

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 8, 2015

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Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

Nov. 10th to Nov. 15th

Tuesday 6:30 pm †David Cheevers
Wednesday 9:00 am †Phyllis Noonan
Thursday 9:00am †Nikki Nardone, Donna Huff
Friday 12: noon †Intentions of Helen McMahon
Saturday 5:00 pm †Cesar Medeiros, Steve Harri, Kay Cook, Giovanna & Luigi Petricca, Intentions of Mike, Intentions of Dahlia Kamel



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Thomas Palmer and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, November 9	Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.
Tuesday, November 10	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
Wednesday, November 11	Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
Thursday, November 12	Rev. Charles Jordan
Friday, November 13	Rev. George Palamattam, C.M.I.
Saturday, November 14	Rev. Joseph Durkacz

OFFERTORY for last week was \$4403.45 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

BOOK OF LIFE:

This weekend you are invited to write in our “Book of Life” names of deceased relatives and friends. These loved ones of ours will be remembered at the Masses during November, the month dedicated to all Souls

FLU SEASON:

As you know, we are now in “flu Season”. Two implications at Mass are these:

- The sign of peace can be offered with a bow of the head instead of a handshake. As we know it is important to wash our hands regularly.
- It is preferable to receive Holy Communion in the hand (i.e.) it is more hygienic for the person distributing the host.

Discernment Gathering - If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on **Saturday November 14th at Canadian Martyr’s Church in Hamilton (9am-12noon)**. More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com

MEDITATION

Today’s readings center on generosity. Widowhood in Jesus’ time was heart-wrenching. Widows not only lost their husbands, but also all sense of security since women couldn’t inherit wealth or own property. Those without means were left entirely dependent on the generosity of others to survive.

We first meet a widow collecting scraps of firewood when Elijah asks her for some food. She has a few morsels left before starving to death, but, when asked, gives Elijah that meal. Later in the Gospel, Jesus observes a widow donating her last two coins to the temple. He notes that this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

It is just like Jesus to draw attention to her. He points out not what the widow gives, but how she gives. She gives generously, despite her poverty, as does the widow who gave her last meal to Elijah.

In contrast to the poor widows, we are so blessed. We may have one or more of time, health, family or wealth. We too can give generously of any or all of these gifts once we realize that, in the end, none of them are ours. They are all from God. If God is so generous in his blessing to us, can we not be the same to others?

Saskia Sivanantban, Surrey, BC

GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM:

It is important to be clear as to who may serve as a Godparent for Baptism.

- First of all, you only need one godparent
- That godparent(s) needs to be a Baptized, Confirmed Catholic of at least 16 years of age – one who practices their faith.
- A Christian of another denomination may serve as a “witness” to the Baptism, but not as a godparent.
- Someone can stand in as proxy for someone else – but it is understood that the person who cannot attend is the godparent and will be named as such on the certificate.

EAT AND RUN?

We have always considered it rude to “eat and run” as a guest in someone’s home. We are guests at the Eucharist and should stay until the final hymn, which is a prayer.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

A sponsor for Confirmation needs to fulfill the same requirements as a Baptism Godparent (see note above).

A parent cannot be the sponsor of his/her own child. The sponsor represents the wider community of the Church.

The first choice for a Confirmation sponsor is the Godparent of Baptism to demonstrate the intimate bond between these two Sacraments.

AMEN

Please remember to respond “Amen” in an audible voice upon receiving Holy Communion. “Amen” means “I believe” this is “The Body of Christ.”

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, St. Basil Council # 13442 - **Meeting Tuesday November 10, 2015**

Mass at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, meeting to follow at 7:00 pm in the rectory. **Guest speaker:** Andrew Iarocci, Ph. D. Assistant Professor Department of History, Western University - Grand Knight: Bill Kane, Tel # 519-752-1331 E-mail: wkane@sympatico.ca

WORSHIP Band - On *November 15th at our 9:30 am Mass* we will welcome Chaplain Andrew Hall of St. John College, and his worship band to lead us in some Mass hymns. We thank them in advance for their visit.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH

As we know, November 11th is a special day in Canada.

We remember and pray for our war dead. We also pray for peace that day, and always.

We pause at 11 a.m. for a moment of silence.

The wreath in Church this weekend reminds us to pray for peace.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Our new Liturgical year begins the weekend of Nov. 28th-29th with the beautiful Season of **ADVENT** (it is not Christmas yet!)

New Missals for this New Year are available at the back of the church for \$5.00 each

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Membership Drive for the month of November starts on *Saturday, November 7th at 5:00 pm Mass* and *every weekend Mass in November*. Come see us at the back of the Church by the main entrance. You can renew your 2016 membership or ask questions about joining St. Basil Catholic Women's League. Membership is \$21.00 cash or cheque accepted.

HOLY COMMUNION TO A FAMILY MEMBER:

At times a request is made for Holy Communion to be brought to a family member who is ill at home, or in the hospital. Please ask Fr. Earl for this “ad hoc” permission and then do the following: ask for a pyx; place an unconsecrated host in the pyx and place the pyx on the altar **before** Mass begins. Take the consecrated host in the pyx to the person concerned at the **end** of Mass.

Diocesan policy forbids coming in the Communion procession with an empty pyx and asking for a consecrated host. Thank you.

The Biblical Roots of Mercy...Preparing for the Jubilee Year – All are encouraged and welcome to attend this evening session intended to help you prepare for the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy. Join us for evening prayer with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI and a presentation on the Biblical Roots of Mercy by world renowned biblical scholar, Sister Eileen Schuller, OSU. The event takes place at **The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, ON on Sunday, Nov. 15th at 7:00 pm.**

PARISH BAZAAR AND MARKETPLACE – Thank-you to the many parishioners who supported the very busy Parish Bazaar and Marketplace on Saturday and who also donated baked goods and prizes – it was a great day. A special thank-you also goes to the many volunteers that made it all happen and together we earned \$2000.00 for the parish!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

“December 8, 2015” please save the date for our annual **Advent Dinner**. **Details to follow!!**

SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN

Boxes will be out in the next few weeks. If anyone is unable to shop or only wants to donate a few items, please see Louise Connell or Kelly Kenny. Thank you for your generosity.

WEBSITES

As mentioned last weekend, here are three websites to assist healthy family living:

- www.fathersforgood.com – a parenting website sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- www.pornnomore.com. – A Catholic website information, prayers, and witness talks for those struggling with pornography.
- www.familysafemedia.com – A website that provides resources for protecting your family.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT WEEKEND at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, **Nov. 20-22**. For further info or to register please call 905-278-5229.

LECTURE

Join us on **FRIDAY, November 13**, for the next St. Jerome's University 150th Anniversary Lecture, “Bon Movie, Bad Movie.” Nominated for 11 Emmys and 12 Gemini awards, film producer, **Kevin Tierney**, will reflect on using movies, and humor, to address questions about the relationship between English Canada and Québec.

Location: C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University

Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.
Free Admission | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments | No Registration Required