskatchewan who are already members of this lay movement are coming to share their testimonies with us on that day. And four Priests from the Congregation of the Missionary Society of St. Paul will be concelebrating the inauguration Mass and will be presenting the talks as well.

The inauguration letter from Bishop Miehm will be read during the Mass.

BE AN AMBASSOR FOR CHRIST!!!

Parish Nurse News / The Parish Nurse clinic is now closed for the season. If you would like to speak with me, call or email the Parish Office and I will either call you or make a Home Visit.

Altar Servers / If you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to participate in the Mass in an even more active way, then consider becoming an altar server. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Sirek at 705-571-1681 or elizabeth.sirek@gmail.com.

Week of June 10th - 16th, 2024

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God's peace be within you always.

Parish Picnic / The Parish would like to have a picnic to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Parish picnic would be on Sunday, August 18th at St. Kateri's in Baysville following the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. On the weekends of June 8th/9th and June 15th/16th, there will be sign up sheets at the entrance to both St. Mary's and St. Kateri's. These sign up sheets are to help determine whether or not to go ahead with the picnic. In order to host a Parish Picnic we need a committee of volunteers to help organize, set up, BBQ, and clean up. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Alison in the office at 705-789-2348 or email: office@stmaryshuntsville.ca or speak with Fr. Dominick.

Supporting Our Fathers in the Faith / Retired priests have spent years ministering to our parish communities, offering guidance, support, and the sacraments. Now it's our turn to show our appreciation and ensure they are cared for in their retirement years. Your support of the Special Collection for the Priest Benefit Fund on June 15/16 will directly assist retired priests of our diocese with their essential needs, ensuring they can live with dignity as vital members of our community. Learn more and donate today at www.peterboroughdiocese.org.

Coffee Sunday / Due to unforeseen circumstances, Coffee Sunday on Sunday, June 9, 2024 has been cancelled.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Group Meetings /Events

Monday June 10th CWL General Meeting / Parish Hall / 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday June 11th St. Mary's School Mass / St. Mary's School / 9:15 a.m.

Mass Schedule

Week of June 10th– 16th

Tuesday, June 11th / 12:00 Noon

+Marie Verch

(Req. By: Mary Ann Smith)

Wednesday, June 12th /

12:00 Noon

+Rennie Melnyk

(Req By: Walter Grys)

Thursday, June 13th / 9:00 AM

+Brian Clarke

(Req. By: Walter Grys)

Friday, June 14th / 12:00 Noon

SI Frank Janssen

(Req. By: Elizabeth Janssen)

Saturday, June 15th/ 4:00PM

+Alice McKay

(Req. By: Pat & Jane Yantha)

Sunday, June 16th/ 9:00AM

SI In Thanksgiving

(Req. By Peter & Helga Fibikar)

Sunday, June 16th / 11:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sefton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, Emily Warman, and Terry Russell

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