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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**
*“Put out into the deep water and let down your
 nets.” (Lk 5:4)*
Sunday, November 18th, 2018
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
 — Mk 13:30-32
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Nov 17	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 18	9:30am	✠ Carole Price (Joan & Tim Crowther)
	11:00am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Mon. Nov 19	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Csukerda Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Nov 20	9:30am	Blessings & Health of Vanessa McPhee (Karen & Frank Jankovich)
Wed. Nov 21	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. Nov 22	9:30am	✠ Edward Hogan (Magazzeni Family)
Fri. Nov 23	9:30am	✠ Joan Marie (Joanie) Flanagan (Racz Family)
Sat. Nov 24	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 25	9:30am	✠ Robert Kurychak (Joan & Tim Crowther)
	11:00am	✠ Timothy Hunter (Ed Pizzo)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory November 10th & 11th, 2018

73 Envelopes	\$1,680.00
Loose Collection	\$ 393.10
Total Offertory	\$2,073.10

We welcome in Baptism **Logan Philip Ireland**, son of Christopher Ireland and Lisa Harding. May the gifts which Baptism bestow grow unhindered in us all.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 As we edge closer to the closing of the liturgical year, the Church selects readings that remind us of the final close: the second coming of Christ. It's easy, perhaps, to forget that this is a dogma of our Catholic faith. We see this dramatic end times language in today's Gospel. "The sun will be darkened ... and the stars will be falling from the sky."



As Christians and as human beings, we know all things will come to an end. "But of that day or hour, no one knows." The "end of the world" and end of time at Jesus' coming is in a future unknown. But God has given us beautiful reminders of this truth. We see the signs and symbols of ending all around us — nightfall at the end of each day; the life cycle of crops coming alive, bearing fruit, and being harvested; our own death. That, too, will come at an unknown day and hour. But that is the way of things. Even as God created in Genesis, He gave us a sense of time — the sun rising and setting, a beginning and an end — to mark our days. So how do we welcome these built-in forms of measurement? Do we take time to quietly recollect at the end of each day? Do we see every morning as a fresh start for mercies new? Do we observe the seasons and reflect on what they might be speaking to us of God and His glory? "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my works will not pass away." The little beginnings and little ends are opportunities to renew our faith in Jesus, if only we have the eyes to see!



Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be **on the weekend of December 1/2. Families or individuals are asked to volunteer to light the candles during each of the weekend Masses of Advent. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. You may choose a Mass during any of those weekends.** The four candles of the Advent Wreath represent the period of waiting during the four weeks of Advent, which themselves symbolize four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. The purple candles represent the royalty and majesty of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. Purple also represents prayer, pertinence, and preparation. The rose candle (Candle of Joy) is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. Advent is a time for preparing the Way for Christ, as we await Christmas and the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
 "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." None of us knows when the world will end. All we know is that it will end. All things do. Many people choose to live a somewhat carefree life by living as if life will never end. They go from one day to the next, never giving a thought to the fact that today may be their last. If you knew exactly when your life will end, what would you do differently? As Christians, we are called to be people of beginnings and endings. God is in all of life even when we think that life cannot get any worse than it is. Creating life out of death is what God does best. We are asked to live vigilantly, seeing God in all things and being ever prepared to meet him, whenever that time comes.

Excerpt from the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, **SECOND WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 18 November 2018

“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him”

"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him" (Ps 34:6). The words of the Psalmist become our own whenever we are called to encounter the different conditions of suffering and marginalization experienced by so many of our brothers and sisters whom we are accustomed to label generically as "the poor". The Psalmist is not alien to suffering; quite the contrary. He has a direct experience of poverty and yet transforms it into a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Psalm 34 allows us today, surrounded as we are by many different forms of poverty, to know those who are truly poor. It enables us to open our eyes to them, to hear their cry and to recognize their needs. We are told, in the first place, that the Lord listens to the poor who cry out to him; he is good to those who seek refuge in him, whose hearts are broken by sadness, loneliness and exclusion. The Lord listens to those who, trampled in their dignity, still find the strength to look up to him for light and comfort. He listens to those persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name, and terrified by violence, yet know that God is their Saviour. What emerges from this prayer is above all the sense of abandonment and trust in a Father who can hear and understand. Along these same lines, we can better appreciate the meaning of Jesus' words, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3). This experience, unique and in many ways undeserved and inexpressible, makes us want to share it with others, especially those who, like the Psalmist, are poor, rejected and marginalized. No one should feel excluded from the Father's love, especially in a world that often presents wealth as the highest goal and encourages self-centredness.

Prayer: God of Abraham, On my television, On my newsfeed, On my street, Everywhere I go, I see Lazarus. But I also see so many doors, Doors that I've built, That I've closed. Doors that society has hung and locked. Doors that separate me from Lazarus. Lord, teach me to open the door to Lazarus, To the poor. To know them as your children, To lift them in their distress, To work to help them find a fair share of your bounty. This World Day of the Poor, Help us all turn to those outside our door. To bless, heal, comfort, And together, from this day forward, build a world, Where the poor are strangers to none, And, indeed, the very chains of poverty are broken. Amen.

Annulment Facts and Myths - Fr. Ben Weber and Margaret Jong, canon lawyers from our diocesan Marriage Tribunal, will discuss true facts and false claims about Catholic marriage annulments. The presentation will be offered once in each deanery, and is open to anyone interested in applying for an annulment or learning about annulments and the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal. More info 905-687-8817 or email tribunal@saintcd.com. All meetings are 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Thursday, November 15, 2018 at St. Thomas More, Niagara Falls.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month's topics are *Sadness and Depression*, (Nov 26th). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Parish Calendar

November
Nov 18th.... Special Collection—Deo Gratias
Nov 24/25.... 2019 Offertory boxes will be ready for pick up
Nov 25th.... Christ the King
Nov 26th.... Diocesan 60th Anniversary Mass 5:30pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines
Nov 26th.... **Holy Hour Cancelled**

Bible Study—Tuesdays 7-9pm
Volunteers Needed: Immediate need for Children's Liturgy and Church cleaning. Looking ahead.....volunteers are also needed for garden maintenance from spring to fall and our Seasonal Agricultural worker ministry will resume in the spring. A co-ordinator for this ministry is especially needed. Phone the office and we will provide details.

CWL Membership: Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 4th, 2018 or you may use a plain envelope. **FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment. If you are joining us from another parish, please include that info as well as the year that you joined. We look forward to your active participation in our league!

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of November 17/18, 2018. 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. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use a plain envelope. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish."** Thank you.

2019 Offertory Envelopes: will be available **next weekend** in the church hall. Please note that there have been updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2019, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If you do not find a box prepared for you, please phone the office.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until the new year. Thank you!



CONFIRMANDI CLASS 2018
Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 10th.

Maxxmus Bews	Trista Montgomery
Julian Bianco	Trinity Montgomery
Adrianna Bonazza	Lola Prevost
Ryan Culig	Abbey Rittner
Kaitlyn Curik	Logan Stankus
Lucas Henson	Laura Tremere
Brittany Lilley	Brayden Whiteside-Cress
Alexandria Mercier	

Thank you to everyone who assisted with preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. It was a beautiful celebration for our students, their families and our parish community. Thank you also to the CWL for the beautiful gifts for the children.

