

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 7th 2021



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Sentence

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3

Collect

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings

RUTH 3:1-5, 4:13-17;

PSALM 127;

HEBREWS 9:24-28;

MARK 12:38-44

Reflection for November 7th from The Rev'd Dr. Justin Comber Rector The Anglican Parish of the Transfiguration - justincomber@diohuron.org

Our Christian faith is shaped by stories. The story of Christmas tells us what God is like. God so loved the world that he sent his only son. That Christmas sending, the incarnation, is about God's love made flesh. In Holy Week and Easter, we hear the stories of God's death and resurrection, about God's dying for our death and rising to life again for our eternal life. Each story is an answer to a question about God, about God's character, about God's mercy, and about God's self-giving love. "What is God like?" You ask. Let me tell you a story.

Last week, we celebrated the feast of All Saints. On that day, we ask another kind of question. We ask about people, about their faithfulness, and about their examples. We ask about the great crowds of people who once lived here and who now, as Revelation tells us, worship God day and night before God's throne, offering praise and intercessions. "To him who sits on the throne, and to the lamb," they sing, "be blessing and honour and glory and power for ever and ever! And "How long, Oh Lord?" they pray. You might guess that these stories, and the stories of the generations of Christians who believed them, give us the courage to continue living for Christ until he comes. And you would be right. These questions, and more, are answered for us in the stories of the saints. But these stories are also about God. They are about God's character, God's mercy, and God's self-giving love. There are no saints without God's sanctification, none saved without God's salvation.

In Hebrews 11, the stories of the Old Testament saints are told as an encouragement to hold on. Abraham had no idea where he was going, but he trusted God and God took him home and gave him a nation. Abraham trusted God. God was faithful. You can too. Noah could not see the future, but he trusted God and was delivered to safety through great danger. Abraham was faithful, and God made him great. Noah was faithful, and God saved his life. You, too, can trust in God. We have their examples of trust, it's true. But, more importantly, we know something of God's faithfulness through the stories of the saints.

This year, on All Saints, we told the story of Lazarus. Unlike the great cloud of witnesses in Hebrews, the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Noah or Moses, we don't hear anything about Lazarus' trust in God. Lazarus is not an example of how we should live, his story is not one to be emulated by effort or exertion. Lazarus was dead, and then Jesus called him from his grave and he was alive again. But the story of the Lazarus is still about the saints, and what it means to be one. The story of Lazarus is about God, and what God has done of his own great love. That's what Christians celebrate. The stories of the saints are the stories of salvation. God's great rewards are given to those who could not have achieved them on their own. Abraham could not have fathered a nation of his own accord, and Lazarus would still have been dead the next day had Jesus not come. To be a saint is to be safe in the hands of God. The story of Lazarus reminds us that the promise of All Saints is the promise of resurrection for all who entrust themselves into God's hands. Death is still our great enemy, but the stories of the saints are the stories of the living, not of the dead. Despite death's terrible strength, the saints still live in the presence of God ever singing their praises and praying for the day when the whole of creation will be made new. The story of Lazarus reminds us that death, that last great loss, is no match for the God who has made saints out of sinners, and the living out of the dead.

Prayers for Sunday 7th November, 2021. From Mary Field - jamar@kwic.com

Taking guidance from Romans 12:12 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' let us pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:

- For the mission of the Church, through faithful witness may it preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth being true to your message
- For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, guide them Lord in justice and peace that we may know harmony and goodwill among all nations and for the well-being of all people.
- prayers for the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, for the sad and lonely, for prisoners and captives, for all in need and for all who remember and care for them.
- Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
- Heavenly Father we continue to pray for the world's scientific community; praying that enough vaccine will be produced to successfully offer and give treatment to the world's population to end the pandemic and the spread of its variants. We pray for those suffering with covid 19, may they return to health and please Lord take into your arms those who have succumbed to the disease.
- Praying Lord for the good health of the earth which you have given us, and for the wisdom and will to replenish and conserve it.
- Praying for the food producers of the world, keep them safe in these busy times, praying for reasonable weather, praying their crops may be bountiful and the harvest sufficient to feed all those in need.
- Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those who have shaped our lives, family and friends whom we have placed in your hands, help us remember them well, grant them eternal joy and peace.

Finally, Lord, we pray you continue to bless and encourage the many activities in the Parish of Long Point Bay community. The pandemic, Covid 19, handicapped many planned activities but our community continues to do our best to support one another following pandemic guidelines. We pray our efforts will be acceptable to you. Help us Lord to see and take every opportunity to encourage and help. Guide us in approaches to impact our community in positive ways, guide our awareness of need whatever it may be. We thank you Lord for placing us in this beautiful and bountiful area, may we be a blessing through your guidance to our community.

We ask all of this and all of our personal prayers, to be acceptable to you as we give them to you in Jesus' name. Amen

We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

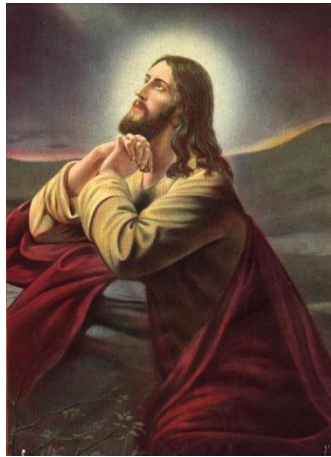
For the week beginning Sunday 7 November 2021, we will be praying for **Fr. Mario Hryniewicz** (interim) and the people of **Holy Trinity, St. George**.

Remembering our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.
June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, John, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Carol M., George F., Carol H., and anyone known to you.

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list



Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

https://youtu.be/9awruj_L2bA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharist services on Sunday November 7th
St. John's Port Rowan

Sunday November 14th
Memorial church at 9:30 am
St. John's Woodhouse 11:00 am



If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in November – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.



Our Parish of Long Point Bay Projects

“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. “Matthew 25:35-36

Hispanic & Migrant Farmworker Outreach Ministry

The Hispanic & Migrant Farmworker Outreach Ministry in the diocese of Huron is a ministry committed to making our migrant workers visible and supported in our community. Migrant farmworkers are a long way from home and sacrifice family life, support network, and their culture, coming to Canada to work and support their families back home. As Christians we want to welcome, support, include, and make them visible in our Canadian community.

Day care

The aim of St. John’s Day Care is to introduce the Anglican faith to families in Long Point Bay Parish by providing Child Care to their children while teaching them about biblical histories using children’s books and other materials that can attract children’s interest s, puzzles, toys, etc. Also, provide Spanish classes, healthy homemade meals and outdoor activities. Build a bridge between the community and the Anglican Church to encourage families with younger children to acquire knowledge of our Anglican Church.

Greenhouse

This project aims to benefit those less fortunate to have access to fresh vegetables. Families living in a low income, immigrants just arriving to Canada, people who have been negatively impacted due to COVID-19 (job loss)

Population growth and less availability of food material have become global concerns. The world population increases exponentially whereas food production has increased only arithmetically, meaning that the availability of food per capita has decreased. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom by respond to human need by loving service. God wants our lives to overflow with mercy, love, and compassion the marks of His kingdom. As followers of Jesus, we have a choice: respond to unsettling realities in fear and withdraw, or follow Him in responding to the greatest needs of our day with love and hope.

It is anticipated that funding for these projects will be provided through government grants, support from the diocese of Huron and individual donations. **Donations may be made to the Parish of Long Point Bay.**

I really hope that you will support these outreach projects that put our faith into action.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” James 2:14



Sing Along to this week's Hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, November 7, 2021

#276 – For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

#528 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening tone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
3. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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