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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 4th, 2018
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The scribe said to him, “Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, ‘He is One and there is no other than he.’” And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” — Mk 12:32, 34ab
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Sat. Nov 3	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Christine Meyo & Family)
Sun. Nov 4	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Timothy Hunter (Ben & Diane Kooter)
Mon. Nov 5	9:30am	✠ Paul & Roger Rosinski & Joanne O’Hara (Olga Rosinski & Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Nov 6	9:30am	✠ Virginia Cifelli (Ersilia Ferrara) Blessings & Health for Maria (Jim & Mary Smith)
Wed. Nov 7	9:30am	✠ Timothy Hunter (Ed Pizzo) ✠ Joseph Rybiak (Barb & Sophie Rybiak)
Thurs. Nov 8	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Vanessa McPhee (Karen & Frank Jankovich)
Fri. Nov 9	9:30am	✠ Martin Smith (Jim & Mary Smith)
Sat. Nov 10	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Confirmation ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Nov 11	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. & Sr. (Joe & Teresa Hozjan)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory October 27th & 28th, 2018		
71 Envelopes		\$1,890.00
Loose Collection		\$ 74.25
Total Offertory		\$1,964.25
All Souls		\$ 210.00

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” What does it mean to be close to God’s kingdom? In today’s Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn’t mean it’s easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our



mind, or the strength of our body — all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbour is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life’s circumstances can seem like obstacles to God’s love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus’ command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it’s easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

Confirmation 2018: Next weekend on Saturday, November 10th, during the 5pm Mass, our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by His Excellency Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Holy Spirit, strengthen our Confirmation candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Fortitude, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another to become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come. **PLEASE, NO PHOTOGRAPHY DURING MASS FOR CONFIRMATION.**

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.

Regenerated 2018: On Saturday, November 17th join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2018. Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. Visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

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. Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at St. Denis, St. Catharines. Thursday, November 8, 2018 at St. Martin of Tours, Smithville. Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at St. Mary, Welland. Thursday, November 15, 2018 at St. Thomas More, Niagara Falls

Children’s Liturgy Volunteers Needed!
 Children’s liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. On a rotating schedule, the Children’s Liturgy volunteer leads the children in an age-appropriate liturgy of the Word downstairs in the church hall during the Sunday 9:30 Mass. Using the materials supplied by the program, and their own creativity, they provide age-appropriate liturgical readings and activities with the children from approximately age 3 until after the child’s First Communion. The Children’s Liturgy Volunteer accompanies the children downstairs to the church hall after the presiding priest has addressed them. The lesson takes place until after the Creed has been recited. The children then bring up the gifts and collection before returning to their families. This is a very creative, but skillful position. Since there is involvement with children, a police background and vulnerable sector screen are necessary, and these forms are supplied by the church. Orientation is provided prior to inclusion on the schedule. Please consider being part of our ministry. Phone the office if you can assist.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
 Love of God and love of neighbour are intimately bound together. You cannot have one without the other. Who are my neighbour and how do I love them? It is easy to confess with our lips that we love our neighbour. But how does this get translated into action? Our neighbours are not only those who live around us or are most familiar to us. Everyone is our neighbour: those who are foreign to us, those who have come here illegally, those who have hurt us, those we envy, those we take for granted, and those who are poor. Embracing humanity in all of its forms is not always an easy task, and doing so can quickly take us out of our comfort zones. Working for justice, as God desires, often means adjusting how much I can have and sacrificing our wants and desires. The very image of God is on the faces of our neighbours, and our face can be found there as well. How much do we really love them?

St. Joseph 2019 Missals— If you would like one for your personal use, they are available to purchase **this weekend-** \$3 each. If you are a lector or musician, please take one at no cost.

Diocese of St. Catharines Catholic Young Adult Ministry: First Friday of the month. Gather 5:30-6:30pm at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Hwy for supper, fellowship and faith session and prayer. RSVP 905-684-0154 Ext. 209, Text: 905-351-

Parish Calendar

November	
Nov 6 & 7....	CWL making pierogis—9am
Nov 7th....	Liturgy Committee meeting 6pm
Nov 10th....	Confirmation 5pm
Nov 12th....	Holy Hour cancelled
Nov 12th—15th ..	Weekday Masses cancelled
Nov 15th....	Bingo cancelled
Nov 17th....	CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 18th....	Special Collection—Deo Gratias
Nov 25th....	Christ the King
Nov 26th....	Diocesan 60th Anniversary Mass 5:30pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines

Bible Study—Tuesdays 7-9pm

Catholic Women’s League
Upcoming Events....
Mass for all deceased members of the Catholic Women’s League, Our Lady of the Scapular Parish in NF, Wed. Nov. 7th., 7pm.

The Ontario provincial council of the CWL is focusing on the issue of homelessness this year. Parishes in the diocese are being asked to collect canned meat. A basket will be placed at the top of the stairs on the table for anyone who would like to donate.
Our CWL Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 17th., 10am-1pm. The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available in the office. **Items needed for gift baskets, gift table, silent auction and penny sale as well as produce.** We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The CWL is asking for **assistance** making the pierogis on **Tues. Nov 6th (peel potatoes and make filling) & Wed. Nov 7th (complete the pierogis) at 9am.** If you can spare a few hours, please help with this part of the event.

CWL Membership: We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women’s League. Memberships are due as soon as possible for the coming year ahead. Please submit your envelope in the collection plate at Mass or to the church office no later than the end of November as all information and money must be sent to our national office. **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!

November 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The pope is the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade’s inscription refers to it as “the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World.” The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.

