

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26,28-31
Psalm 128 Thessalonians 5.1-6 Matthew 25.14-30

Saturday, November 18, 2017 – 4:00 PM

Offered for: Anna & John Jackson & Children, Mae, Johnnie, Elwyn (JoJo), Bruce and Emile Memorial Mass

Requested by: Liz Sunday and Marilyn Tarbell

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Lectors: Jamie Bay and Liz Sunday

Sunday, November 19, 2017 10:00 am

Offered for: Leon Chubb, 10th Memorial Anniversary

Requested by: His family

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer

Lectors: Lori Thompson & Phil Tarbell

Tuesday November 21, 2017 7:00 pm

Offered for: Grace Chubb, Memorial Mass from the Funeral Collection

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:10pm

Offered for: Anthony John McDonald, Memorial Mass from the funeral collection

Thursday, November 23, 2017 12:10 pm

Offered for: Mitchell Sunday, Memorial Mass from the funeral collection

Friday, November 24, 2017 12:10 pm

Offered for: Steven Smoke, Memorial Mass from the funeral collection

Saturday, November 25, 2017 – 4:00 PM

Offered for: Arthur Tarbell, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon & Summer

Lectors: Caroline Peters & Nicky King

Saturday, November 25, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Tri-District Elders Lodge

Offered for: Frank Delormier, Memorial Mass, from the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Sunday, November 26, 2017 10:00 am

Offered for: Charles Lazore 100 yr. birthday Anniversary & Agnes Lazore Memorial Anniversary

Requested by: Hilda King and family

Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylie

Lectors: Cora Gibson & Judy Cole

REMINDER: Rectory office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to noon.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Pope Francis in establishing this **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** begs all of us today to have a preferential option for the Poor.

"Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth" (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the "beloved disciple" hands down Jesus' command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the **empty words** so frequently on our lips and the **concrete deeds** against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God's way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: **God loved us first** (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and **he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life** (cf. 1 Jn 3:16).

Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God's grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbor. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need. . . .

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a **true encounter with the poor** and a **sharing that becomes a way of life**. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because **we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ**. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "If you want to honor the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honor the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness" (*Hom. in Matthaem, 50.3: PG 58*).

We are called, then, 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. . . .

We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.

NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and **generalized indifference!**

Tragically, in our own time, even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society throughout our world. Faced with this scenario, we cannot remain passive, much less resigned. There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favors. There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive. **To all these forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society."**

WHAT CAN WE DO? Let us begin with practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To feed the hungry**
- To give drink to the thirsty**
- To clothe the naked**
- To shelter the homeless**
- To care for the sick**
- To visit the imprisoned**
- To bury the dead.**

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To convert sinners**
- To instruct the ignorant**
- To counsel the doubtful**
- To comfort the sorrowful**
- To bear wrongs patiently**
- To forgive injuries**
- To pray for the living and the dead.**

Am I generous in sharing my **TREASURE** of money with the Poor in our community, with neighbors who have special needs, with the Church for its upkeep and mission? I expect to give 15 or 20 percent of my restaurant bill to the waiter, but am not generous enough to tithe and give 10 percent of my treasure to Christ and his Poor?

FALLEN LEAVES MASS

A Special Mass for our faithful departed loved ones will be offered at the St. Regis Mission Church at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2017. A traditional meal will be served afterwards at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center.

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK AND ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

Dear Lord, during this week of Thanksgiving, we thank you for the gift of life and the energy you have given us to serve you and our dear neighbor. Please grant healing and strength to those who suffer from illness, poverty, imprisonment, and desolation. We pray for those in our nursing homes and hospitals and all undergoing surgery and rehabilitation -- especially Louis "Porky" Garrow, Orlo Ransom, Michael Thomas, Clyde Cree, Larry Pyke, Francis Cree, Joyce Kelso, Debbie Thomas, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Nancy Phillips, Isabel and Leonard Garrow, Mary Johnson, Marjorie Lazore, Teddy Thompson, Robert Thompson, Marie Casey, Richard Kelso, April Benedict, Camryn Cook, Skymica Ransom, and Alexina Auger.

As we celebrate the Mass for **FALLEN LEAVES** this weekend, we commend to your mercy all of our loved ones who have died and all Souls in Purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them. **ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM!**

THANKSGIVING DAY - NOVEMBER 23

Happy Thanksgiving to All! As we gather with family and friends to celebrate God's bountiful gifts to us, let us pray together the OUR FATHER, remembering that all that we are and all that we have is a GIFT from Our Father in Heaven.

FEAST OF ST. CECELIA , MARTYR - NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecelia is the patron saint of Musicians. We ask her today to pray for God's blessings on our organists and choir members and to intercede for other generous musicians to praise and thank God at St. Regis Church. "To sing is to pray twice!"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Children must be pre-registered for Baptism with an application, a copy of their Birth Certificate and an interview with Father Jerome. Registration forms are available for pick up at the Rectory Office Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to noon or by calling 613-575-2753.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration and application forms are available for the upcoming classes for First Communion and Confirmation. They may be obtained on-line at www.stregischurch.org or by calling Laura Morris at the St. Kateri Center (518)-358-2931. Office hours are Monday-Friday 3pm to 7pm.

COLLECTIONS

November 11-12, 2017

Regular Mass \$ 433.00 CDN \$ 378.01 US