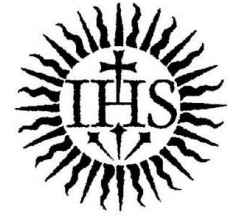




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CHRIST THE KING
November 26, 2017

PATIENT TRUST

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through these stages of instability and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you.

Your ideas mature gradually, let them grow.
Let them shape themselves without undue haste. Don't force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make it of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
December 3, 2017**

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

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Psalms: 80
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

FR. EARL DREAMS

Our parish parking lot is often congested for the 9:30 am weekday Masses. This is especially noticed when we have a funeral. We are renewing our efforts to identify unauthorized cars on our lot, and place a letter on these cars reminding the drivers they are NOT permitted to use our lot. Unfortunately, sometimes mistakes are made and a parishioner receives such a letter. Of course, we apologize for this, and ask for your patience. If you receive a letter, please recycle it, or send it to me, the pastor as a protest. (Smile)

We continue to work with neighboring institutions. It may be consoling to realize that other parishes face similar challenges with church parking lots.

On a more light-hearted note, we are encouraged to ask St. Mother Cabrini to help us by saying the following prayer, "*Mother Cabrini, Mother Cabrini, please find a space for my parking machinery.*"

OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "*If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!*" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "*And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!*" The people clapped and were saying "*Amen.*" And then finally, he concluded, "*And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!*". As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "*For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: 'We Shall Gather at the River.'*"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 11 and 12: \$3,561.60
November 18 and 19: \$4,463.45

Thank you for your continued generous support.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE NOTES**

Resolution

Pornography sites can be viewed by anyone on the internet. In an effort to protect young people, the CWL passed **Resolution 2017:2** asking us to urge the federal government

"To enact laws requiring mandatory safe verification mechanics for adult pornographic websites?"

Once again we ask for your support in this initiative by wiring letters to the prime minister and the minister of justice.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS

May we take this opportunity to say a very special **Thank You** to all parishioners, friends and families who supported, donated to and attended this year's Bazaar. Though it took several weeks to prepare, the event lasted only two hours and the tables were emptied. The Gift Card Tree was a very successful addition to the Bazaar. Thank you to all who purchased and sold tickets.

Congratulations to **Frances Walsh, ticket #0532** who was the winner of **\$500.00 of valuable Gift Cards**. Enjoy! And to **Katie Knee** who won the beautiful **Red and White Throw**. Congratulations to you.

Thank you to **Michele Lawlor** at the Parish Office for assisting with ticket arrangements, licenses and many other important tasks. Thank you to **Mary Barry/Glendine Whelan and team, Cathy Breen and family, Eileen Doyle/Ann Macdonald and team, Mabel Ryan and Beth Ryan and team, Don Byrne, Paul Ryan, Pat Hayward and team**. Thank you for seeking donations and supporters and leading your charges so well. Thank you also to **Leo Etchegary, Nick Kelly, Suzette Furey, Ida Marrie, Keith Stapleton, Carroll Bill and Phil Beresford**.

To our energetic organizing committee – **Nina Beresford, Lillian Joy, Mary Power, Joan Bill and Mabel Ryan**, thank you for making this event such a success again this year. Approximately \$9,339.00 was raised to date.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY NEWS

Our **Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)**, MUN based friends have generously given our parish a \$100.00 donation in appreciation for the ongoing assistance our parish offers their ministry with the use of our facilities.

**ATTENTION:
PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS**

Our *Liturgy of the Word* for *parents and grandparents* of children in *First Communion and Confirmation (Grade 2)* will depend on the possible cancellation this *Sunday, November 26, 2017*. We will contact you by email.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Socks and Underwear

We are asking for donations of new socks or underwear (adult size) for guests of The Gathering Place. You will find a special box near the entrance of the Church for the collection of our gifts.

Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch

The *Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch*, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, will be held *Sunday, December 3, 2017* in the *Parish Hall* following the 11 am Mass (approximately *12 noon*). Brunch will include sausages, french toast, beverage and desert. There will be no charge for the event but parishioners are asked to bring a donation of new socks or underwear or a monetary donation toward this cause will also be accepted. These will be given to the guests of *The Gathering Place*.

Advent Wreath Making

Our Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch includes our annual *Wreath-Making Activity*. We will have all the supplies you need (including fresh fir branches) to make the wreath.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

This *Annual Memorial Vigil Service* to remember our recently deceased will be held this *Sunday, November 26, 2017, 7 pm* in the *Church*. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

JOY IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

Fr. Wayne Bolton, SJ will provide a session to connect Pope Francis' *"The Joy of the Gospel"* with the *Gospel according to Matthew*, which we have been hearing on Sundays this past year. This session will be held *Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10 am* in the *Church Library*. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER NEWS

Christmas Hamper Donations

Our Parish is now preparing for the Christmas Hampers. Last year we distributed approximately 130 hampers and we expect a similar number of requests this year. If you are considering financially supporting this activity, it would be very much appreciated. Please mark the envelope **CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION**. *Please include your name, address and envelope number.*

Registration for Christmas Hampers

If any parishioner, living within the geographical boundaries of this Parish, requires assistance at Christmas time, and has not registered a request, please do so by calling the *Parish Office - 754-0170*. *Deadline for registration is Friday, December 1, 2017.*

PLEASE NOTE:

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY REGISTRATIONS AFTER THIS DATE.

SAINTS SPEAK

We want to avoid suffering, death, sin, ashes. But we live in a world crushed and broken and torn, a world God Himself visited to redeem. We receive his poured-out life, and being allowed the high privilege of suffering with Him, may then pour ourselves out for others.

Elisabeth Elliot, 1926-2015
American Christian author

Adversity can advance our spiritual lives. The circumstances and events that we see as setbacks are oftentimes the very things that launch us into periods of intense spiritual growth. Once we begin to understand this, and accept it as a spiritual fact of life, adversity becomes easier to bear but only with God's grace.

Charles Stanley, b.1932,
In Touch Ministry,
American Baptist Evangelist

**21st ANNUAL FESTIVAL
OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURES**

This is the 21st year of the Basilica Parish presenting this Service that for a short time lifts us out of the pre-Christmas hustle and bustle. This year the emphasis is *'Listen'* - to the world around us - through music, scripture, and reflection. Whoever comes to the Advent Festival at the Basilica leaves uplifted. This will be held *Sunday, December 3, 2017, 7 pm* at the *Basilica*. Free - although donations are welcome. Mug-up to follow!

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 26	8:30 am	Mass	CHRIST THE KING
		11:00 am	Mass	CHRIST THE KING
		7:00 pm		Memorial Vigil Service - Church
		7:00 pm		MUN Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Mass - St. John's College Chapel
Mon.	Nov. 27	9:30 am	Mass	Kevin Tracey
		1:00 pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
		7:30 pm	Mass	Dominic Family
Tues.	Nov. 28	9:30 am	Mass	Bernard, Lillian, Leo and Shannon Ryan
		10:00 am		"The Joy of the Gospel" - Church Library
		7:30 pm	Mass	Frank Lawlor
		7:30 pm		St. John's East Zone Meeting - Parish Hall
Wed.	Nov. 29	9:30 am	Mass	Theresa Bindon
		7:30 pm		Liturgy Committee Meeting - Church Library
Thurs.	Nov. 30	9:30 am	Mass	Charles and Catherine Tobin
		7:30 pm		Choir Practice - Church
Fri.	Dec. 1	9:30 am	Mass	Dick and Pauline Corbett
		10:15 am		Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion - Chapel
Sat.	Dec. 2	9:30 am	Mass	Nelson and Dolorosa Nash
		4:45 pm	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 3	8:30 am	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	1 st Sunday of Advent
		12:00 pm		Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch - Parish Hall
		7:00 pm		MUN Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Mass - St. John's College Chapel

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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