Correctly understood, repentance is not negative but positive. It means, not self-pity or remorse, but conversion, the re-centering of our whole life upon the Trinity. It is to look, not backward with regret, but forward with hope - not downwards at our own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love.

It is to see, not what we have failed to be, but what by divine grace we can now become; and it is to act upon what we see. To repent is to open our eyes to the light. In this sense, repentance is not just a single act, an initial step, but a continuing state, an attitude of heart and will that needs to be ceaselessly renewed up to the end of life.

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READING WEEK AND PROGRAMMING: Please note that Reading Week falls between October 8 and 13, 2018. During this time, Campus Ministry’s regular programming will be suspended. These include Daily Eucharist and Development and Peace. The Reading Between the Lines group will be meeting as scheduled. There will be no 5:00 pm celebration of the Eucharist on October 7 and 14 and therefore no meal.

PASTORAL COUNSELLING: Deacon Jim Panchaud, MSW is open to receiving individuals and couples from our faith community and where applicable, members of the wider community for Pastoral Counselling. If you would like to set up an appointment to see him, please contact him by phone at 519-963-1477 ext. 4340 or by e-mail at jim.panchaud@kings.uwo.ca. There are no fees for this service.

MEAL SPONSORSHIP: A number of parishioners have indicated that they would like to support the meal following the 5:00 PM Eucharist. The cost to sponsor a meal for 70 people is $500. Your financial gifts are always welcome and are tax deductible.

ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITALITY CENTRE: Volunteers are needed for either the 5:00 to 7:00 PM or 7:00 to 9:00 PM shifts on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Hospitality Centre to serve, prepare food or play music. Donations of healthy snacks, baked goods (store-bought or home-baked), sandwiches, cheese and fruit are needed. Non refrigerated foods can be dropped off Friday in W139 and all other food can be dropped off at the Hospitality Centre at 5:15 PM on October 13, 2018. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Annette at 519-963-1477 or at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The Development and Peace Student Group at Kings University College meets every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in KC218. If you are interested in engaging in meaningful conversation about issues of social justice, understanding the role we play in effecting change in the world today, making a difference in people’s lives and building community, please contact Annette at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca or 519-963-1477. We hope you will join us.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: On Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, we gather in the Vitali Student Lounge to study and reflect on Pope Francis’ 2018 Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate. We will do this in conjunction with the writings of Sister Joan Chittister, OSB. Texts will be provided. To register, please contact Lisa Caeiro at lisa.caeiro@kings.uwo.ca.

INTER-FaITH TREE PLANTING: Join with Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith groups to plant 400 trees at Halls Mills park in London on October 28, 2018 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We’ll have an afternoon of tree planting and fellowship. All are invited to bring a vegetarian snack to share. For more information and to volunteer please contact Annette Donovan Panchaud at 519-963-1477 ext. 4423 or annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca. We look forward to seeing you there.
CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Agnes Hamzo, daughter of George Hamzo and Jessica Lubrick, as she celebrates her baptism with us today. We pray Agnes grows in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord and that her family provide her with a witness of God’s love throughout her life.

Congratulations are also extended to Zack Fitzmaurice and Ali Neves who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on October 6, 2018 and to Eric Marrinan and Shay Gavin who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on October 8, 2018. Please remember them as they enter in this vocation of love and service.

In the coming months, the following couples will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. Please remember them in your prayers, that God strengthen them in faith and love.

Sophia Kacprzak and Samuel Keys (October 13, 2018)

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Janet Loo who has been appointed to the National Council for Liturgical Music. Janet’s appointment is a recognition of her talent, liturgical sensitivity and teaching ability. This national body serves the Church in Canada and provides guidance and direction in the area of liturgical music to bishops, dioceses and parishes. This is a non-stipend position and Janet will be doing this in addition to her work here in our community. In the coming years, one of her primary responsibilities will be the implementation of the new hymnal “Music for Catholic Worship.” May God who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

CONFIRMATION INFO MEETING: All children in grade eight and their parents are invited to an information meeting about the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Preparation classes for Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 5, Sunday, May 12, and Sunday, May 19, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the parish hall.

VERITAS SERIES FOR FAITH AND CULTURE

Dr. Timothy P. O’Malley
Liturgy and the University of the Church
Thursday, October 18, 2018, 7:30 pm, Kenny Theatre
FREE / ACCESSIBLE

The Church must think about liturgical inclusion not simply as a series of tactics to increase liturgical participation. Instead, it must relate to the Church’s very mission to transform the entire world in Eucharistic love.

Dr. Timothy P. O’Malley is the director of education for the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. He also holds an appointment as the academic director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy where he teaches courses in liturgical-sacramental theology in the Department of Theology. He has authored six books most recently Liturgical Formation in the R.C.I.A. (Liturgical Press, 2019) and Off the Hook: God, Love, Dating, and Marriage in a Hookup World (Ave Maria Press, 2018)
HYMNS FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Gathering Hymn: CBW 583  
Psalm 128: CBW 191  
Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Spirit and Grace  
Meditation: Many and Great (Manalo)  
Preparation of Gifts: CBW 560  
Acclamations: Mass of Spirit and Grace  
Communion Hymn: CBW 604  
Concluding Hymn: CBW 535

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE will be hosting Dr. Michael W. Higgins for a lecture entitled, “Henri Nouwen: Soul Friend and Icon of Wisdom and Compassion on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the St. James Auditorium. For more information or to register, please visit, michaelhigginsonnouwen.eventbrite.ca.

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL: The Diocese of London Marriage Tribunal is in need of volunteer auditors to take the testimonies of people who are looking to obtain a Declaration of Nullity (“annulment”) as well as their witnesses. If this is something that you think you would like to do, please contact Philip Palmer at 519-439-1553 ext. 30 or ppalmer@dol.ca.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Founded in 1882 in New Haven, CT, the Knights of Columbus is a charitable organization for men which seeks to support both the Church and the communities where they find themselves. Council 12820 (St. Michael’s Church) is currently welcoming new members to join in this work. If you are interested in learning more or if you are interested in joining this organization, you are invited to contact George Mathew at geeo27@yahoo.com.

Reflection

Jesus’ teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God’s grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today’s Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God’s promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honor our commitments to one another.

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