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29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 18, 2015

POPE FRANCIS LAUDATO SI*

(continued)

This weekend we return to quotes from Pope Francis as written in *Laudato Si*. Both quotes are taken from early pages of this encyclical. First he appeals to human beings of good will worldwide that everyone do his/her part to help protecting our endangered planet. In today's second entry we read the start of his critique of our 'throwaway culture' and its harmful effects especially on persons of slender means (ie the materially poor).

*"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. [...]
Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. [...] All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents. (14)*

*Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. [...] Technology, which, linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others. [...]
These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. (20, 22)*

*It is possible to acquire an inexpensive copy of the Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si*, on the Chapel-side book table. Consider giving yourself a good read as it highlights the interrelatedness of all life and our responsibility to be better stewards of the earth which includes an outreach to God's poor.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
October 25**

*You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends
or by yourself.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Psalms: 126

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

FR. EARL DREAMS

This week is included a new feature called, '*A Bit of This and That.*' In it are found miscellaneous items of general interest to our parishioners. It is an attempt to better organize and make more interesting the overall format of parish news. Your feedback on this initiative (and on any part of the bulletin) is always welcome.

SAINTS SPEAK

The Spiritual writer, **Helen Mellincost**, reminds us how God is ever Emmanuel, God-with-us, in the present moment.

I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly God was speaking: "My name is I am." I waited and God continued: "When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I was. When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I will be. When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here. My name is I AM."

Saint Theresa's Prayer of Offering

October 15 is the **Feast of St. Theresa Avila**. Let us pray with one another her prayer of offering.

May today there be peace within.

*May you trust God that you are exactly where you are
meant to be.*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born
of faith.*

*May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.*

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

*Let His presence settle into your bones,
and allow your soul the freedom to sing,
dance
and love.*

It is there for each and every one of us.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
FOR THE WEEKENDS OF**

October 3 and 4: \$4,736.91

October 10 and 11: \$4,171.01

Thank you for your continued generous support.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE NOTES:**

Are you wondering why the Catholic Women's League is advocating for improvements to palliative care? We are having a speaker talk on this timely topic at our next meeting. The October **General Meeting** of the CWL will take place on **Tuesday, October 20** at **8 pm** in the **Church Library**. The meeting will begin after the 7:30 pm Mass. Our meetings are open to all women in the Parish. Come and bring a friend.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

This Mass continues every Sunday at 7 pm. Next Sunday will feature music and a social gathering afterwards. I know you are all young at heart, and you are all welcome!

*Fr. Joe Mroz
Chaplain at MUN*

**CENTRE FOR LIFE NEWS
Informational Session**

The Centre for Life is hosting a public informational session with guest speaker **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director and International Chair of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition on **Friday, October 23** at **7 pm** at the **Capitol Hotel**. There is no fee for this event but in the spirit of community caring and sharing we kindly request a donation of a non-perishable food item or monetary donation in aid of the Gathering Place. Please register for this event by call **The Centre for Life - 579-1500** or <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/public-lecture-on-euthanasia-assisted-suicide-tickets-18565970317>

Centre for Life Dinner and Silent Auction

This event will be held be **Saturday, October 24** at the **K of C Hall (St. Clare Avenue)**. Guest speaker is Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director and International Chair of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Tickets are \$35. each, entertainment and cash bar. Dinner is stuffed chicken breast (vegetarian or gluten free on request when purchasing a ticket). *Deadline for tickets is Monday, October 19.*

Auction Donations

If you have a new item to donate to the auction your support will be greatly appreciated. For more information about tickets and/or these events, or auction donations, please call the **Centre for Life Office - 579-1500**.

OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A gnash-your-teeth church bulletin reads:

"The Church office will be closed until opening.

It will remain closed after being opened. Open tomorrow."

JAMAICAN FESTIVAL

This *Sunday, October 18*, the Religious Education Committee will be hosting the annual *Jamaica Festival in the Parish Hall* beginning at *12 noon*. There will be the regular attractions along with a bake/craft sale. Please mark your calendars, come enjoy the fun and learn more about this foreign mission project.

Thank you for continuing to support this project.

SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Parish Syrian Refugee Relief Committee has considered various responses to this human tragedy. In consultation with Fr. Earl, we have agreed that our parish will be sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family.

