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In this context, welcoming a *child* meant attaching importance and giving consideration to someone whom society regarded as negligible. Welcoming a *child* in Jesus' name meant welcoming a vulnerable human being. If this was done in His name, it meant welcoming Jesus and also God who sent his Son. Almighty God encounters us when we welcome these vulnerable beings. What a paradox! This sensational reversal of perspectives can occur in our own lives. Jesus teaches us that relationships that count in God's eyes are not just those that help us climb up the social ladder. Those that matter contribute to maintaining and paying attention to life.

Jesus' teaching proposes that we imitate him and become humble like a vulnerable servant or child. What are we waiting for? This practical advice is central to our faith and is the root of Jesus' unique message of salvation. It focuses on our problems with relationships: in our communities, in our own families and with our earth. Our actions will not necessarily require us to complicate our current obligations but perhaps undertake new ones when we choose to live as Christ's followers and companions. Mindful of our own circumstances, we can still be open to other points of view and different ways of looking at people and situations. Seeing through God's eyes, we are open to change.

We can understand the disciples' confusion when Christ spoke of these societal reversals as He continues to interrupt our lives and hopefully transform them.

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Sunday Sept 23, 2018 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When Jesus spoke of welcoming a child, he was not suggesting that we glorify our younger days. Childhood is a beautiful time of life - provided we grow up. Jesus was referring to something infinitely more profound and serious. He acknowledged the realities of the society of his era and proposed a real revolution in relationships. Jesus spoke of becoming a servant, then of welcoming a child, which in that time was a complete about-face. In fact, Jesus used a play on words that we cannot translate directly into English. Jesus spoke Aramaic and there is a play on the words: *servant* and *child*. The same Aramaic word is used for both.

In Jesus' culture, *servants* and *children* had no voice. They did not make any decisions or were ever asked their opinions. They were considered fragile in body and mind. In Jesus' era, they survived by being completely self-less and dependent on others.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Sept 22 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For Andre & Beth Lalonde**

Sun Sept 23 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For Larry & Marg Engele**

Mon Sept 24 *Fr Travis' day off*

Tues Sept 25 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Wilfrid Carpentier**

Wed Sept 26 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Yvan Potie**

Thurs Sept 27 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
7:00pm Mass in Carrot River

Fri Sept 28 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**

Sat Sept 29 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Leon Marchildon**

Sun Sept 30 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield
11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**

Mass time for Sep/Oct

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Pasquia Pro Life is once again selling **fruit cakes** for Christmas as a fundraiser \$25. Contact Pam Wassill to order.

Arborfield Anglican church and St. Lucy's will be holding their annual **Fall Supper Sunday, October 14** from 5-7pm at the community hall. Mark your calendars!.

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>Sep 30</u>
Commentator	Marie	Joann
Reader	Pam	Mary
Cup	Neil, Sue	Beatrice, James
Hospitality	Brian, Pam	Liz, Guy
Offerings	Bob, Lisa	Gabe, Mary
Sacristan	Sue	Mary

Cleaning Schedule

Sept 24 - 30, 2018	Don & Jeanne Hoiland
Oct 1 - 7, 2018	Bob & Lisa Hamelin

Last week's collection total: **\$344.00 Thank You**

Cat. Chat will be in Zenon Park at the community hall Sat Oct 13th at 2pm - a family oriented Catholic concert series you don't want to miss! Advance tickets \$7 ea or \$25 per family. Ask Father Travis for tickets. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

We are called upon to help turn our country back towards God and to protect life, marriage and the family. On **October 7th**, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, nations around the world will be united in **praying the rosary simultaneously** for the intention of their own nation and the world. This is being called the Coast to Coast Rosary. It is said that Mary is humankind's greatest intercessor, so we need to call on her at this time to bring light to our world. If possible 3:00 is the targeted time in our Time Zone to be praying in unison universally, but if another time works better, then that's all good, too. Let's work together to storm heaven!!