Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome Everyone to Our Parish!
~ A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years ~

Epistle ~ Galatians 6: 11-18 Gospel ~ Luke 16: 19-31

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Epistle Readers
Saturday (5 p.m.): Gloria Sherban
Sunday (10 a.m.): Larissa Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

Friday, October 26
10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Holy Great-martyr St. Demetrius**

Saturday, October 27
4:40 p.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary
5:00 p.m. ~ **Christ the King Sunday**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

Sunday, October 28
9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary
10:00 a.m. ~ **Christ the King Sunday**
Epistle Reader: Dr. Larry Watral

Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously & lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

October 13/14

Envelopes and Loose: $1,152.25
Mission Collection: $40.95
Special Projects: $135.00
Seminary Collection: $15.00

Thank you for your generosity!
Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

The Mission Collection for October is designated for **Thunder Bay Shelter House's 'SOS' (Street Outreach Services) Program.** The SOS Team is a highly trained and skilled team of compassionate people who are out on the road everyday from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily, offering their services to homeless, inebriated, and high risk people in our community.

Quotable Words of Wisdom

Society says, "Look out for yourself," but God says, "Look out for others and I will look out for you."

~ Anonymous ~

Parish News & Activities

Many thanks to those who brought items for last week's luncheon as well as those who attended and welcomed Navy Chaplain, Rev. Canon Ed Swayze who enlightened us with his presentation on "The Mission to Seafarers."

A reminder that our parish hall will be used as a polling station for the **October 22 municipal election**. Representatives will be setting up the day before this event. We ask those who may have to access the hall to please cooperate with the staff from the returning office, and encourage every one (who has not yet done so) to get out and vote on that day!

Pyrohy orders for November 19 **are now closed** as the maximum amount has now been reached. If you wish to be put on a 'waiting list', please call Walter at 475-3757 or send him an email at **warywodaw@gmail.com**. Please note: extra product is not guaranteed. The usual schedule for peeling, ball making, pinching, boiling, etc. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (November 17-19) will be followed. Your help is appreciated.

As the weather gets colder, please remember the food hamper located in the narthex for non-perishable goods. No stale-dated food items, fresh fruit or produce please. Donations are delivered to St. Andrew's Dew Drop Inn by our parishioners.

We will be making cabbage rolls on **Friday, October 26** and cooking them to be sold in the narthex on the Saturday (27th) and Sunday (28th) that follow. Rolling will start @ 11:00 a.m. Please note: there will be **NO** pre-orders this time. Product will be sold at a first-come, first served basis.

Attention all parishioners! If your contact information has changed (address, phone number, email), please contact the parish office immediately (and leave a message) so that our files can be updated. *Thank you for your cooperation!* ☺

In today's parable from the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus speaks about a chasm between Heaven and hell. In the parable, Lazarus was not allowed to reach across into hell or return to earth, not allowed to cross either of the chasms of sin. Jesus said the brothers of the rich man have Moses and the Prophets to point to God's bridge to Heaven. We also have the Builder of that bridge, our Saviour Jesus, pointing and leading us to Heaven and perfection. With Jesus' perfect life and sacrificial death, He has given us entrance into Heaven, He has bridged the grand chasm. Amen.

~ condensed from a sermon by Jeff Hatos

St. George's Society

The next date for training and refresher training of volunteers is **Sunday, October 21** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. Please consider training if you haven't yet done so — we could use a few more volunteers on our list. Our next two bingos are **Wednesday, November 14** (matinée) and **Friday, December 4** (evening)**.**

Our Corporate Communion takes place this year on **Sunday, October 28** at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All members are requested to meet in the church hall by 9:40 a.m. after which we will proceed into the church as a whole. We ask you to please wear your St. George's blazers with the crest, a dress shirt and St. George's tie (or another appropriate one), with grey trousers. And because this is a very important occasion, we encourage all members to attend services on the Sunday of that weekend, rather than the Saturday before. A breakfast meeting will follow at the Airlane Hotel at the cost of $10/person. Hope to see many at both events!

Attention all fishermen! Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to one of the Committee members Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak so the standings for the annual Fish Tournament can be updated on a regular basis. Last day to do so is **Sunday, October 28**. The annual Fish and Game Banquet will take place on **Saturday, November 3** in our parish hall starting at 6 p.m. — cost is $5/member. Please see Maurice Z. with your 'fin' ($5) to get in. And once again: Good luck to all anglers and remember to stay safe on the water!

