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Sunday, November 26th, 2017
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’” — Mt 25:34-36

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

Sat. Nov 25	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. Nov 26	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
	9:30am	✠ Edward Hogan (Marco Magazzeni & Family) ✠ Nina & Czeslaw Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
	11:00am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Ted Uranowski & Family)
Mon. Nov 27	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation CANCELLED
Tues. Nov 28	9:30am	✠ Jean Frasier (Sarvis Family)
Wed. Nov 29	9:30am	✠ Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. Nov 30	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. Dec 1	9:30am	Special Intention for Jackie & Guy Lupien (Maeve & Doug Devlin)
Sat. Dec 2	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Dec 3	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Lewis Tremeer (Tim & Joan Crowther)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory November 18th & 19th, 2017

75 Envelopes	\$2,049.00
Loose Collection	\$ 108.60
Total Offertory	\$2,157.60
Deo Gratias	\$ 448.45

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Today we celebrate the feast of an unusual kind of king. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, does not run his kingdom in the standard fashion. Instead of insisting upon the pomp and circumstance that usually surrounds earthly royalty, Jesus has a different focus. He thinks not of himself, but of those he loves. And in today’s Gospel, his interest is especially focused on the poor and suffering in our midst.

Our King asks us to care for those in need—the hungry, the homeless, the foreigner, the sick and suffering. **Gathering:** All t then, he goes farther; he tells us that in caring for these least brethren, **we will be ministering to him!** What an incredible promise. Not only do we carry out the command to love our neighbor when we protect those in need, but we also show our love for Jesus in a direct and concrete way. This love for Christ through others is so real that Jesus actually tells us that our place on Judgment Day will depend on it: “What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” And these will go off to eternal punishment.” On the other hand, the “righteous” who ministered to the weak and poor will enjoy eternal life. Our King has spoken loud and clear. Now comes the question of whether or not we are obeying his orders?

Each of us is called to examine how well we are caring for the least among us. Sometimes, this means giving our time and energy for special ministries or missions, but often it means caring for those right in front of us—the sick or suffering in our own homes, families, neighborhoods, or parishes. Whatever our situation, may we have the eyes to see Christ in our midst and serve him.

Pope’s Prayer Intentions Month of December:
The Elderly— That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be **next weekend. 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.**

Preparing for advent.... Advent is a time to recognize both our holy longing and the healing love God has for us, despite the many barriers we put up between ourselves and God. We can start simply each day, open our hands and whisper, “Come, Lord Jesus!” If we let ourselves feel what is in our hearts, we know they are filled with love. We can carry that experience with us as we go through even the busiest of our days. We may not know exactly where to begin or how to fill this longing in our hearts but it is simple. God waits with infinite love and with arms outstretched to meet us. The words we say don’t matter. We can speak to God in comfortable silence. It’s just about taking the first step. Even if we are fearful about this next step, we can say to God what is in our hearts. In this Advent season, it’s time to risk, to make the first step, to find our way back home.

Advent Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what’s really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



Catholic Women’s League Bazaar
 Thank you to everyone who helped make our bazaar a success. Thank you to the pierogie makers, soup chefs and bakers. Thank you to the talented ladies who wrapped baskets and the hard workers who set up displays. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard last Saturday to make everything run smoothly. Thank you to everyone who donated wonderful items for our baskets, penny sale and silent auction. Congratulations to Tina Power winner of the \$500 draw. (ticket #208) **Donna Larocque, CWL President**

Catholic Women’s League Christmas Gathering: CWL members are invited to join us for Mass (For deceased members of St. Ann CWL) on **Wednesday, December 6th at 9:30am** and have brunch (from the menu) at the Grill on Canboro following Mass. Please phone the office by Dec 3rd if you will attend so we can let the restaurant know how many tables to set aside. .

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.

Christmas for our Syrian Family: During the Christmas season, please remember our family who has recently arrived from Syria. If you would like to make a donation or provide them with a gift for Christmas, please contact the office. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection with your name clearly marked. Thank you!

Children’s Liturgy During the Season of Advent: The **Jesse Tree** is a popular Advent tradition. Named for the father of David, it is a tree that is decorated gradually throughout Advent with symbols or pictures of biblical persons associated with the gradual coming of the Messiah, Christ. This includes, among others, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Joseph and Mary. The Jesse Tree tradition provides a wonderful teaching opportunity; reminding children about the preparatory nature of Advent. This tradition will be the focus of our Children’s Liturgy classes during Advent. **If your child has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, he/she is most welcome to attend during the 9:30 am mass.**

Campaign Life Coalition—Christmas Cakes made by the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey. Traditional ages Christmas Cakes—regular size (600 grams) \$18, deluxe size (1kg) \$25. Abbey Gift Basket \$30. They will be selling the cakes in our parish on the weekend of December 16/17.

2018 Offertory Envelopes: are available **this weekend** in the church hall. Please note that there have been updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2018, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If you do not find a box prepared for you, please phone the office.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until the new year. Thank you!

Parish Calendar

Nov 26.....	Youth Mass 9:30am
December.....	
Dec 1st	Visitation of the sick and homebound
Dec 3rd.....	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 5th....	Mass cancelled
Dec 6th....	CWL Christmas gathering—Mass 9:30am followed by brunch at Grill on Canboro
Dec 7th.....	Final Bingo before Christmas
Dec 10th.....	St. V. de Paul meeting following 11am Mass
Dec 16/17.....	Campaign Life Coalition will be selling Christmas Cakes

Schedule of Christmas Liturgical Celebrations will be available next weekend.

Youth Ministry— Wednesdays 6:30-8:30
 Dec. 1st – BINGO @ Lookout Ridge 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Monday 25th – Christmas break starts
 Dec. 31st – Youth Mass

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.
 November 27, 2017 **Surviving the Holidays, Fr. Michael Wastag Presenter**
 December 11, 2017 **Overcoming Loneliness**

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the Advent season (beginning next weekend), Pelham cares would like to provide a box of clementines with their food hampers. You will find envelopes with a picture of an orange clipped to a tree at the church entrance. Any money placed in these envelopes will be used to purchase clementines for Pelham cares.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will also be collecting **gift card donations for Pelham Cares.** The age group Pelham Cares has determined to be the most difficult to provide for is teenage boys. Therefore gift cards for places such as Giant Tiger, Old Navy, Sport Check or Canadian Tire would be most welcome. The cards can be in any denomination up to \$25. These envelopes will be clipped to the tree as well. All donations can be placed in the collection basket and will be forwarded to Pelham Cares. **Non-perishable items will also continue to be accepted, and can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church.**

Please make your donation on or before the weekend of December 16/17 in order that Pelham Cares receives them in time for distribution before Christmas.

The SVDP is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message of serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. Please help support this worthy cause!

Excerpt from the Message of Pope Francis on the occasion of the First World Day of the Poor, November 19, 2017. “Let us Love not with words but with deeds”. We are called to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.