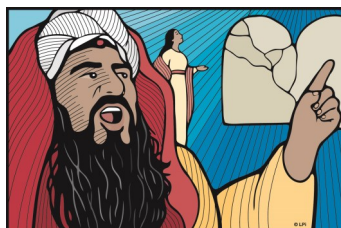


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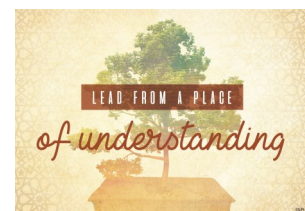
Sunday, November 5th, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying,
 "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the
 chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever
 they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach
 but they do not practice." — Mt 23:1-3

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws,



rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership—with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay [ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of November

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of November 18/19, 2017.

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 dated Nov. 12th. Donations will be accepted throughout all weekends of November. Thank you for your support.**

Confirmation 2017: Next weekend on Saturday, November 11th, 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.**

Catholic Women's League

Upcoming Events....

Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 18th., 9am-1pm. The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available through the office or after Sunday Masses. 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 15TH. 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 15th. 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 17th or early Saturday morning.

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Soctober- 57 pairs of assorted and colourful socks were collected! Thank you for your support!

CWL Membership: Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 5th 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 no later than the end of November. 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! If you wish to receive the CWL league magazine for the winter, be sure to submit your membership dues before December.

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **†Helena Sarvis & †Robert Vaillancourt** whose funeral Masses were celebrated in our Parish this past week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, **Regenerate(d) 2017** will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on **Saturday, November 18th.** This year's theme is based upon one of the most important questions of our time, "What is Truth?" and how and where do we find it? In a culture that promotes that truth is relative how do we as Catholics respond? .To purchase tickets and more information about these conferences visit www.branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

Parish Calendar

Nov 5.... Spanish Mass 1pm
Nov 5th..... St. Vincent de Paul Meeting after 11am Mass
Nov 7..... Finance Meeting 6:30pm
Nov 8.... First Communion meeting and reg. 6:30pm
Nov 11..... Confirmation 5pm
Nov 13..... Holy Hour Cancelled
Nov 13-16.... Weekday Masses cancelled
Nov 16.... Bingo cancelled
Nov 18..... CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 19..... Special Collection—Deo Gratias
Nov 20..... First Reconciliation 10am
Nov 26..... Youth Mass 9:30am

Every Wednesday: Confirmation classes 4-5:30pm; Youth Ministry 6:30-8:30pm (Grades 5-12)

First Eucharist: An information and Registration evening will take place on **Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30pm** in the parish. All parents/guardians of children planning to receive the sacrament, are expected to attend.

Youth Ministry

You are Invited to our Family Bonfire Night

In honour of the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, St. Ann Youth Ministry is inviting the whole family to our Weenie Wednesday Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast @ the Fenwick Fire Hall this coming **Wednesday, November 8th.**

Please **Meet at St. Ann Parish @ 6:30pm** for opening prayers. We will then begin our Candlelight Prayer Procession to the Fenwick Fire Hall with special intentions for those who have died, especially those in our own families. When we arrive at the Fire Hall we will light the fire for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, remembering those who have no one to pray for them, sing some songs together, and close our vigil prayers. After this its time for hot dogs and marshmallows! Yum Yum!! If any families are interested in donating food or bringing roasting sticks please let me know. God bless you all and your families at this *hallowed* time of year. Genevieve Broadley, Youth Minister St. Ann, Fenwick 289-219-4233

St. Joseph 2018 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.

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer:

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

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.

Sat. Nov 4	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	† Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Nov 5	9:30am	† Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Nov 6	9:30am	Fenella Murrell (Karen Kennedy)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Nov 7	9:30am	† Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. Nov 8	9:30am	† Gerald Keast (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. Nov 9	9:30am	† Martin Smith (Mary & Jim Smith)
Fri. Nov 10	9:30am	Special Intention for Jackie & Guy Lupien (Doug & Maeve Devlin)
Sat. Nov 11	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Confirmation
		† Roger & Paul Rosinski & Joanne O'Hara (Olga Rosinski & Family)
Sun. Nov 12	9:30am	† Martin, Maria & Ivan Plesko (Ivanka & Frank Plesko)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory October 28th & 29th, 2017

76 Envelopes	\$1, 634.00
Loose Collection	\$ 116.05
Total Offertory	\$1, 750.05
All Souls	\$ 70.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 50.00

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee: Donations are still being accepted if you would like to assist. We will keep you informed as events unfold.