Love and Service to God since 1960!

Community Events of Interest

50/50 Draw - The six Thunder Bay Councils of the Knights of Columbus are selling 50/50 tickets in support of Dew Drop Inn, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Thunder Bay Food Bank. Tickets are available from KC members as well as at the Columbus Centre. Draw date is **Monday, November 12.**

Top Chef Thunder Bay 2018 - **Saturday, October 27** at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre hosted by Food Network Canada's Bob Blumer. Your ticket includes being a judge along with Bob and our panel of local celebrity judges as you try each bite and cast your vote. For more information and tickets, visit **www.keynoteevents.ca/events**.

K of C Pickerel Dinner - **Saturday, October 27** at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. $21 per person, includes pickerel, home fries, coleslaw, bread, dessert and coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Call Rosie at 623-3252 during regular business hours to obtain yours.

Thunder On Rails - Model Railroad Show 2018, **Saturday, October 27**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., **Sunday, October 28**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the West Thunder Community Centre, 915 S. Edward St. Admission ~ Adults: $2.00; Family: $5; kids under 12 free (when accompanied by an adult). Proceeds in support of the Thunder Bay Metro Lions Club.

'Tis the Season Show & Shop - Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce is pleased to introduce this spectacular event, **Sunday, November 4** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Valhalla Inn. Tickets are $5 (cash) at the door. For more information, visit **www.tbchamber.ca**.

Holy Cross Golden Agers

Attention all members! Our regular monthly meeting takes place on **Thursday, October 25** at **1:00 p.m.** preceded by a 'mini' beanbag tournament starting at 12 noon. Following the meeting, bingo will take place as usual. Refreshments will be available also. Hope to see many in attendance!

On **Thursday, November 15**, eligible members are reminded of the **Free Bingo** featuring special prizes (ooh and aah) and tasty treats (mmm). You don't want to miss it!

Readings for Christ the King Sunday

(October 28)
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Colossians 1: 12-20
(The Person and Work of Christ)

Gospel: John 18: 33-37
(Pilate questions Jesus about His Kingdom)

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?" This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, MOTHER OF MERCY

The 'Hail Holy Queen' prayer, originally known by its Latin name, *Salve Regina*, is recited at the end of the Rosary and is also used in night prayers. It dates back to around the 11th century and is still sung today as a hymn in various forms, among them a beautiful chant.

Although crowned Queen of Heaven, Mary is by no means haughty, given such a title! She's a queen who wonderfully blends her majesty with her humility in her desire to be of service to us. She *wants* to dispense God's graces through prayers such the Hail Holy Queen and the Rosary.

If we pray the Hail Holy Queen in the Rosary daily, and other such prayers of devotion to our Blessed Mother, she will give us the graces we need to live our lives to be "worthy of the promises of Christ!"

Source: **www.ourcatholicprayers.com**

Sunday Smile

The Story about the Rich Man and Lazarus

How many of you would like to be poor when you grow up? Probably, none at all. If you were very, very poor, you might wind up living on the street and sleeping on the sidewalk. You would probably get your clothes from the thrift store and you might be seen standing on the street corner holding a sign that says, "Will work for food." You would probably walk everywhere you went because you couldn't afford to buy a car, and all that doesn't sound too appealing.

There is nothing wrong with being rich and there is nothing shameful in being poor. Being rich does not guarantee that you will be happy and being poor doesn't necessarily mean that you will have an unhappy life. In our Bible story today, we will look at a story that Jesus told which is known as "The Rich Man and Lazarus."

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen. He lived in luxury every day. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus. As Lazarus lay there, he was hoping that he might receive some of the scraps from the rich man's table. Lazarus was covered with sores and the dogs would come and lick his sores. The rich man never offered to share his wealth with Lazarus. Every day he walked past him as if he was not even there.

In the story Jesus told, Lazarus finally died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. Even though he had nothing on this earth, he trusted in God to take care of him and that is exactly what happened. Lazarus had everything he needed in his heavenly home.

