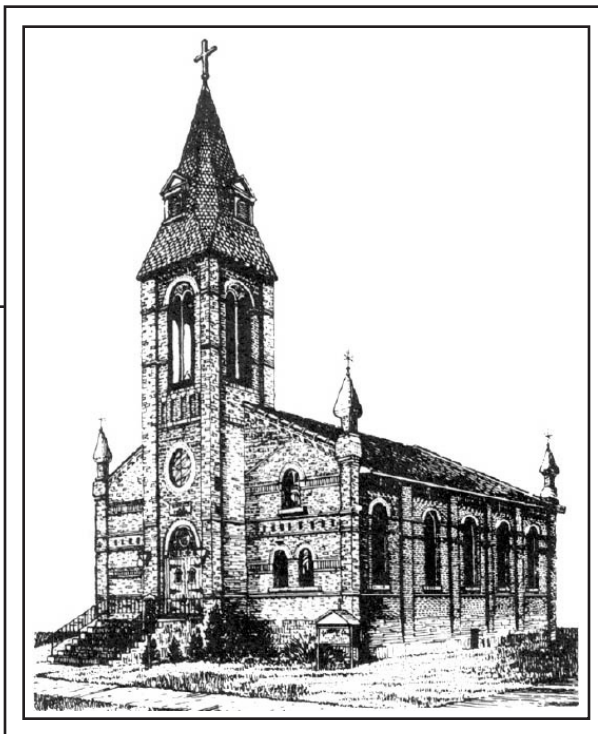


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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DARK TIMES: A WARNING (Part 2)

When I wrote last Sunday's (Oct. 8) bulletin article it was 5-days before the terrorist attacks by Hamas on Israel, the worst since the Holocaust on the Jewish people. I was writing about 'dark times' because of the heavenly warnings through several messages given to various approved seers around the world by Our Lady, speaking of a major shift in the world, permitted by God because of man's disobedience, and specifically beginning in this month of October. Already in this month we have seen the continuance of the war between Ukraine and Russia, the Synod on Synodality where some bishops propose to change the Church's teaching on marriage and human sexuality, and now the war between Israel and Palestine brought on by the unexpected surprise attack by the terrorist group Hamas on so many innocent lives in Israel. Our Lady said it was 'the beginning' which will *'not begin with a bang'* but will eventually spread throughout many countries in Europe. This is the world's warning, but not a new one.

Throughout salvation history, God has called people to return to Him and to follow His laws and commands and to experience the peace and inner joy that comes from right relationship with Him. God saved the world by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, and giving us all of the spiritual tools and divine assistance we need to live this short life on earth with the aim of seeing and being with Jesus in eternity. Throughout salvation history, man has broken every covenant that God has made and continues in our time to ignore or even mock God.

So, what are we to do? Why is the parish priest at St. Mary's, Collingwood, writing about a warning from heaven and why now? We want to hear of happier things or perhaps even more mundane things so we can feel good about ourselves and our lives in the midst of the continually bleak and troubling events of our time. I write and I preach because of the reality of two realms, the earthly and the spiritual. The earthly is what we see and hear in our day to day lives with wars, politics and corruption as the every present cycle of news while the spiritual – the really real, is so often not perceived or considered and that is to say, what God is doing. When we read the scriptures we should realize that what is revealed in all 73 books of the Bible is not 'a plan' but THE PLAN for all things, relaying to us how God made all things and with an order and purpose and in that creation fashioned man after His own heart, in His image and likeness. We are directly connected to God by His design and destined for the greatest result of the choices we make in this fleeting time on earth: to see God Himself! The scriptures in the prophets address every time and place in revealing to us what God wants to give us and what He wants from us in return. So, the warning I write about and speak of, like so many others in our time, is not only about the unfolding, foretold plan of God but also the predictable self-centered rejection of it not only by mankind in general but me, specifically. I can know about God, His plan, the way He has made me but also my sinful inclination to live as though my life was my own and that I can somehow blissfully live out my life in my own way. And, I can if I so choose, but with

consequences. God has and is telling me, you and everyone that we can live according to His standard and know incredible, even mysterious peace and inner joy when we follow Him and the 'manual' of life, though with challenge and difficulty and an even an affront to our own free will. And with that reality, I can be tempted to choose lesser, more seemingly immediate things to fill me so that I can feel good about myself. (Incidentally, I have never felt so good about myself when I've followed Jesus more closely and with resolve. Knowing and discovering this is truly amazing, even though through the passing of time I can wander away to simply earthly things.

