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## ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2015

### WHO ARE THE SAINTS IN YOUR LIFE?

November can be a somber month, with the falling leaves, dropping temperatures, longer nights and shorter days. It is also the month when many of us remember our deceased family members and friends. In our Roman Catholic tradition, we begin November with *All Saints' Day* (Nov. 1), followed the next day by *All Souls' Day*.

**Just who or what is a saint?** There are many definitions, the more familiar one being someone who is an example of holiness, virtue, and whose example we can follow. The word "saint" literally means "holy" (sanctus), with the original Christian denotation referring to any believer who is "in Christ" and in whom Christ dwells, whether in heaven or on earth. Saints follow Jesus Christ and live their lives according to his teachings. St. Paul addresses some of his letters to the "saints" in a particular city, for example to the saints in Ephesus, Ephesians 1:1.

While the English term "saint" originated in Christianity, this term is used in a more general way to refer to the state of special holiness that many religions attribute to certain people, with the Jewish *Tzadik*, the Islamic *Mu'min*, the Hindu *rishi* or Sikh *guru*, and the Buddhist *arhat* or *bodhisattva* and also being referred to as "saints".

Many of us have a favourite saint, to whom we pray for a particular reason. Environmentalists would be inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. Musicians might have a particular devotion to St. Cecilia. If you are a parent whose adult children are not practising their faith, you might consider St. Monica who prayed for many years for her wayward son, who eventually became St. Augustine. And the list goes on.

But there are many more saints, the small "s" saints who are living among us now or who have gone on to live eternally in God's presence. A saint really is anyone who helps reveal God to us, by following the example of Jesus, and gives us a glimpse of what we are called to be. So there may very well be saints in your life right now or in your family history.

When I think about my own family history, I remember my grandmother who had a bowl of marbles by her side, each marble representing a rosary she promised to say for members of her family and her friends every day. She would not turn on the TV at night until she had all her rosaries said. Maybe it is a neighbour who always comes in winter to shovel out the driveway of an elderly couple who lives on the street, and refuses to take any money for it. Maybe it is a distant relative who always remembers your birthday. Maybe it is a friend who always has a kind word for everyone. These are all very small acts in the grand scheme of things, but done with love, they are great, as Therese of Lisieux shows us in her Little Way.

There is a great deal of interest today, in genealogy, in tracing your family tree. Why not look at your family tree or family history from a different point of view? From God's point of view? What special quality did your relative have, what did they do or say, that reminds you of God, that shows you what God is like? Try this and you may very well discover a few saints in your family !!!

*Maria R. Kelsey  
Pastoral Assistant*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
November 8**

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

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 17:10-16

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28

**Psalm:** 146

**Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

**FR. EARL DREAMS**

A few years ago our Church universal enhanced our Eucharistic worship by encouraging the use of a modest bow before we receive Holy Communion. Of course the gesture is not necessary to respectfully receive Communion. Yet, a simple bow is not difficult for any one of us to do although less of us make it. Simply put, this honourable gesture has fallen out of use but for no good reason. Perhaps we simply need to become more mindful of it and give it a try?

Eucharistic Ministers were recently commissioned and re-affirmed in this essential parish ministry. Your (our) parish needs more willing persons to offer this service. If you've never considered being a Eucharistic Minister, why not? God is calling more of us '*His unworthy servants*' to this ministry. The invitation to service is not always to someone else... Thank you for your open honest consideration of this appeal!

**A BIT OF THIS AND THAT**

*Today I will face my problems, unwrap them and seek to understand their component parts, spread them out before the Lord, thank God in advance for what God is going to do, follow orders for what I am to do, and stand by to watch the Holy Spirit's miracles.*

**Anonymous**

Read and read again, and do not despair of help to understand the will and mind of God though you think they are fast locked up from you. Neither trouble your heads though you have not commentaries and exposition. Pray and read, read and pray; for a little from God is better than a great deal from people.

**John Bunyan**

*Father Earl and Maria Kelsey are attending English Canada Jesuit sponsored meetings this week in Ontario. They return to ministry this Friday, November 6. Please pray that +blessings are returned to the parish as a result of this meeting.*

There is a MUN sponsored Mass at 7 pm Sunday evenings until mid-December.

**PRAYER ROOM**

In a previous bulletin, dated September 13, 2015, news was given about us converting the room in the Chapel foyer into a **Prayer Room**. Sandy Gibbons, a parishioner and an architect, along with a committee consisting of Cyril Brennan, John Barry, Patricia Snow and Kevin Philpott are working with Father Earl to plan this Prayer Room.

The Church is currently open for prayer Monday afternoons for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also open weekday afternoons from 1 - 2:30 pm. We hope to have the Prayer Room open for a longer period of time each day to assist in our prayer life.

The committee will update you on details about the Prayer Room as they become available. Father Earl welcomes your questions and/or concerns. Please contact him at **754-0170** or [esmith@jesuits.ca](mailto:esmith@jesuits.ca).

**SAINTS SPEAK**

The Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, count many canonized saints among their membership. Included in that number is St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ (1533-1617) whose feast is October 30<sup>th</sup>. Today his short biography is given as a source of inspiration.

