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## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2015

### LAUDATO SI

This weekend our focus from Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* is on technological progress. It is recognized as unquestionably advantageous yet its use has critical implications. Technologies must be at the service of humanity's common good.

\*\*\*Pope Francis takes aim at the "technocratic" mindset, in which technology is seen as the key to human existence. He also critiques an unthinking reliance on market forces, in which every technological advancement is embraced before considering how it will affect our world. Christian spirituality, by contrast, offers a growth marked by "moderation and the capacity to be happy with little" (222).

Let's consider these quotes [in italics] that note how technological progress is not identical with human progress:

*[At one extreme, we find those who doggedly uphold the myth of progress and tell us that ecological problems will solve themselves simply with the application of new technology and without any need for ethical considerations or deep change. At the other extreme are those who view men and women and all their interventions as no more than a threat, jeopardizing the global ecosystem, and consequently the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms of intervention prohibited. (60)]*

*There is a growing awareness that scientific and technological progress cannot be equated with the progress of humanity and history, a growing sense that the way to a better future lies elsewhere. This is not to reject the possibilities which technology continues to offer us. [...] Let us refuse to resign ourselves to this, and continue to wonder about the purpose and meaning of everything. Otherwise we would simply legitimate the present situation and need new forms of escapism to help us endure the emptiness. [...]*

*Nobody is suggesting a return to the Stone Age, but we do need to slow down and look at reality in a different way, to appropriate the positive and sustainable progress which has been made, but also to recover the values and the great goals swept away by our unrestrained delusions of grandeur. (113-114)*

\*\*\*SOURCE: [www.twitter.com/JamesMartinSJ](http://www.twitter.com/JamesMartinSJ)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
November 15**

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

**First Reading:** Daniel 12:1-3  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
**Psalm:** 16.5  
**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

**FR. EARL DREAMS**

Canada's Parliament is mandated by Canada's Supreme Court to establish law(s) that govern the practise of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide by February 6, 2016. A high majority of doctors across our country are strongly against laws that legalized assisted suicide. It is critical that we parishioners be awakened to the ramifications of this legal imperative. This past May, Dr. Pat O' Shea offered to Catholic St. John's a workshop at St. Pius X that greatly helped its attendees awaken to the legal storm on the horizon. More can, and needs to be done, and soon. A parish based committee to consider our options is in the works. Please contact me at 754-0170 or at [esmith@jesuits.ca](mailto:esmith@jesuits.ca) for more information about this issue. Thanks.

**SAINTS SPEAK**

Two mystic authors from Germany's Rhineland offer words of inspired consolation.

*I have a capacity in my soul for taking in God entirely. I am assure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself; my existence depends on the nearness and the presence of God.*

**Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)**

*It is not of God's severity that much is required from us; it is of His great kindness that He will have the soul to open herself wider, to be able to receive much, that He may bestow much upon her. Let no one think that it is hard to attain thereunto. Although it sounds hard as touching the dying to all things, yet, when one has reached this state, no life can be easier, or sweeter, or fuller of pleasures; for God is right diligent to be with us at all seasons, and to teach us, that God may bring us to Himself, when we are like to go astray. None of us ever desired anything more ardently than God desires to bring us to the knowledge of Himself.*

**Johannes Tauler, (1300-61)**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
NOTES**

**Access to Palliative Care**

As a result of extensive discussion at our October 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, members remain concerned about the availability of access to palliative care for citizens of this province. Consequently, all members are encouraged to bring up this issue with provincial candidates seeking election.

*Anne Curtis  
President*

***Did You Know? ...***

**General Meeting**

The CWL of Canada is the united voice of all Catholic women, contributing to the life and vitality of the church, family, and community, both at home and abroad. The November **General Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm** in the **Church Library, following the 7:30 pm Mass**. All women from the parish are invited to attend any of our meetings.

**Provincial CWL Advent Service**

The **Provincial CWL Advent Service** will be held at **St. Pius X Church on Tuesday, December 1 at 8 pm** immediately following evening Mass.

Guest Speaker: Anne Walsh, Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation; Topic: The New Evangelization. All members and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Social to follow in the church library.

