

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am - St. John** – Steve Hahr  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*  
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*  
**4:00 pm - St. John** – Joan Downing by M/M Ed Zuccaro

### Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*  
**8:00 am - St. John** – the Parishioners  
**9:35 am - St. Elizabeth** – Justin C. King by Joan and family  
**11:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Richard Mignalti by his wife & family

### Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> St. Margaret of Scotland

**8:30 am - St. Elizabeth** – Frederick McVay by a parishioner

### Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth of Hungray

**8:30 am - St. John** – Sanctity of Life by Bill & Sally Young

### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> St. Peter and St. Paul

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm** – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*  
**5:15pm - St. John** – Virginia Fortin by St. Anne Mortuary Fund

### Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am - St. John** – deceased members of the Argetto & Naples families by a parishioner

### Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**8:30am - St. Elizabeth** – Richard Durocher by the family (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

### Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

**8:30 am - St. John** – Priest's Intention  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*  
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*  
**4:00 pm - St. John** – Hugette Authier by Michele Pierette Authier

### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*  
**8:00 am - St. John** – Mass for the parishioners  
**9:35 am - St. Elizabeth** – Claire Danforth by the family  
**11:30 am - Queen of Peace**  
*Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed*  
*Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor*

Nov. 22 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm S.Dugan 8:00am T. Lovett	9:30am J. Simard	11:30am M.Goldrick

### Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

- Go to: [nekcatholic.formed.org](http://nekcatholic.formed.org)
- Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

## PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Franciscans/Church/Center  
 4pm Catechist Training/Ctr  
 6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class/Center  
 Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm St. Vincent de Paul/StE  
 Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm St. J. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K of C/Center  
 Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm St. E. K. of C.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year:** 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650  
**Reg. Collection Year-to-date:** \$56,095.74.+  
**On-Line: YTD** \$26,342.55

## Collections and Receipts: November 15, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$3,255.00

*Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: [nekcatholic.com](http://nekcatholic.com) and click "Give Online" to sign up!*

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129  
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

## Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign

Please note that next weekend — Nov. 21-22 — we will host a **Virtual Weekend of Giving**. This will offer us the opportunity to recognize the success we've realized in just a few weeks. But it will also be a time to encourage those who've yet to make a gift to join others in their faith community in support of Corpus Christi Parish and the Diocese. As part of the celebration, Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online during the weekend with a \$1,000 gift. Each \$1,000 gift will go to the donor's parish. Each parish may receive one (1) matching gift. We encourage you to spend time in prayer this week to discern on how you may make a difference with your support for the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign.

PARISH	PARISH GOAL	# of Parish Gifts	PLEGGED from Parish	% TO GOAL	COH CAMPAIGN TOTAL TO DATE
Corpus Christi	\$361,693	24	\$33,324	9.2%	\$2,078,780

## The Co-op Giving Tree

Once again this we will participate in the Co-op Giving Tree with several businesses in St. Johnsbury. Please watch for the tree to come up at the entrance of St. John's that will be filled with tags. This year the drop off will be at Mayo's Furniture Store on Railroad St. Please be sure and take a tag and purchase a gift item for those who are in need. Thank you!

## Thanksgiving Collection This Week!

Due to Covid-19 there will NOT be a Thanksgiving meal for the community this year. People in need are being asked to sign up. They will be given a dinner-to-go. St. John's parishioners have always been very generous in helping those who need a helping hand. Thank you.



**November 16<sup>th</sup>:  
Feast of St. Gertrude the Great**

**SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT** was a German Benedictine nun, mystic, and theologian. Little is known of her early life who was born on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1256, in Eisleben, Thuringia. At the age of four, she entered the monastery school at St. Mary at Helfta under the direction of its