So, the warnings that God is giving us through the popes of the past 100 years, the scriptures, the messages of Our Lady from her many appearances to humans more recently, particularly to children, is God's way of speaking through what has already been revealed to minds that have been filled with not-God. It is the summons of salvation, that God still and more urgently wants to save us. His love from the Cross cries out to us still in the everfresh words, "I thirst". He has a thirst for us to seek Him, find Him, accept and choose Him now, before it's too late and that in itself is a great shout from God of His abiding, unchanging love for us, sinners that we are. In scripture, we are told to trust God and not man in Psalm 146:3 *"Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help."* That is to say, don't just simply trust in human leaders who so often seek their own agendas and desires under the auspice of looking out for the people's needs. So many of those who are wealthy and hold positions of power today have not been elected or even remotely chosen by the people, yet they are making decisions for all of us with the permission only of our submissive, conforming wills that will, no doubt, lead us into great trouble and is in fact doing so. This is the result of placing our trust in earthly leaders alone and not God.

I once shared with our parishioners in a homily my sense over the last five years that something is coming. When the pandemic came, I recognized that it wasn't in itself 'it' and that it was still coming, but it was the beginning of what is coming. This sense is deep and spiritual and derived from seeing all things through the lens of God's plan. Things are off-centre and continue to go that way and the pandemic has proven that much of mankind can be swayed and even controlled by being told we are in great danger and they alone have 'the fix'. Even now, we still hear of a return of these dangers assuming control can be had by godless leaders and dictators who claim to know what is best for us. But it's their plan and not that of Our God!

So what are we to do? We are to return. Return to that which is eternal, the God who has already offered to save us and gave us the means of grabbing hold of it, not with our hands but with our very lives, lives that are 'spiritual'. Of taking the time and making the resolve to, once we have known and experienced it ourselves, make it known to others, beginning with those closest to us. We are not victims of time and circumstance but heirs to the Kingdom revealed only by God in Jesus Christ. (*Fr. Charles*)



MASS
SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday Oct 24 th 7:00pm	+Louis Vella Requested by Josephine & Family
Wednesday Oct 25 th	Unannounced Mass
Thursday Oct 26 th	Unannounced Mass
Friday Oct 27 th 7:30pm	Holy Hour
8:30am	Unannounced Mass
Saturday Oct 28 th 3:30pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Josephine Gerynowicz Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday Oct 29 th 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Jim Groves Requested by the Family

Please Pray for the Sick

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MISSIONARY MONTH – OCTOBER 2023
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 22 2023
Theme: “Hearts of Fire, Feet on the Move”

Sunday, October 22, 2023

“Then repay to Caesar what belong to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Mt 22:21)

This Sunday, which is World Mission Day, has the following theme: **“Hearts of Fire, Feet on the move”** (Lk 24:13-35). Pope Francis is amazed by the eternal youth of a church that is always going forth. In his message, he says: “The image of ‘feet setting out’ reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the *missio ad gentes*, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ.” Pope Francis explains to us that the Pontifical Mission Societies are rooted in twofold love namely Christ’s love for us and our love for Christ: “All of us can contribute to this missionary movement: with our prayers and activities, with material offering and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness. The *Pontifical Mission Societies* are the privileged means of fostering this missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels. For this reason, the collection taken on World Mission Sunday is devoted to the *Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.” (3. “Our feet set out on the way,” message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2023.)

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

St. Mary’s Parish will be holding Parent Information Meetings at the end of this month, October for information regarding the sacraments of both First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We will offer two dates, please choose **one**.

Sunday October 29th @ 12:30pm in the Church

Wednesday November 1st @ 7:00pm in the Church.

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