**Advent Dinner**

**Advance Notice**

The St. Pius X Council of the CWL of Canada is inviting all parishioners and friends to join us for an **Advent Dinner on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 5:30 pm. **Prayer Service and dinner** will begin at **6 pm**. **Tickets, \$25.**, can be purchased by contacting **Ruby Sharpe - 579-7275, Cecilia Fitzpatrick - 722-2648** or **Parish Office - 754-0170**.

**OUR 'PIUS' SMILE**

Viki, age 8, offers her opinion about angels.

*"Some angels are in charge of helping sick animals and pets. If they don't make the animals get better, they help persons with animal friends get over it."*

**JoyfulNoiseletter.com (May-June 2015)**

**ATTENTION:  
PRE-SCHOOL LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our pre-school *Liturgy of the Word* for our pre-school children will begin next **Sunday, November 15**, at the regular time at the **11 am Mass**.

**A BIT OF THIS AND THAT**

Parishioners with gluten sensitivities and/or who suffer as celiac positive are not able to receive the consecrated host in the usual way for health reasons. Yet, there is no reason for them to be denied receiving Eucharist. Anyone who lives with this health concern is urged to approach Fr. Earl at their convenience. If you have a family member or friend with this condition please pass this message along to them.

*The genius physicist and humanitarian Albert Einstein writes; A hundred times a day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other people, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the full measure I have received and am still receiving.*

A perfect Christmas gift! – *The Story of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist*. Written by Susan Chalker Browne, this beautiful full-colour book details the stories, myths and personalities that have surrounded the church since 1834, and is filled with spectacular photos and interesting facts. Available in bookstores, the Basilica gift shop, and at the main desk of the office of the Archdiocese of St. John's. All author royalties being donated to the Basilica Heritage Foundation.

*Thank you for your responses. To date we have received over 1000, from across the archdiocese. The Archdiocese is still in the process of analyzing the data, and has enlisted some help from Memorial University. In the coming months more information about the results will be forthcoming. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey.*

**"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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
FOR THE WEEKENDS OF**

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

**October 31 and November 1:** \$4,000.46

**Thank you for your continued generous support.**

**SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE**

**Who May Be Sponsored?**

Persons who have fled their country of origin and are now living in a country of asylum, as refugees, can be resettled to Canada, if they:

- meet the definition of the Convention or member of country of Asylum class;
- have no other durable solution (cannot return to country of origin and cannot locally integrate where they reside now, and
- have the ability to successfully settle in Canada.

If the refugee applicant is being co-sponsored by a Community Sponsor, the refugee must have refugee status as recognized the country of asylum or the UNHCR and have documentation to prove this. The refugee applicant must also meet the admissibility criteria for refugee resettlement to Canada, which include a medical, security and criminal screening.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

St. Pius X Parish's *Annual Christmas Bazaar* will be held **Sunday, November 22** from **2 - 4 pm** in the **Parish Hall**. All proceeds to support Parish initiatives.

Donations are requested and appreciated 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.

We will be selling tickets on one big **Gift Basket** starting next weekend **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. Santa is looking forward to his visit with all of the children!

**LIFE AND LIGHT CAMPAIGN**

As a response to St. John Paul II's warning against the 'culture of death' and the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on Euthanasia, join the Life and Light Campaign to pray for the prevention of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide and the end of Abortion in Canada. Every Friday evening *Mass at 6:20 pm* and *Holy Hour (with Rosary immediately following Mass)* at *Corpus Christi Church, Waterford Bridge Road*.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 8	8:30 am 11:00 am <b>1:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Baptisms - Church</b> <b>Youth Mass - Church</b>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Nov. 9	9:30 am <b>1:00 pm</b> 7:30 pm	Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel</b> Mass	Duff and Lynch Families Fleming and Nugent Families
Tues.	Nov. 10	9:30 am  7:30 pm	Mass  Mass	Claudine, James and David Bassett Special Intention George Tobin
Wed.	Nov. 11	9:30 am	Mass	William and Mary Kearney <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ... In Observance of Remembrance Day Holiday</b>
Thurs.	Nov. 12	9:30 am <b>7:30 pm</b>	Mass <b>Choir Practice - Church</b>	John Healey
Fri.	Nov. 13	9:30 am	Mass	Peter Lundrigan
Sat.	Nov. 14	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Madonna McCarthy 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Nov. 15	8:30 am 11:00 am <b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Youth Mass - Church</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 33 <sup>rd</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  
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