abbess, Gertrude of Hackeborn. It is speculated that she was offered as a child oblate to the church by devout parents. Given that Gertrude implies in the *Herald* that her parents were long dead at the time of writing, however, it is also possible that she entered the monastery school as an orphan. Gertrude joined the monastic community in 1266. It is clear from her own writings that she received a thorough education in a range of subjects. In 1281, at the age of 25, she experienced the first of a series of visions that continued throughout her life. Her priorities shifted away from secular knowledge and toward the study of scripture and theology. Gertrude devoted herself strongly to personal prayer and meditation, and began writing spiritual treatises for the benefit of her monastic sisters. Gertrude became one of the great mystics of the 13th century. Together with her friend and teacher Mechtilde, she practiced a spirituality called "nuptial mysticism," that is, she came to see herself as the bride of Christ. Gertrude died around 1302, but the exact date of her death is unknown; a November date stems from a confusion with Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn. One of the most esteemed woman saints of the Christian West, she was a notable early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Book 2 of the *Herald of Divine Love* is notable within the history of Christian devotion because its vivid descriptions of Gertrude's visions show a considerable elaboration on the long-standing but ill-defined veneration of Christ's heart. This veneration was present in the belief that Christ's heart poured forth a redemptive fountain through the wound in his side, an image culminating in its most famous articulation by Bernard of Clairvaux in his commentary on the Song of Songs. Gertrude reported a vision on the Feast of John the Evangelist. She was resting her head near the wound in the Christ's side and hearing the beating of his heart. She asked John if on the night of the Last Supper he had felt these pulsations, why he had never spoken of the fact. John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its love. Pope Benedict XIV gave her the title "the Great" to distinguish her from Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn and to recognize the depth of her spiritual and theological insight.

Gertrude showed "tender sympathy towards the souls in purgatory" and urged prayers for them. Gertrude records this vision in one of her writings:

*After Gertrude had prayed for her a long time, she saw [a particular] soul soon after her passing in a place filled with light, like a little maid, who dressed in red clothing is presented to the Spouse. There also appeared beside her the Lord in the figure of a refined young man ... Then Gertrude continued: 'But, oh my Lord, could not your most sweet mercy liberate this soul, to whom since her childhood You have given a heart so rich and benevolent towards everyone, from the impediment of her negligence?' The Lord responded: 'I will reward abundantly the sweetness of her heart and her good will, nevertheless, my Justice*

*demands that she be first purified of every stain. My spouse is in agreement with my justice, because after the purification she will be completely consoled by the glory of my divinity'. Having the soul of the deceased joyfully approved these words of the Lord, He immediately returned to Heaven, while she remained at the place where she was and stretching towards the sky with all her strengths, she tried to ascend. By having remained alone that soul was purified from her youthful carelessness, for which she entertained herself too much sometimes with other people and through the difficult ascent she was purified from the laziness in which she had at times indulged due to her weariness. One day while Saint Gertrude was praying for this deceased novice during the Holy Mass, at the elevation of the Most Holy Host she prayed in this way: 'Lord, Holy Father, I offer You this Most Holy Host for her on behalf of all those who are in Heaven, on earth and in Purgatory!' And behold that soul appeared lifted up a bit higher, and innumerable people, who were on their knees in front of her, were elevating the Most Holy Host high with both hands. She had much relief and benefit from it and said: 'Now I truly experience how certain is what Sacred Scripture says, namely that in man there is nothing good, be it even the smallest thing, that would not be repaid, and no fault that would not be expiated before or after death; thus for this reason, since I willingly received Holy Communion, now I receive much relief from the Holy Sacrament of the altar offered for me. And since I have always loved all people, now I benefit from the prayer said for me. Therefore, for all this, I anticipate an eternal recompense in Heaven!' At these words it appeared that she was lifted up even higher, carried by the prayer of the Church; when arriving to the place established for her, she knew that the Lord in the fullness of His mercy would have met her with the crown of glory and welcomed her in eternal glory."*

**Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*A non-biblical event that is celebrated by the Church each year.*

Each year on November 21 the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple. The feast is based on an ancient text from the year 145, called *The Protoevangelium of James*, a text that was revered by the early Christians. In it, we find the Virgin Mary's parents entrusting her to the Jewish Temple at an early age:

*"And the child was two years old, and Joachim said: Let us take her up to the temple of the Lord, that we may pay the vow that we have vowed, lest perchance the Lord send to us, and our offering be not received. And Anna said: Let us wait for the third year, in order that the child may not seek for father or mother. And Joachim said: So let us wait. And the child was three years old, and Joachim said: Invite the daughters of the Hebrews that are undefiled, and let them take each a lamp, and let them stand with the lamps burning, that the child may not turn back, and her heart be captivated from the temple of the Lord. And they did so until they went up into the temple of the Lord. And the priest received her, and kissed her, and blessed her, saying: The Lord has magnified your name in all generations. In you, on the last of the days, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel. And he set her down upon the third step of the altar, and the Lord God sent grace upon her; and she danced with her feet, and all the house of Israel loved her. And her parents went down marvelling, and praising the Lord God, because the child had not turned back. And Mary was in the temple of the Lord as if she were a dove that dwelt there, and she received food from the hand of an angel."*