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✠ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

November 17, 2024

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: **November** is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It's a time for Catholics to pray for the faithful departed who are believed to be undergoing purification before entering heaven.

Our **Book of Remembrance** is at the front of the church. You are invited to enter the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for at our Masses this month. The **Offering of Masses** for the faithful departed and Holy Souls are good and holy acts. It is especially meritorious to **visit a cemetery** and pray the following prayer:

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

GREY CUP MEN'S SOCIAL: Sunday, November 17th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at no cost. Come join us for the 111th Grey Cup game from Vancouver. The game will be on the Royal Canadian Legion's large screen television in the clubroom which has been graciously provided by them. Light snacks will be provided by the Christian Men's Group.

HOW WE GOT HERE – A Guide to our Anti-Christian Culture: Do you agree Western culture is in a mess? Want to know how to get out of it? Join renowned pro-life activist Jonathon Van Maren at the launch of his new book "How We Got Here" in which he sheds light on how the West became a culture that aborts its children, kills the sick and elderly by euthanasia, commodifies persons in pornography, and perverts the young with gender ideology. Nov. 28. 7:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion, Barry's Bay.

Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

November 18 – 23

Tuesday NO MASS
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Evelyn, Brian, Gilbert Sr. & Jr.
by Eddie & Diane Etmanskie
+Jerome ‘Jerry’ Green *by Diane Green & Family*

+ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe +

November 24, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Brotton & Yashinskis *by Brotton Family*
+ Frances Cybulskie *by Barry & Rosie Stewart*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

| Liturgical Appointments | November 23 | November 24 |
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| Readings | <i>Karen Yakabuski</i> | <i>Tom Ryan</i> |
| Communion | <i>Leona Chapeskie</i> | <i>Terry Recoskie</i> |
| Offertory | <i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Barry Dombroskie</i> | <i>Dianne Ryan</i> <i>Maureen Kiedroski</i> |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them;
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*.
- for those who have died, especially, *Mary-K Murray-Bleskie, Helen Jean Shulist, Marcella Chippior, Anne Villeneuve-Banks, Suzanne Mickus, Kathleen Pecoskie*.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles
Thursday - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday - St. Cecilia, virgin, martyrs
Saturday - St. Clement I, pope, martyr & St. Columban, abbot

BIBLE STUDY: Gospel readings on Sundays this year are mostly from the Gospel of Mark. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish is offering a Catholic Bible study on Wednesdays at 7-8:45 p.m. For details contact John Morris, 613-729- 6647.

THE SON OF MAN WILL COME AGAIN WITH POWER AND GLORY: St Mark's version of a part of Jesus' discourse on the end times is proclaimed on this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year (see Mk 13:24-32). This discourse is also found in Matthew and Luke, with some variations, and is probably the most difficult Gospel text. This difficulty stems from both its content and its language: in fact, it speaks of a future that exceeds our own categories and for this reason Jesus uses images and words taken from the Old Testament; but above all he introduces a new centre, which is he himself, the mystery of his Person and of his death and Resurrection.

Today's passage also opens with certain cosmic images that are apocalyptic in character: "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (vv. 24-25); but this element is relativized by what follows: "then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory" (v. 26). The "Son of man" is Jesus himself who links the present and the future; the ancient words of the prophets have finally found a centre in the Person of the Nazarene Messiah: he is the True Event which remains the firm and enduring point in the midst of the world's upheavals.

Other words in today's Gospel confirm this. Jesus says: "heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (v. 31) Indeed we know that in the Bible the word of God is at the origin of the Creation: all the creatures, starting with the cosmic elements — sun, moon, the firmament — obey the word of God, they exist since they have been "called into being" by it. This creative force of the divine word is concentrated in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, and also passes through his human words, which are the true "firmament" that directs the thought and journey of man on earth.

For this reason Jesus does not describe the end of the world and when he uses apocalyptic images, he does not act as a "seer". On the contrary, he wishes to prevent his disciples in every epoch from being curious about dates and predictions; he wants instead to provide them with a key to a profound, essential interpretation and, above all, to point out to them the right way on which to walk, today and in the future, to enter eternal life.

Everything passes away, the Lord reminds us, but the word of God does not change and before it each one of us is responsible for his or her own behaviour. We are judged on this basis.

Dear friends, in our day too there is no lack of natural disasters nor, unfortunately, of war and violence. Today too we need a permanent foundation for our life and our hope, especially because of the relativism in which we are immersed. May the Virgin Mary help us to accept this centre in the Person of Christ and in his word.

From a Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; November 18, 2012

ST. HEDWIG SACRED HEART LEAGUE CRAFT & BAKE SALE: Sunday, November 17, 12:00 until 3:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Parish Hall

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,915.40 (Envelopes: \$2,172.00; Loose: \$143.40; Visitors: \$160.00; E-transfers: \$410.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Christmas Flowers: \$10.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./103; 10:30 a.m./96]

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025: Please find your envelope box on the back table at the entrance of the church in alphabetic order.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES Please return shoeboxes to the link by Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

THE SEARCH: 7-week video series hosted by Chris Stefanick, is being offered in the Holy Canadian Martyrs sacristy meeting room on Wednesday evenings (Oct 30 to Dec 11). This series will lead us to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach. Timing: 7 pm - dessert and refreshments, 7 :15 to 8:15 pm- video and discussion. All are welcome. For further information contact Greg or Mary 613-756-6643 or Joanne 613-756-6267

AT THE END, WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR LORD WILL HAPPEN TO HIS CHURCH: *Since the Ascension*, God's plan has entered into its fulfillment. We are already at "the last hour". . . . *Since the Ascension* Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority." This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed". . . .

Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. . . . The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection.

The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world. [Catechism of the Catholic Church 670-677]