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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin. We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part. Folks who are distracted and pre-occupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

In Our Midst



One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello. We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone. At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

Confirmation 2020: This weekend on Saturday, November 7th at 11am, our students received 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 14/15, 2020. 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. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish." Thank you.



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God!" (Matthew 5.9)

Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. This year, the global pandemic will affect how local and national Remembrance day ceremonies will be executed but in our way, whether at home, work or school, we observe a moment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.

The Act of Remembrance

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.
 We will remember them.*

Parish Calendar

November.....
 Nov 7th.....
 Nov 10-13.....
 Nov 10th.....
 Nov 15th.....
 Nov 15th.....

Confirmation 11am
Weekday Masses cancelled
Holy Hour cancelled
 Deo Gratias collection
 World Day of the Poor

Sunday, November 8th, 2020



Sat. Nov 7	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass ✠ Bobby Wilson (Karen & Michael)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Sophie Rybiak (Maria Boston)
Sun. Nov 8	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass 23rd Sunday after Pentecost ✠ Christy & Ann Kennedy (Gerry & Delores Kennedy)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Hilda Kucharski (Debbie Bauer & Family)
Mon. Nov 9	9:30am	✠ Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour CANCELLED
Tues. Nov 10	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Wed. Nov 11	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Thurs. Nov 12	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Fri. Nov 13	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Sat. Nov 14	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Karen Kennedy (Gerry & Delores Kennedy)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Nov 15	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany Fr. Chad Grennan (Ava & Austin Wilson)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ray Kardas (Stan & Kryisia Fit)
		✠ Gilda Lina Sceppacerqua (Dayna Young)

November 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday, November 9, the feast in honour of the Dedication of St. John Lateran in Rome, marks the 62nd anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of St. Catharines. This feast illustrates the unity of each diocese with the Universal Church, the See of Rome, and the Holy Father. We try to live that unity within our diocese through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. 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.



Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th + anniversary in 2020. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office to complete a registration form by November 13th.

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory October 31st & November 1st, 2020

Envelopes	\$2, 620.00
Loose Collection	\$ 25.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 645.00
All Souls	\$ 100.00
Development & Peace	\$ 275.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 385.00

Sunday, October 25th, would have been the traditional date of Notre Dame's annual Pilgrimage for the Developing World. Like so many aspects of our lives in 2020, the coronavirus has forced changes to this school tradition. Instead of being a specific 1 day community event, it has returned to the roots of a traditional sacred pilgrimage that takes place over a period of time. Students are individually tracking their 20 km commitment from October 13th - November 15th. The spiritual journey will end with a streamed Mass celebrated by Pilgrimage founder, Fr. Jim Mulligan on Sunday November 15th. Notre Dame students are collecting funds for 3 partner organizations: the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Yancana Huasy in Lima Peru, and the Dominican Canadian Community Development Group. These organizations are in need of our support more than ever as a result of the global pandemic. Each year many parishioners generously sponsor students. If you would still like to sponsor a specific student in the parish, or the Pilgrimage in general, please use the 'Donate' tab on the school website - www.notredamecollege.ca then click 'Items' then 'NDCS Pilgrimage', or go directly to <https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/47799/73/False/True>. A secure process for donations and tax receipts is set up through School Cash Online. Alternatively, cash or cheque donations (**no e-transfers to the church please**) will be accepted through the parish and directed to the school - please place your donation (and information for a tax receipt) in an envelope clearly marked for the Pilgrimage. Cheques can be directed to 'Notre Dame Pilgrimage'. Thank you for your support.

Cathedral Appeal Update

As we move into the final month of our eighteen-month Cathedral Appeal, it is timely that we take a look at where we have been as a diocesan family and count our blessings, in the midst of the world that looks very different from when we began. We launched our Cathedral Appeal in May of 2019, and as of October 30, 2020, our appeal has raised \$1,217,018.88 in cash donations and \$21,690.00 in pledges. This brings our **total raised to \$1,238,708.88** or 103% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many and for this wonderful achievement. As with every project, unexpected expenses did arise along the way as necessary repairs were only discovered once the work began. Early on it was discovered that the exterior stonework required repair as there was water leaking into the Cathedral, preventing restoration work from moving forward. This expense was approximately \$200,000. There was also the break-in at the Cathedral and the removal of the tabernacle, requiring the installation of video cameras. These are just a couple of examples. So, we appeal to you again, in these challenging times. Could this be the time that you too play a part in this historic event and undertaking in our diocese? Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal or make a donation at your church marked "Cathedral Appeal." Once again, thank you to all and may God bless you.

Pleaser remember in your prayers the soul of ✠Anne Kardas whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 6th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Congratulations to Sofia Inneo who received her First Holy Communion on October 25th.