Parishioners have been asking, "*How can I help?*" The Committee will make various suggestions in the coming weeks.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

The Church is essentially missionary; it is animated by the Spirit. Inhabited by the breath and dynamism of life, it sends out her apostles to the ends of the earth. The Lord calls us and send us to share with others the blessings that we have received, starting with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege, but must be seen as a gift to be shared with those who have not yet received it. Today, let us unite through Love and let us show solidarity with the poorest churches in African, Asia, Oceania, Europe and South America. Thank you for your generosity and missionary solidarity.

A small pamphlet entitled *United in Love* is available from the tables at the Church and Chapel entrances. You are invited to take a copy.

Missionary Prayer

God, Love and Creator, living presence in our world.
Today, I have chosen to be united in your love
and to go towards my brothers and sisters
who are hurt and vulnerable.

Open my eyes and my heart to the sufferings of this world
and grant me the ability to experience compassion in
truth.

Risen Christ, Light of the world,
enlighten the path that leads me towards
my poorest brothers and sisters.

Grant me the grace to proclaim and experience the
joy of the Gospel.

And by being attentive to the Spirit, Lord,
help me to discern your presence
and to be a faithful witness of your Holy Name
Amen

A BIT OF THIS AND THAT

This autumn our Parish is blessed with a rich and colorful 'Horn of Plenty' as created by Mary Barry and her small team of helpers of Christine Warren, Helen Ryan and Donna Marie Kelly.

Our Parish is occasionally +blessed with a bequest. We presently give thanks for one offered by the estate of Theresa Marshall which provides for ongoing parish expenses, parish sponsored charities and Masses to be prayed in her memory.

Bless and thank you for the ongoing gifts of clothing and food for our friends at the MacMorran Community Centre. Canned goods supplies are ever low and needed. Please consider offering a few items sooner than later.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Our thanks to all of you who take your turn bringing up the gifts at Sunday Mass. We welcome newcomers. If you can take a turn, please contact the *Parish Office - 754-0170* or stpiusx@nl.rogers.com or complete the *gold-colored* sheet at the Church and Chapel entrances. Many thanks.

THE VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE FAMILY IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

This is the theme of the World Synod of Bishop meeting with Pope Francis in Rome, October 4 - 25. Canadian bishops attending are Thomas Collins, Richard Smith, Paul-Andre Durocher, Noel Simard and Gerard Lacroix. Also, bioethicist Moira McQueen, Father Tom Rosica and Fr. Kim D'Souza. Kindly keep them all in your prayers.

MERCY - PRESENTATION SPEAKERS' FORUM

This Forum will be held *Friday, October 23 (evening)* – *Saturday, October 24, 2015* at *The Lantern - 35 Barnes Road* and will feature *Ilia Delio* on the topic of Cosmology and Spirituality. Ilia Delio, OSF, is a Franciscan Sister of Washington, DC and Director of Catholic Studies at Georgetown University. She is the author of fourteen books. Price \$40. or \$15. per session. Lunch included.

For additional information and/or to reserve a seat, contact *Marilyn Stack* at marilynhstack@gmail.com. Please indicate which sessions you plan to attend. Seating is limited so early reservations are recommended. Payment may be made at the door or by cheque payable to "*The Speakers Forum*" and mailed to *Marilyn Stack - 21 Bonavista Street, St. John's, NL, A1E 2N5*.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Oct. 18	8:30 am	Mass	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11:00 am	Mass	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		12:00 pm	Jamaica Festival - Parish Hall	
		7:00 pm	Youth Mass - Church	
Mon.	Oct. 19	9:30 am	Mass	Elizabeth Marshall
		1:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Duggan and McCarthy Families
Tues.	Oct. 20	9:30 am	Mass	Mercedes Marshall
		7:30 pm	Mass	Raymond, Beatrice and William White
Wed.	Oct. 21	9:30 am	Mass	Mary J. O'Brien
Thurs.	Oct. 22	9:30 am	Mass	Mary Flynn
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice - Church	
Fri.	Oct. 23	9:30 am	Mass	Janet Nolan
Sat.	Oct. 24	9:30 am	Mass	John Healey
		4:45 pm	Mass	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Oct. 25	8:30 am	Mass	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11:00 am	Mass	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		7:00 pm	Youth Mass - Church	

WEBSITES: Three to recommend are:

www.jesuits.ca www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm
Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: *Second Sunday* of the month. **Time:** 1 pm in the Church.
Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) **ONE MONTH** in advance
PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: *Call the Parish Office for more details.*

MARRIAGES: By appointment **SIX MONTHS** in advance
Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;
TELEPHONE: 754-0170 **FAX:** 754-1963 **E-MAIL:** stpiusx@nl.rogers.com

CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 726-7236
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