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Sunday, November 22nd, 2020
Solemnity of Christ the King



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests. Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. **The King is coming soon!** Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer During A Health Crisis: Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

Offertory November 14th & 15th, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,367.00
Loose Collection	\$ 20.00
Total Offertory	\$1,387.00
Deo Gratias	\$ 370.00

The First Sunday of Advent is November 29th.
What's the story behind the Advent wreath? Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love. Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

Christmas Schedule: Within the next couple of weeks, we will have the Christmas Liturgical Schedule ready. It will be posted in the bulletin and on our website. This year we will **not** have families/individuals lighting the Advent wreath.

This year the feast day of the patroness of our Diocese, St. Catherine of Alexandria is celebrated on Wednesday, November 25. Since this is a diocesan patronal celebration, it is raised from an optional memorial to a Feast. We encourage parishioners to celebrate this feast with great joy and solemnity. St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us. **St. Catherine of Alexandria is** the patron of philosophers and scholars and is believed to help protect against sudden death. The Diocesan Anniversary Mass will be broadcast on Cogeco TV on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 12:30pm and Monday, November 30, 2020 at 8pm. It will also be available to Cogeco customers on the Video on Demand Channel (Ch. 602)

Join retreat facilitator, Terri Paucio from the Family and Youth Office, from the comfort of your own home, for A Virtual Advent Retreat for Busy Catholic Women being held through ZOOM on **December 12, 2020 from 9:00am to 11:30am.** Women of all ages are invited to join online to pray and explore the idea of finding peace in the seasonal preparations and busyness of life complicated by the pandemic. Bishop Bergie will lead a portion of this sacred time. This event is free. Register by December 9th using the link found on the diocesan website, www.saintcd.com. For more information, call 905-684-0154.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated **Dec. 6th.** We invite everyone to make a gift towards the cost of the Christmas greens and flowers that will decorate our parish this blessed season. Honour a family member or friend, give thanks for a special event (such as a wedding or the birth of a child), or remember a departed loved one. If you do not have envelopes but would like to contribute, you may use a plain envelope and include your name, address and phone number.

Parish Calendar

November.....
 Nov 28/29..... Offertory Boxes 2021 available to pick up
 Nov 29th.... **First Sunday of Advent**

This past Tuesday, the Grade 8 Class of St. Ann School (2019/2020) celebrated their graduation in a virtual ceremony following months of delay due to Covid 19. We congratulate the students as well as those of our community who graduated from local high schools. Best wishes and much success as you embark on a new phase of your education during these challenging times. Special congratulations to **Kayleigh Bain Gillies (St. Ann Grade 8 graduate)** who received the CWL award from our parish. Also, congratulations to **Ben Bianco (Grade 12 Notre Dame graduate)** recipient of the St. Ann Parish scholarship award. **We would also like to thank and acknowledge our Catholic Women's League** for generously providing gifts to the students who receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation every year. These sacraments are significant events in the spiritual growth of our young people and the gifts are wonderful keepsakes and reflect the blessing it is to live a life of faith!

Offertory envelopes for 2021 will be available next weekend. Volunteers will hand them out as you enter the church. If you want to make alternate arrangements, let the office know. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. Every year there are updates made to the offertory numbering system. **FOR THE YEAR 2021, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If a box has not been prepared for you, let the office know.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2021. Thank you!

The new St. Joseph Missals should arrive next week. For those who have requested a missal, and assuming they arrive next week, we will arrange to have them available the weekend of Nov. 28/29. Volunteers will hand them out the door so please ask for them as you enter the church. We ordered 50- at this time 21 have been reserved so there are still plenty available. We ask a donation of \$3 to cover the cost. If you are a lector or musician, there is no cost- let the usher know. If you want to pick up your copy at the parish, the office is open Wed and Fri 9-2 or I can leave it for you in the mailbox near the office entrance.

Cathedral Appeal Update

The Feast Day of St. Catherine of Alexandria, of the patroness of our Diocese of St. Catharines is once again upon us. This Wednesday, November 25th the clergy from our diocese will gather with Bishop Bergie in our beautifully renovated Cathedral, and the faithful of our diocese virtually, as we begin a year of giving thanks: for the original church - now in its 175th year; for our Cathedral and its magnificent transformation; and for all those who made this project and renovation possible. It is your generosity over these past 18 months that has made this undertaking a glorious reality. Most of all, we give thanks to our loving God. Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal and consider making a donation for the continued care and preservation of our Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. May God bless you.

Church Donations: *Respecting the Covid protocols during this time, you are asked to place all donations in the baskets at the church entrance. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Cheques for weekly donations and special collections are to be made payable to "St. Ann Parish". E-transfers: stannfendonations@cogeco.net No password required.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Nov 21	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Lara Huynh (Ava & Austin Wilson)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	† Deceased Members of the Csukerda Family (Podolyak Family)
		† Nina, Czeslaw & Irena Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
Sun. Nov 22	8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass 24th & Last Sunday After Pentecost Special Intention (Karen & Michael)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Andrew Dabrowski (Liliana Haynes)
Mon. Nov 23	9:30am	† Deceased Members of the Podolyak Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Nov 24	9:30am	† Gabriel Deluca (Ersilia Ferrara)
Wed. Nov 25	8:00am	† Anne Kardas (St. Ann School Community)
Thurs. Nov 26	9:30am	† Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
		† Anne Kardas (Stan Rusin)
Fri. Nov 27	9:30am	† Deceased Members of the Poovanthingal Family (Zita Alamparambil)
Sat. Nov 28	10:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Fr. Stuart MacDonald (Michael Wilson)
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions First Sunday of Advent
	5:00pm	† Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
		† Ignac & Anna Szydowski (John & Diane Szydowski)
Sun. Nov 29	8:00am	First Sunday of Advent Traditional Latin Mass † Mick Kennedy (Karen Kennedy)
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
		† Wayne, Anthony & Sybil Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

