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Sunday, November 15th, 2020

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes. When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the well-being of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God? We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising. Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and labouring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.



Join retreat facilitator, Terri Pauco from the Family and Youth Office, from the comfort of your own home, for **A Virtual Advent Retreat for Busy Catholic Women** being held through ZOOM on **December 12, 2020** from **9:00am to 11:30am**. Women of all ages are invited to join online to pray and explore the idea of finding peace in the seasonal preparations and busyness of life complicated by the pandemic. Bishop Bergie will lead a portion of this sacred time. This event is free. Register by December 9th using the link found on the diocesan website, www.saintcd.com. For more information, call 905-684-0154.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago. I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world? We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.



Please support the **Deo Gratias Collection of November 14/15, 2020**. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the *Deo Gratias* collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish." Thank you.



CONFIRMANDI CLASS 2020

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 7th.

Adrian Bianco
 Emma Butera
 Grace Conley
 Travis Coxon
 Henry Knafelc

Alec MacDonald
 Priscilla Marotta
 Emmett Stankus
 Julia Tremeer

Thank you to everyone who assisted with preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. A special thank you to Genevieve Broadley who volunteered her time to teach the students via zoom classes this past spring during the start of the Covid pandemic. Thank you also to the CWL for the beautiful gifts for the students.

Parish Calendar

November.....
 Nov 15th..... Deo Gratias collection
 Nov 15th..... World Day of the Poor
 Nov 22nd.... Solemnity of Christ the King
 Nov 29th.... **First Sunday of Advent**

Cathedral Appeal Update

With the original Cathedral Renovation target completion date of November 25, 2020, you may be asking, "In the midst of all that has taken place this year, is the renovation work still on track to be completed?" The answer is a most pleasant yes. When so many things shut down, quite remarkably, and perhaps with the intercession of St. Catherine herself, the work was able to continue inside the Cathedral with a limited number of skilled workers. These were not just workers, but skilled masters of their trades and artists that played a role in the magnificent transformation of the mother church of our diocese. Most beautifully, they each took great pride in their work and the results will leave all who enter in awe. Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal and consider making a donation today as we, a diocesan family, work to bring this renovation and appeal to its completion.

The **Notre Dame College School community** would like to thank the many parishioners who supported this year's 45th annual Pilgrimage for the Developing World. With your support, we've been able to raise much needed funds for our partners in Peru, Dominican Republic and Development & Peace. A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place. This unique pilgrimage will end with Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Mulligan on Sunday November 15th. The Mass is available for anyone who wishes to participate. It can be found on the school's vimeo account at: <https://vimeo.com/476975966>

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON THE FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -15 November 2020- "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32)

Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40). In this journey of daily encounter with the poor, the Mother of God is ever at our side. More than any other, she is the Mother of the Poor. The Virgin Mary knows well the difficulties and sufferings of the marginalized, for she herself gave birth to the Son of God in a stable. Due to the threat of Herod, she fled to another country with Joseph her spouse and the child Jesus. For several years, the Holy Family lived as refugees. May our prayer to Mary, Mother of the Poor, unite these, her beloved children, with all those who serve them in Christ's name. And may that prayer enable outstretched hands to become an embrace of shared and rediscovered fraternity. *Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 June 2020—Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua— For Full transcript- <http://www.vatican.va>*

Respecting the Covid protocols during this time, you are asked to place all donations in the baskets at the church entrance. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Cheques for weekly donations and special collections are to be made payable to "St. Ann Parish".

Interac E-transfer is also available to make donations. Please use the following email: stannfendonations@cogeco.net (No password required)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Nov 14	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Karen Kennedy (Gerard & Delores Kennedy)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Nov 15	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany Fr. Chad Grennan (Ava & Austin Wilson)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ray Kardas (Stan & Kryisia Fit) ✠ Gilda Lina Sceppacerqua (Dayna Young)
Mon. Nov 16	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Neelankavil Family (Zita Alamparambil) ✠ Edward Hogan (Magazzeni Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Nov 17	9:30am	✠ Barbara Bedek (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Wed. Nov 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Thurs. Nov 19	9:30am	✠ Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Fri. Nov 20	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Marguerite Fonseca)
Sat. Nov 21	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Lara Huynh (Ava & Austin Wilson)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Deceased Members of the Csukerda Family (Podolyak Family) ✠ Nina, Czeslaw & Irena Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
Sun. Nov 22	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass 24th & Last Sunday After Pentecost Special Intention (Karen & Michael)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Andrew Dabrowski (Liliana Haynes)

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory November 7th & 8th, 2020

Envelopes	\$2, 115.00
Loose Collection	\$ 20.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 135.00
Development & Peace	\$ 50.00