The rich man also died and was buried. The place where the rich man went was. . . well, it was very hot (you probably know where!). He was miserable. The rich man looked up into Heaven and saw Abraham with Lazarus standing by his side. He cried out, "Father Abraham, send Lazarus down and let him dip his finger in water to cool my tongue." Abraham answered, "Don't forget that when you were living you had all your good things and Lazarus had nothing. Now he is well cared for and you are in great pain. And besides, there is a deep ditch between us, and no one from either side can cross over."

There is an important lesson to be learned from the story of the rich man and Lazarus: all the money in the world won't buy our way into heaven. The only way we can get into heaven is by putting our faith in God. When we do that, He will provide everything we need. Maybe we won't be rich on this earth, but we will be in heaven!

Source: **www.sermons4kids.org**

Pope Francis: Indifference to the poor is a great sin

On November 19, 2017, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for some 7,000 poor people in St. Peter's Basilica, on the first World Day of the Poor. Afterwards, he joined 1,500 of those who attended Mass for lunch in the Vatican's audience hall, while the remaining thousands were given lunch in communities across the city, including at the North American College in Rome.

St. Peter's Basilica has hosted many great events but never one entirely dedicated to the poor. At the end of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis decreed that every year, near the end of the church's liturgical year, a World Day of the Poor is to be celebrated in dioceses and churches across the world, because "the poor are at the heart of the Gospel."

"If in the eyes of the world the poor have little value, they are the ones who open to us the way to heaven; they are our passport to paradise," Pope Francis said in his homily. "In the poor, we find the presence of Jesus, who, though rich, became poor for us."

Pope Francis expressed "joy" at celebrating the Eucharist — "the food for life's journey" — with these attendees. "All of us, none excluded, need this," he said. "For all of us are beggars when it comes to what is essential: God's love, which gives meaning to our lives and a life without end." Later, commenting on the Gospel story of "the talents," Pope Francis said: "Let us realize this: We do have talents; in God's eyes, we are 'talented.' Consequently, no one can think that he or she is useless, so poor as to be incapable of giving something to others."

He told his audience that "God, in whose eyes no child can be neglected, entrusts to each of us a mission." He gives us talents "to use wisely" and bear fruit. The pope explained that the Gospel tells us the master "was displeased" with the one who did not use his talent but hid it under the ground — "his evil was that of failing to do good."

The Gospel tells us that "the one who adds new talents is truly 'faithful' because he sees things as God does," said the pope. "He does not stand still, but instead, out of love, takes risks. He puts his life on the line for others; he is not content to keep things as they are. One thing alone does he overlook: his own interest. That is the only right 'omission.'" Pope Francis declared that "omission is also the great sin where the poor are concerned" and it is called "indifference." "It is when we say, 'That doesn't regard me; it's not my business; it's society's problem.' It is when we turn away from a brother or sister in need, when we change channels as soon as a disturbing question comes up, when we grow indignant at evil but do nothing about it. God will not ask us if we felt righteous indignation, but whether we did some good."

"We please God," the pope said, by showing love to "the hungry and the sick, the stranger and the prisoner, the poor and the abandoned, the suffering who receive no help, the needy who are cast aside. On their faces we can imagine seeing Jesus' own face; on their lips, even if pursed in pain, we can hear his words: 'This is my body.'"

Pope Francis told his worldwide congregation, "In the poor, Jesus knocks on the doors of our heart, thirsting for our love. When we overcome our indifference, and in the name of Jesus we give of ourselves for the least of his brethren, we are his good and faithful friends, with whom he loves to dwell."

~ from a portion of an article by Gerald O'Connell at ***www.americanmagazine.org***

Once again, we will be looking for donations for our **Christmas Cheer Project** to make up personal hygiene packages, as well as any Christmas mugs and candy to fill them. Here is a list of appropriate items:

* Anti-perspirant/deodorant
* Bar soap
* Body wash
* Brushes and combs
* Disposable razors
* Facecloths
* Feminine supplies
* Hand mirror/compact
* Microfibre cloths
* Nail clippers/small scissors
* Q-tips and cotton balls
* Shampoo and Conditioner
* Shaving cream/gel
* Toothbrush/toothpaste/dental floss

Other appropriate items are graciously accepted. There will be a box in the narthex that you can place your donated items into or you can give them to Sherry Opaski or Cheryl Bain. If there are any questions, call Sherry (767-0253) or Cheryl (623-2138) or send an email to either ladies at **saopaski@gmail.com** or **cheryllynnbain@gmail.com**.