**St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ (1533-1617) October 30.** Tragedy and challenge beset today's saint early in life, but Alphonsus Rodriguez found happiness and contentment through simple service and prayer.

Born in Spain in 1533, Alphonsus inherited the family textile business at 23. Within the space of three years, his wife, daughter and mother died; meanwhile, business was poor. Alphonsus stepped back and reassessed his life. He sold the business and, with his young son, moved into his sisters' home. There he learned the discipline of prayer and meditation.

Years later, at the death of his son, Alphonsus, almost 40 by then, sought to join the Jesuits. He was not helped by his poor education. He applied twice before being admitted. For 45 years he served as doorkeeper at the Jesuits' college in Majorca. When not at his post, he was almost always at prayer, though he often encountered difficulties and temptations.

His holiness and prayerfulness attracted many to him, including St. Peter Claver, then a Jesuit seminarian. Alphonsus's life as doorkeeper may have been humdrum, but he caught the attention of poet and fellow-Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins, who made him the subject of one of his poems.

Alphonsus died in 1617. He is the patron saint of Majorca, Spain.

## “NOVEMBER: WE REMEMBER” SHEETS

These *mauve-colored* sheets are available from the tables at the Church and Chapel entrances. Write on them the names of your deceased relatives and friends. They will be placed on the Altar during November.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial Vigil Service which is held every year to remember our recently deceased will be held **Sunday, November 29, 2 pm** in the **Church**. We remember our deceased parishioners who died during the past year (*November, 2014 - November, 2015*). Following the Vigil, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall.

## LECTORS NEEDED

Lectors are needed for the weekday Masses. If you would like to volunteer by assisting us in this important Ministry in proclaiming God’s holy Word, please contact the **Parish Office - 754-0170** or [stpiusx@nl.rogers.com](mailto:stpiusx@nl.rogers.com).

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Join us at the **Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road** on **Saturday, November 7, 2 pm and/or Thursday, November 12, 7 pm** to explore the connection between science and religion using the DVD program by Ilia Delio, OSF.

To register please email: [mcej@live.com](mailto:mcej@live.com) or phone 722-0082.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKENDS OF

**October 17 and 18:** \$3,948.16

**October 24 and 25:** \$5,782.20

*Thank you for your continued generous support*

## OUR ‘PIUS’ SMILE

Women and cats will do as they please.  
Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.  
**Anonymous**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Pius X Parish will be holding its **Annual Christmas Bazaar** on **Sunday, November 22** from **2 - 4 pm** in the **Parish Hall**.

All proceeds will be used to support Parish Initiatives.

We are seeking your support and help to make this event successful. There will be a few changes this year to encourage more of our parishioners and community friends to come out, participate and support this parish fund-raiser.

Donations are requested for the following tables: Christmas Cakes, Baked Goods, Christmas Handicrafts, Fudge, cookies and candy for the Children’s Table. We also need sandwiches and cookies for the **Tea Room**. This year we will be having one wheel with prizes of **Turkeys, Hams, Wine, Beer and cash**. Donations of any of these would be appreciated.

We will be selling tickets on one big **Gift Basket** starting on **November 14 and 15**, so if you have something appealing to go in this basket, your donations would be appreciated.

All Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours or at the Parish Hall on Saturday November 21 between 12 and 5 pm.

Please make every effort to come along and bring your family and friends. We understand **Santa** is looking forward to his visit with all of the children!

Planning Committee: Nina Beresford, Lillian Joy and Mary Power

## GET SOME JOY FROM THE WORLD!

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to **The Landing 3rd Floor of the University Centre (UC-3018)**! Memorial University Chaplaincy is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America.

The Festival Sale will be held **Monday, November 2 from 10 am to 7 pm and Tuesday, November 3 from 10 am to 7 pm at The Landing, 3rd Floor University Centre, Memorial University. Admission is free.**

The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. Your purchase makes a difference!

For more information call the **University Chaplaincy - 864-2550**.

## Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 1	8:30 am 11:00 am <b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Youth Mass - Church</b>	ALL SAINTS ALL SAINTS
Mon.	Nov. 2	9:30 am <b>1:00 pm</b> 7:30 pm	Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel</b> Mass	Mary Finn Kevin Whelan
Tues.	Nov. 3	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Mass	Thomas and Josephine Finn Catherine Clancey
Wed.	Nov. 4	9:30 am	Mass	Imelda McAllister
Thurs.	Nov. 5	9:30 am <b>7:30 pm</b>	Mass <b>Choir Practice - Church</b>	Mary J. O'Brien
Fri.	Nov. 6	9:30 am <b>10:15 am</b>	Mass <b>Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion</b>	Hanton and Walsh Families
Sat.	Nov. 7	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Teresa Marshall 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Nov. 8	8:30 am 11:00 am <b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Youth Mass - Church</b>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WEBSITES:** Three to recommend are:

[www.jesuits.ca](http://www.jesuits.ca) [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) [www.jesuitresources.org](http://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;  
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**CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL:** 726-7236  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** 747-5874 or 753-6997