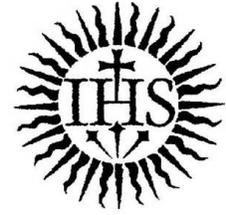




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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 19, 2017

THE GRATITUDE LIST**

A friend of mine was stuck in traffic in New York City late on a summer Friday afternoon. He was really stuck - sitting in his car on a narrow east-west cross street in Manhattan, going nowhere. He grew impatient, then angry. After a while, he started to think about his pitiful life. His friends were smarter, wealthier, happier than himself. He hadn't accomplished anything significant. He was stuck in life, just as he was stuck in traffic.

Then he called a friend and asked for help. The guy said, "*If you're in traffic, make a gratitude list.*" So my friend pulled out his notebook and pen and made a list of all the things for which he was grateful. A few were big things - family, friends, job - but most of them were little things like the upcoming weekend and an excellent novel to read. He got a compliment from his boss the previous day. There was an exhilarating jog along the East River that morning. His car was comfortable. Soon his mood lifted. The exercise in gratitude restored balance to his thinking. It wasn't a trick. My friend saw that his life really was full of good things. Gratitude was his truth.

** Authored by Jim Manney as found at Ignatian.Spirituality.com

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
November 26, 2017**

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Psalms: 23
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

FR. EARL DREAMS

Our Parish Council meet with **Mr. Peter Whittle**, the *Archdiocesan Renewal Planning Process Coordinator*, on **Wednesday evening, November 15, 2017**. It was a positive experience for everyone in attendance, an opportunity for our parish leadership to begin reflecting on how parishes in St. John's East might continue to be nourished by God's Word and fed through sacramental participation. We felt reassured about the essential ways and means to grow stronger as Catholic faith communities. Each are invited to collaborate in the manner that we offer shared services. Each parish has strengths and challenges that require attention eventually making us stronger. Some difficult questions were posed including how the Archdiocese envisions financing the implementation of *'the plan'*. Another meeting between Parish Council members throughout St. John's East is in our calendar before Advent.

THE JESUIT NEWS

**Beyond the Headlines:
The Livelihood of Tea Garden Workers
in Darjeeling, India**

You are invited to *"A Conversation with Fr. Lait Tirkey, SJ, Director of Human Life Development and Research Centre (HLDRC) India*. Fr. Tirkey will present the work of the HLDRC with tea-estate workers in the Darjeeling region. These workers are often subject to labour exploration as well as lack of access to government pensions and rights, which threatens their livelihoods.

The first presentation will be **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7 - 9 pm** at **St. Bonaventure's College**. The second presentation will be on **Thursday, November 23**, at **MUN - Chemistry Building - 3rd Floor - C3033** from 5 - 7 pm.

This is part of the work of the **Canadian Jesuits International (CJI)** which supports sustainable development in the Global South.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE NOTES**

**Memorial Service for
Deceased Catholic Women's League Members**

All CWL members, families of deceased members of CWL and parishioners are invited to the **9:30 am Mass** and a **Prayer Service** on **Tuesday, November 21, 2017** for all our deceased CWL members. The **Prayer Service** will begin at **10 am (immediately following Mass)**. A reception will be held in the **Church Library** following the Service.

General Meeting

A **CWL General Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, November 21, 2017** in the **Church Library** following the Prayer Service social.

Resolution

At our National Convention this year in PEI, Resolution 2017:04 was passed **Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. V. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders** urges the federal government: *"To fully implement the R. v. Gladue decision by directing the courts of Canada to ensure that Gladue reports are provided to all judges before sentencing indigenous offenders."*

Action Plan

We, the CWL, are writing letters to urge the federal government.

To become aware of the need to fully implement the Gladue decision so that comprehensive, individualized reports are made and used in correctional decision-making for each Indigenous offender when they enter the correctional system, and for those already in the system for whom this overarching document has not been completed.

To ensure that judges, lawyers, and legal personnel ask for and use comprehensive, individualized Gladue reports in correctional decision making for Indigenous people.

