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Sunday, November 19th, 2023



**33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”
— Mt 25:21

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Sat. Nov 18	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Sun. Nov 19	9:30am	✠ Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Nov 20	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Nov 21	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Nov 22	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Fr. Janusz Roginski (Danuta Mazur) Jeanne Marroquin (Adelaine Nohara) Reparation for blasphemies Against the Sacred Heart & Immaculate Heart (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
Thurs. Nov 23	9:30am	✠ Hugo Marroquin (Adelaine Nohara)
Fri. Nov 24	9:30am	Intentions of the Mullin siblings & their families (Colin & Teresa Walters) In Reparation for sacrileges Against the Most Holy Eucharist (Doug & Alexandra Martin) Special Intention for V. Addario (Vince Addario)
Sat. Nov 25	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Ann Iamonaco (Vince & Lena Addario)
Sun. Nov 26	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ralph Biancanello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory November 5th, 2023—\$1,257.00
Offertory November 12th, 2023—\$1,078.05
Deo Gratias- \$450.00

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

Last weekend, our parish took up the special Deo Gratias collection to support our Priests' monthly benefit through the Clergy Aid Society. **We are happy to report that your gifts already total \$450.** The St. Catharines Clergy Aid Society pays a monthly benefit and health insurance for retired priests at age 75. Many of our Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement years, and they use their benefit for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation. If you have already made a gift to the **Deo Gratias** special collection, please know how much we truly appreciate your support. If you have not completed and returned your envelope, you may still do so at mass or by returning it to the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

Offertory envelopes for 2024 will be available the weekend of Nov 25/26 in the parish hall. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. **FOR THE YEAR 2024, 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 2024. Thank you!

We welcome in Baptism Grady William Harrison, son of Scott Harrison and Cassandra Johnson. May the gifts which Baptism bestows, grow unhindered in us all.

Advent Wreath: If you or your family would like to light the wreath during the Advent season, during any of the weekend Masses, please email or phone the office.

CONFIRMANDI CLASS 2023

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 11th.

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| Marco Butera | Emma Kelly |
| Benjamin Boyce | Brook Lilliott |
| Lidia Cargnelli | Hailey McEwen |
| Luca Di Pietro | Evan Vanderzanden |
| Danica Falkowski | |

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our celebration of Confirmation.

Sunday, November 26th, 2023



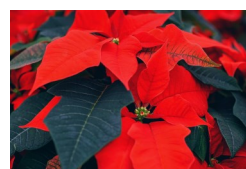
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”
— Mt 25:34

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Mon. Nov 27	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Nov 28	9:30am	Ricco, Kajsa & Amelio Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Family) HOLY HOUR & Confessions
	7-8pm	Intentions of Walters children & their families (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Wed. Nov 29	9:30am	✠ Ann Iamonaco (Adelaine Nohara) Special Intention for V. Addario (Vince Addario)
	6:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	7:00pm	Mass
	8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Thurs. Nov 30	9:30am	✠ Beverly (Vince & Lena Addario)
Fri. Dec 1	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Rebeiro Family) Blessings for Danuta Mazur (Danuta Mazur) Special Intention for V. Addario (Vince Addario)
	6:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	7:00pm	Mass
Sat. Dec 2	8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Dec 3	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Stefan Hozjan (Maria Hozjan & Family)

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Prayer Intention Month of December: For persons with disabilities— We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes:

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. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated December 10th, or use a plain envelope with your contact information included.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?

Everyday Stewardship

One day when I was walking the city streets where I was giving a series of talks, I saw what appeared to be an older woman hunched over with a sign asking for help. At first I passed her, on my way to visit the local drugstore. But then I came back around when I realized that I had not been very mindful upon first seeing her. I didn't have much cash to give her, but as I always tell everyone else in my talks, oftentimes what people need more than cash is someone to at least acknowledge them. I reached into my pocket to give her what little I had and I simply said, "Hello. I hope you are okay and I hope you can use this."

When her face turned toward me I saw she was probably only about sixteen years of age and she was very beautiful. She smiled immediately and said how much this meant to her. She gathered up her few belongings and I watched her walk to a café for a meal. I turned to walk back to my lodging and I thought to myself, "She could have been my daughter." That's when the still, small voice spoke to me saying, "Don't you understand? That was your daughter!"

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbour? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? A young homeless girl on the street can take on so many forms: stranger, neighbour, daughter, and Jesus. Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance. That day I almost missed seeing my Lord.

The Diocesan Anniversary Mass will be held on Friday, November 24, 2023, 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines, Ontario). Parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend.



Catholic Women's League

CWL membership drive begins in November. If you use offertory envelopes, the membership envelope is dated Nov. 5th. **THE ANNUAL FEE is \$40. PLEASE DO NOT USE E TRANSFER TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP.** If you do not have offertory envelopes, please use a plain one with your name, address, phone and email.

Warmvember: The CWL will collect warm clothing items (hats, gloves, scarves, coats, jackets etc.) for the Welland Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, during the month of November. Items can be placed in the baskets at the church entrance or bring to the office. **PLEASE—NEW ITEMS ONLY.**

CWL Christmas Gathering: All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend a Christmas lunch at Grill on Canboro in Fenwick on Friday, December 15th at Noon. In order to reserve tables, we will need to know how many plan to attend. Phone the office by Dec. 8th or sooner, if possible, to let us know. Thank you!

