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Sacraments

Weekday Masses

Please refer to the schedule in the bulletin

Weekend Masses

Saturday – 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)

Sunday 9:00 AM (Chandos/Apsley).

11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Baptism

by appointment

Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekend Masses

Anointing of the Sick & Communion for Shut-Ins

Please call the office 613-339-2852

Marriages

First appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date
Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation session

Devotions

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday 11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Eucharistic Adoration / Rosary / Benediction

First Fridays 11:30 AM (Cardiff)

First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

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The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (Loyola Press)

Pray for those in need of healing and health

Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Rhys Telka, Jane Tsagrinis, Fr. Bart Burke, Eileen Carr, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Pierre Longevin, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Sally Rayes, George Chennette, Shannon Reid, Megan Connelly, Regina Gedge, Dan, Claudette Wilkinson, Patricia Weston, Eley Wisniewski, Al & Laura Quinn, Patricia Weston, Josie Recto, Sr. Naty Noblezada, Theresa Yaskolski, Even Marshall, Danny Wanless

MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!. 8.WHY DO ALL SOCIETIES HAVE LAWS ABOUT MARRIAGE?

A "private" "secret" marriage would be an anomaly because marriage requires not only that a couple make their promises to each other, but also that others witness, respect and support those promises. Indeed, it is the public recognition of marriage as a social institution that creates the privacy of marital intimacy. In every society, marriage is surrounded by laws and customs that protect its meaning and values.

Couples that marry in the church only need one wedding ceremony in Canada, since the priest or pastor is authorized to act

on behalf of the State. In some countries, a civil ceremony is also required.

In Canada and in Canadian provinces, marriage was governed by laws concerning who is eligible to marry, what marriage involves and how it must be witnessed which largely coincided with those of God and the Church. In 2005 however, Canada adopted a law that changed the definition of marriage in a way which radically contradicts the law of God and the Church. (Catholic Organization for Life and Family) (to be continued)

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER: MARCH 8TH –Wednesday @ 7:00pm CARDIFF. We have been fortunate to be offered to host the Icon of St. Joseph at our parish for a Holy Hour of prayer. Please come and join us. Light refreshment will be served after. TY ..KofC

K of C meeting: MARCH 7 (Tuesday) @ 7PM Lower Hall OLM, Bancroft

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GRANNY'S CLIPPINGS.....To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.....You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!....It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done....

A WISE MAN'S JOKES...A wise man once faced a group of people who were complaining about the same issues over and over again. One day, instead of listening to the complaints, he told them a joke and everyone cracked up laughing. Then, the man repeated the joke. A few people smiled. Finally, the man repeated the joke a third time-but no one reacted. The man smiled and said, "You won't laugh at the same joke more than once. So what are you getting from continuing to complain about the same problem?" THE MORAL: You're not going to get anywhere if you keep complaining about the same problem but do nothing to fix it. Don't waste your time complaining, expecting other people to continue to react to your complaints. Instead, take action to make a change.



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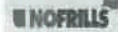
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