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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humour (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honour this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.



Remembrance Day November 11th : Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Canadians pause in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

Confirmation November 11th: 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.

Thursday, November 9, the feast in honour of the Dedication of St. John Lateran in Rome, marks the 65th 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. "That Almighty God will continue to bless the Diocese of St. Catharines with strong faith and many vocations as we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the foundation of our diocese on November 9, we pray to the Lord".

St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out
The next dinner will be **Thursday, December 7th, 3-6pm.** The St. Ann Pasta Dinner Committee has set up e-transfer for payment for the monthly Pasta dinner fundraiser. When you order or pick up dinners, you can e-transfer payment to the following email address and the funds will be automatically deposited (no password required). stannspasta@gmail.com
The committee will help pay for costs for renovating the hall kitchen with profits from future events. Your support at these events will help them reach this goal.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the take out dinner this past week.

Sunday, November 12th, 2023



**32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."
- Mt 25:11-12

Mon. Nov 13	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Nov 14	9:30am	✠ Joseph & Marion Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Nov 15	9:30am	✠ Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		✠ Souls of Priests in Purgatory (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		✠ Ann Iamonaco (Adelaine Nohara)
		✠ Courtney Schroter (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Nov 16	9:30am	✠ Rob Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Family)
Fri. Nov 17	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
		God's Blessing & Guidance for Fr. Jacek & Fr. Janusz (Friends)
		Health & Salvation of the Pasta Dinner Volunteers (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
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

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.**

The CWL will meet on Thursday, Nov. 9th beginning with Mass at 6pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Everyday Stewardship**

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we? For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready. Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

Special Collection: Deo Gratias, November 12, 2023
The Diocese of St. Catharines is blessed to have 18 retired priests who dedicated, in some cases, almost 65 years of their lives caring for and ministering to others. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful. On the weekend of Nov 11/12, our parish is taking up a special collection to show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years. This collection will support the Clergy Aid Society, which provides a monthly benefit as well as health insurance to priests in the Diocese of St. Catharines, at age 75. As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our retired priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal CPP benefits and Old Age Security, along with their benefit from the Clergy Aid Society to pay for basic needs including food, rent, and car expenses. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the **Deo Gratias** collection this year. **Deo Gratias** envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use e-transfer to make a donation. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.



This is a community event, so please bring your family and friends along! We are seeking gently used baskets for filling the raffle table items. Any gift basket or gift certificate donations are also greatly appreciated. Please bring donations in by November 12th. At this time, we have collected some amazing raffle and grand prize items! **Some of the incredible prizes are: Niagara Helicopter Tour for Two, Niagara Parks Adventure for Two, Electric chainsaw, Dentistry package, gift certificates, Bird Kingdom family pass basket, Jewellery, Health inspired baskets, home decor, etc.** **There is something for everyone of every age!** There will be a **Bake sale** the same day. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated and can be dropped off on Friday, Nov. 17th during office hours (9am-2pm) or before 10am on Nov. 18th. Flea market items will also be part of the event. And, **frozen sauce and meatballs** will be available to purchase as well! Please help support this parish and community event! The flyer is inserted in today's bulletin.

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

Sat. Nov 4	8:00am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Gemma Silvestri (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Nov 5	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
Mon. Nov 6	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Nov 7	9:30am	✠ Zachary Junkin (Tim & Janet Nohara)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Nov 8	9:30am	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		Jasmine Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Family)
		Health & Salvation of Fr. Jacek Kryn (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
Thurs. Nov 9	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Fri. Nov 10	9:30am	✠ Mae Lawlor (Racz Family)
		✠ Kristina & Frank Hozjan (Hozjan Family)
		✠ Souls in Purgatory (Douglas & Alexandra Martin)
Sat. Nov 11	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Nov 12	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory October 22nd, 2023—\$1,324.75
Offertory October 29th, 2023—\$2,781.10
World Mission Sunday—\$580.00
Maintenance October- \$545.00

Living with Christ Sunday Missals: We have some available for purchase- \$3 each. Leave money in the basket near the missals. Thank you.