You are encouraged to write letters as well.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The annual **Christmas Bazaar** will be held this **Sunday, November 19, 2017, 2 - 4 pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Usual attractions. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 4 and 5: \$4,444.60
November 11 and 12: \$3,561.60

**ATTENTION:
PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS**

Our series of *Liturgy of the Word* for *parents and grandparents* continue.

November 26: First Communion and Confirmation
- Grade 2

Please note:

If the Santa Claus parade is held on November 26, this session will be held on December 3, and the remaining sessions will move forward by a week.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

The *Annual Memorial Vigil Service* to remember our recently deceased will be held next **Sunday, November 26, 2017, 7 pm** in the **Church**. We remember our deceased parishioners who died during the past year (**November, 2016 - November, 2017**). A reception will follow.

ADVENT BRUNCH (Early Bird Notice)

Our annual *Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch* will be held **Sunday, December 3** in the **Parish Hall immediately following the 11 am Mass (approximately 12 noon)**. You can also make your own *Advent Wreath* to bring home with you. More details in next weekend's bulletin.

SISTER NUALA KENNY, M.D.

Sister Nuala Kenny's latest book deals with freedom of choice, dignity, cognitive decline, palliative care and the difference between pain and suffering. She relates our experiences to those of Jesus. The title may seem to be off-putting, but it is a very informative and uplifting book. *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care*. This book, blue cover, is available for sale on the Religious goods table in the Chapel area.

THANK YOU

Thank you to *Shirley McNeill, Mabel Ryan* and *Christine Warren* for the very meaningful and tasteful *Remembrance Day* displays. These displays added to the prayerful atmosphere in remembering all our dead.

SAINTS SPEAK

"One of the peculiar sins of the twentieth century which we've developed to a very high level is the sin of credulity. It has been said that when human beings stop believing in God they believe in nothing. The truth is much worse: they believe in anything."

Malcolm Muggeridge, 1903-1990,
British Journalist

"There are only three types of people; those who have found God and serve him; those who have not found God and seek him, and those who live not seeking, or finding him. The first are rational and happy; the second unhappy and rational, and the third foolish and unhappy."

Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662,
French mathematician and Catholic theologian.

"Sometimes the Lord rides out the storm with us and other times He calms the restless sea around us. Most of all, He calms the storm inside us in our deepest inner soul."

Lloyd John Ogilvie, b. 1930,
American Presbyterian chaplain at US Congress

OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

The new priest stood at the church door greeting the members as they left the Sunday morning service. Most of the people were very generous telling the new priest how much they liked his message, except for one man who said, "That was a very dull and boring sermon, pastor."

A few minutes later, the same man again appeared in line and said, "I don't think you did much preparation for your message."

Once again, the man appeared, this time muttering, "You really blew it. You didn't have a thing to say, pastor."

Finally, the priest could stand it no longer. He went to a parish council member and inquired about the man.

"Oh, don't let that guy bother you", said the man. "He's a little slow. All he does is go around repeating whatever he hears other people saying."

LUNCH AND LEARN

On **Thursday, November 23, 2017** the *Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador* will host a *Lunch and Learn Webinar* from **12:30 - 1:30 pm** at **St. James United Church**. The purpose is to provide information about their *First Link Program*. For more information and/or to register for the webinar email firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or phone **576-0608**.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 19	8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Christmas Bazaar - Parish Hall MUN Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Mass - St. John's College Chapel	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Nov. 20	9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Mass Philip G. Parsons	Mary Finn
Tues.	Nov. 21	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Mass	Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League Louise Mandville
Wed.	Nov. 22	9:30 am	Mass	Thistle and Hannaford Families
Thurs.	Nov. 23	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Choir Practice - Church	Margaret and Leighton Bugden
Fri.	Nov. 24	9:30 am	Mass	Mary and Aiden Woodford
Sat.	Nov. 25	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Larry Fagan CHRIST THE KING
Sun.	Nov. 26	8:30 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass MUN Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Mass - St. John's College Chapel	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 and 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
A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism
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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