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Thirty Third SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name." This is not a pleasant prophecy. On the contrary, Jesus' somber words may strike us with a bit of fear and make us wonder if we will ever actually face such a tragic scenario. We are fortunate to live in a country where religious freedom is tolerated, and of course we hope that this continues to be the case. But the sad fact is that right now, there are Christians in other parts of the world who are living out the reality of these prophetic words. For these men, women, and children of faith, the name of Jesus truly is a cause of persecution and martyrdom. Let us imagine for a moment that the tables were turned. Suppose we were the ones suffering from the violent advances of anti-Christian forces. Suppose we were the ones losing our homes, fleeing for our lives, tending to our wounded loved ones, or worse. Where would we look for help? To other Christians, most likely, to those who would sympathize with our commitments but who still had the resources to assist us. We are those other Christians. We are the ones who share a common faith with these suffering brothers and sisters on the other side of the globe. We are the ones with the resources to help them, even if it is just in a small way. Our prayers for their protection and peace cannot be underestimated, but neither can we dismiss the significance of contributing in any way possible to those organizations that are working on the front lines to assist the suffering Church throughout the world. May we all do what we can to bring relief to those who need it most.



Confirmation 2016: *This weekend on Saturday, November 12th, 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.*

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of November 12/13. 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 dated Nov 19/20. Or you may use special envelopes at the back of the church. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish."**

CLOSING CELEBRATION JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
 On **Sunday, November 20**, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, we will celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a Holy Hour at 6:30 pm, followed by the 7:30 pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Bergie. We hope that the Cathedral will be as full as it was for the Opening Celebration on December 8, 2015. All are welcome.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month's topics are *'Dealing with Sadness and Depression'*, (November 14); and *'Surviving the Holidays'* (November 28). Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. No pre-registration required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Sunday, November 13th, 2016
Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." — Lk 21:13-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Nov 12	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Confirmation	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 13	9:30am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Linda & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Teresa Sporbeck (Family)
Mon. Nov 14	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation CANCELLED
Tues. Nov 15	9:15am	Communion Service
Wed. Nov 16	9:15am	Communion Service
Thurs. Nov 17	9:15am	Communion Service
Fri. Nov 18	9:30am	✠ William Young (Mike & Anne Young)
Sat. Nov 19	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ James Blackett (Cargnelli Family)
Sun. Nov 20	9:30am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Carolyn Botari)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory November 5th & 6th, 2016

76 Envelopes	\$1,600.00
Loose Collection	\$ 223.00
Total Offertory	\$1,823.00
Maintenance	\$ 295.00
Haiti (Hurricane Matthew)	\$ 410.00

BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY MONDAY AT 9:30AM. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please phone the office.

The Legion of Mary will now meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm. If you would like to join this ministry or need more information, please attend.

Catholic Women's League
Upcoming Events....

CHURCH BAZAAR 10am-1pm. The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available following masses or contact us and we will be happy to accommodate your request. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser. **When tickets are sold, the money and tickets can be put in a separate envelope with the offertory. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TICKET STUBS AND MONEY IN BY NOVEMBER 13TH. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Christmas Gift Baskets— Fill a basket based on a theme, with clear wrap and price if you wish. Or donate new items and volunteers will assemble. Please bring them to the church no later than November 20th. It would be helpful to label the items in the baskets. **NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.**

Silent Auction & Penny Sale— Items would be appreciated. Drop off any time during office hours or after masses. Put on tables in church hall. **NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.**

Gift Table— Small items (NEW) which can be sold separately. Mugs, frames, teacher gifts, etc. Do not have to be wrapped.
Bake Table & Produce — Drop off items on Friday, November 18th or early Saturday morning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR. A sign up sheet has been placed at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Women's League Christmas Luncheon

All CWL members are invited to attend a luncheon to be held at the Keith's Restaurant in Fonthill on **Tuesday, December 6th at 11:45am.** The cost will be \$18 with your choice of three entrees (chicken, beef or fish) and includes coffee and dessert (pie). **Please let us know by Sun. Nov 27th if you plan to attend.** Fill out the form below with your name, phone number and \$18 and bring to the office or place in a separate labelled envelope in the offertory. We hope you will be able to join us!

CWL Christmas Luncheon December 6th

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 \$18 enclosed: Please check off.
 Choice of:

Chicken Beef Fish

(Circle One)

Diocese of St. Catharines—Day of Discernment: For High School and Post-Secondary Students. **Saturday, November 26th 10am-2pm.** Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold. Meet Recently Ordained Priests, Seminarians, Religious Men and Women. Mass, Informal Discussions, Q & A, Lunch. Contact Fr. Michael Basque, 905-899-1699 vocations@saintcd.com

Regenerate(d) 2016: Saturday, November 19th. branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

Parish Calendar

November.....
 Nov 12th.... Confirmation 5pm
 Nov 14-17.... **Monday Holy Hour and Reconciliation & Weekday Masses cancelled**
Deacon Jim will have a Communion Service Nov. 15, 16 & 17 beginning at 9:15am
 Nov 15th.... Legion of Mary meeting 7pm
 Nov 19th.... CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
 Nov 21st.... First Reconciliation, Grade 2 Class
 Nov 23rd.... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
 Nov 23rd.... Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm
 Nov 26/27.... 2017 Offertory Boxes available for pick up
 Nov 27th.... First Sunday of Advent
 Nov 29th.... **Morning Mass cancelled**
RCIA: If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, please phone the office. RCIA classes will begin in November.

We welcome in Baptism Madelyn Frances Grace O'Toole, daughter of Matthew O'Toole & Tara Nava. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8 Wed. evenings, 9 – 12, Friday evenings. Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. If you would like to volunteer, check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org



Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be on the weekend of **November 26th & 27th. 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 is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, when the priest wears rose vestments at Mass. The rose candle is the "Candle of Joy" and rejoicing because we are at the midpoint of Advent. We have been Preparing the Way for Christ, and we are close to Christmas for the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour!

St. Helen's Parish in Beamsville presents a three part series on The Holy Family by Dr. Robert Holmsteadt, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures, University of Toronto. Part 1– Nov 30th, 7pm– Joseph: The Messiah's link to the line of David; Part 2– Dec 7th, 7pm– Mary: The Messiah's link to humanity; Part 3– Dec 14th, 7pm– Jesus: King? Priest? Prophet? All three. Refreshments served at intermission. Free will offering.

CWL Membership: We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women's League. Please submit your envelope no later than the end of November. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 6th 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.