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33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2015

GOD WORKS THROUGH US

When we hear the word "Sacrament," we usually think of the traditional seven sacraments and how God works through them in our lives. But we live in a sacramental world, where God can act through all of creation, through all of our relationships and activities. We are called by our Baptism to be signs of God's love and compassion in the world, as Sister Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, talks about in her book, *"Becoming the Sign"*.

God is present to humankind and we respond to God's grace through the ordinary and everyday life in the world. In other words, God's Spirit and humankind work together through nature and creation, through culture and society, through our minds and bodies, hearts and souls, through our labors and efforts, creativity and generativity, in the depths of our own being and in the community of others, through the events and experiences that come our way, through what we are doing and what is "going on" around us, through everything and anything of life. *Life in the world is sacramental*— the medium of God's outreach and human response. (p. 60)

When we hear the word, "vocation", (coming from the Latin word, "vocare" to call) we often think of the narrow meaning of this word, the vocation to the consecrated life, to the priesthood and religious life. But Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyr, tried to teach his flock that everyone's work is "priestly work", that everyone has a vocation to be a sign of God's love.

How beautiful will be the day when all the baptized understand that their work, their job, is a priestly work, that just as I celebrate Mass at this altar, so each carpenter celebrates Mass at his work bench, and each metalworker, each professional, each doctor with the scalpel, the market woman at her stand, is performing a priestly office! How many cabdrivers, I know, listen to this message there in their cab: you are a priest at the wheel, my friend, if you work with honesty, consecrating that taxi of yours to God, bearing a message of peace and love to the passengers who ride in your cab. (p. 62-63.)

We are all called by our Baptism to be signs of God's love on the altar of our lives.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

November 22

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

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Psalm: 93

Gospel: John 18:13b-37

FR. EARL DREAMS

Our honouring November 11th as a day with contemplative pauses is a sacred trust. It must not be allowed to remain a day of rest and recreation without us 'calling to mind' deceased persons of many nations who died in wars worldwide. Of special note are the tragic and unnecessary deaths of 800+ Newfoundlanders who died at Beaumont Hamel, France, on July 1, 1916. Their youthful beauty, idealism and innocent gift of self needs to be remembered 'lest we forget' that *God alone* provides answers to eternal questions humanity is apt to answer with a call to make war.

Let us remember, Lord, your promises and call to mind images beyond those of warfare between despised enemies who you invite to live as brothers and sisters, members of one beloved eternal family. Amen

SAINTS SPEAK

The saints realized the tragic mistake of humanity that keeps looking to itself for life answers without referencing Christ, God's Anointed Saviour. Christ, does not only provide answers to life's mysteries, life's woes, the Lord Jesus Christ is 'the' answer.

Anonymous

In this temple of God, in this the divine dwelling place, God alone rejoices with the soul in the deepest silence. There is no reason for the intellect to stir or seek anything, for the Lord who created it wishes to give it repose here.

Teresa of Avila

Meister Eckhart, in one of his sermons, likens the person coming into prayer to a damp log that is placed on the fire. *'At first the fire warms the wood and makes it hot. Then the wood starts smoking and spitting and crackling, because the two are so dissimilar. But as the wood gets hotter it gets quieter. The more the wood gives up the fire, the more peaceful it is, until at last it really turns to fire.'*

Benignus O'Rourke,

Finding Your Hidden Treasure,

(Darton, Longman and Todd, 2010)



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Evening Mass

The intention at the 7:30 *pm evening Mass* on **Tuesday, November 17** is for the deceased members of the CWL. CWL members are encouraged to attend this Mass.

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 17th** 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.

LAUDATO SI 'PRAISE BE TO YOU'

This is the name in English of Pope Francis' encyclical on our common home. Come join us as we examine some of his observations and proposals. We will examine Chapter 2, *"The Gospel of Creation"* #62-100 this coming week, **Wednesday, November 18 OR Saturday, November 21** from **10 - 11 am** in the **Church Library.** If you have your own copy, bring it, but we will have hard copies available. **Saturday is a repeat of Wednesday.**

READERS' MINISTRY NEWS

On **Tuesday, November 24**, there will be a +blessing of the Ministry during the 7:30 pm Mass. After Mass there will be a **short meeting** (approximately 8 - 9 pm). It will include a brief conversation about the positives aspects of this service AND challenges we need to face sooner than later.

A **new schedule** is being prepared. If you have any changes, please contact the **Parish Office - 754-0170** or stpiousx@nl.rogers.com.

To all Readers, thank you for your dedication.

MUN CHAPLAINCY NEWS

MUN Chaplaincy continues to grow and thrive. I have managed to find a Chinese version of the bible and of the Catechism for young adults, for one of our international students!

We continue to have Mass every weekday in the University Centre on the 5th floor and Sunday evening Mass, at St Pius X Church. Our next musical Mass will be Sunday November 22, 7 pm. All are welcome. **Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ**

OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

My pious Mother died last week never having used glasses. She always drank from the bottle.

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

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

ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

The *Annual Memorial Vigil Service* 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.

A BIT OF THIS AND THAT

The greatest thing is to be found at one's post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last, but planning as though our world might last a hundred years.
C. S. Lewis

An inquiry to investigate access to the Chapel washroom from the proposed prayer room is underway.

Professionals are being consulted to determine improvements to our Parish Hall acoustics.

Accustom yourself gradually to carry prayer into all your daily occupation — speak, act, work in peace, as if you were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be.

Francois Fenelon

The **Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Gift Sale** will be held at **The Lantern** (35 Barnes Road), **Thursday, November 26 - 1 - 8:30 pm, Friday, November 27 - 10 am - 8:30 pm, and Saturday, November 28 - 10 am - 3 pm**. Sponsored by the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice (MCEJ) and Development and Peace. Admission is free. For more information, call MCEJ - 722-0082 or email teersm@hotmail.com.

This Parish is planning for Christmas hampers. If any parishioner, living within the geographical boundaries of this Parish, requires assistance please register a request by calling the Parish Office - 754-0170 or email stpiusx@nl.rogers.com

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
FOR THE WEEKENDS OF**

October 31 and November 1: \$4,000.46

November 7 and 8: \$3,719.20

Thank you for your continued generous support.

**LOOKING FOR HELP
FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

In order to provide as much care and support as possible for our refugee family as they try to settle into a totally new environment, we will need many volunteers both before and after their arrival. Some volunteers will be needed for a specific task for a short period of time, for example, finding rental accommodation, whereas some volunteers may be needed for a longer period of time, up to and including the first year.

Can you help with finding a place to live, providing or finding clothing, furniture and other household goods, finding or being an interpreter who speaks Arabic, being the family physician or dentist for the family, or finding a family physician or dentist for the family, enrolling children in school and adults in language training, social activities, banking services, searching for employment? Visiting, conversations, reading stories to children, homework with the children, child care, life skills, finding a place to live, providing or finding clothing, furniture and other household goods, finding or being an interpreter who speaks Arabic, being the family physician or dentist for the family, or finding a family physician or dentist for the family, enrolling children in school and adults in language training, social activities, banking services, searching for employment, visiting, conversations, reading stories to children, homework with the children, child care, life skills?

Parishioners with special skills, experience, knowledge or interest can also help. Are you a nurse, social worker, teacher, other professional, tradesperson? If you are, we can certainly use your help as well.

If you are working directly with the family, the Association for New Canadians will provide an orientation session for all volunteers so that we can be aware of any cultural differences as well as any practical information to help us.

If you are interested in helping in these or other ways, or want to find out more, please phone or e-mail the parish office, and leave your name and contact information. A member of the steering committee with contact you.

**GROWING IN FAITH:
ADULT CATECHETICAL SERIES**

This will be held **Saturday, November 21**, from **9 am – 12 noon** at the **Episcopal Library** at the **Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre**. The **topic** is **“The Year of Mercy, what it’s all about, and the plans for the universal Church and for the local Church”**. All are welcome!

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 15	8:30 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Youth Mass - Church	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Nov. 16	9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Mass	Marie Brazil and Frances Peet William, Loreto, Arturo and Eduardo Chang
Tues.	Nov. 17	9:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mass Mass CWL General Meeting - Church Library	Patricia Doyle Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Wed.	Nov. 18	9:30 am	Mass	Lillian, Bernard and Leo Ryan
Thurs.	Nov. 19	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Choir Practice - Church	Gerald Malone
Fri.	Nov. 20	9:30 am	Mass	William, Mary and Louise Kearney and Family
Sat.	Nov. 21	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Teresa Marshall CHRIST THE KING
Sun.	Nov. 22	8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Christmas Bazaar - Parish Hall Youth Mass - Church	CHRIST THE KING CHRIST THE KING

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

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