



**ST. PIUS X**  
**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
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Finding God in All Things

## **CHRIST THE KING**

**November 25, 2018**

### **WHAT JESUS PROMISED**

*Paul Coutinho, SJ*

The Good News is that Jesus can give us freedom - not freedom from suffering, sickness, and death, but freedom that we experience in suffering, in sickness, and in the face of death. Jesus never promised to get rid of suffering. He never promised to get rid of sickness. He never promised to get rid of death and dying. Jesus promised to give us the peace that the world cannot give. Jesus promised to give us the inner freedom, joy, and happiness that no one and nothing can take away from us, even in the midst of tremendous pain, suffering, sickness, and death. That is the Good News of Jesus, and that is what we see in the cross.

How Big Is Your God?

SOURCE: The Book of Ignatian Inspiration Charged with Grandeur,  
Paul Coutinho, page 157

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

December 2, 2018

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:12-4.0  
Psalm: 25  
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

### General Meeting

The November General Meeting of St. Pius X CWL will take place on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Church Library. All members and new members are invited to attend the meeting. Come and bring a friend.

### Advent Celebration

St. Pius X CWL will be having their Advent Celebration on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 in the Parish Hall. The time will be 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm. Meal will consist of a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets can be obtained from Cecilia Fitzpatrick - 722-2648; Ruby Sharpe - 579-7275 or the Parish Office at 754-0170.

Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, December 5, 2018.



## OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

Irishman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon, he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes, I am." So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus!" The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, brother?" The drunk answers, "No, I haven't found Jesus!" By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?" The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 17 and 18: \$3,416.65  
Envelopes \$2,941.00  
Loose 475.65

Thank you for your continued generous support.



## FR. EARL DREAMS

This past weekend our parish celebrated our biggest annual fund raiser, the Christmas Bazaar. A full range of thank you-s are given elsewhere in this bulletin. My purpose is to point out how very critical it is to offer one or many words of thanks for the blessed gift we are to each other. Our parish Bazaar is not first and foremost about financial donations - for which we give thanks! Rather, we are communally grateful for the Bazaar that channels our parishioners very wide range of talents and resources. Much of which are quietly hidden until such time that we showcase what God is giving us; what we have potential to exercise towards the ongoing renewal of our parish community. God is good, and so are 'we' by God's grace, who continues to help us to realize wondrous celebratory parish moments like our Christmas Bazaar.

## ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

### Jesse Tree - St. Pius X Style

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition that names the people leading up to the coming of Jesus. This Advent, we are going to make our own Parish Tree for Advent. Next weekend, parishioners will be given an opportunity to submit their family SURNAME for our Family Tree.

More details in next weekend's bulletin.

### 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 2, 2018 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. 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.



### FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS

We will begin our Advent Prayer series, this Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:15 am in St. Pius X Church. This session will be on the Annunciation. Come along as we pray with Scripture through the gift of our imagination.



## SAINTS SPEAK

God never destroys the work of his own hands, but removes what would pervert it, that is all. Maturity is the stage where the whole life has been brought under the direction of God.

Oswald Chambers,  
20th Century English Christian spiritual writer.

This showing was made to teach our soul wisely to hold fast to the goodness of God. And in that time the method of our praying was brought to mind: how we tend, through lack of understanding and knowledge of God in his love, to spend too much time on petitioning him. Then saw I truly that it gives more honour to God, and more true delight, that we trustingly pray to him through his goodness and cling to him through his grace, with true confidence and in steadfast love, than if we took all the words that the heart can think. For if we use all these words, it is too little, and not truly worthy of God: but to rely on his goodness is all we need, and there nothing whatsoever is lacking.

Julian of Norwich,  
14th C. English Mystic,  
A Month with Julian of Norwich, Ed.,  
Rima Devereaux, 2018.

## DEMELLO



### God's Grocery Store

Do you like to go to the grocery store? It's fun to push the cart down the aisle and pick out the best bananas, isn't it? But the things you like to eat don't just come from the grocery store. Potatoes and lettuce and corn grow in farmers' fields.

Apples and pears grow on trees in an orchard. And God's the one who sends lots of rain and sunshine to help them all grow. So think of the earth as God's grocery store - full of good things!

**God gives me lots of good things to eat.  
The earth is full of all kinds of treats!**

## THANK YOU CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to all parishioners, families and friends who supported, donated and attended this year's event.

The Gift Card Tree again was a great success. Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets. Congratulations to Jennie O'Neill who was the winner of the \$500 valuable Gift Cards - ticket #1897.

Thank You to Michele at the Parish Office for assisting with numerous tasks, Karl and Allan for getting the Parish Hall ready for the event.

Thank You to Mary Barry - Cake Table, Erin Breen - Children's Table, Ann Macdonald - Tea Room and Carroll Bill - Wheel for gathering your committed teams.

Thank You also to Fr. Wayne Bolton, SJ, Nick Kelly, Leo Etchegary, Keith Stapleton, Mary Goss-Prowse, Valerie O'Connell and her sister Denise for decorating the Christmas tree.

A huge thank you to our energetic Organizing Committee, Nina Beresford, Joan Bill, Eileen Doyle, Lillian Joy, Mary Power and Mabel Ryan and everyone who contributed in any way to make this event a great success again this year.

## 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 an increase in the number of requests this year. If you are considering financially supporting this activity, it would be very much appreciated. Please mark an envelope CHRISTMAS HAMPER . 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 call the Parish Office - 754-0170 by Friday, December 3, 2018.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING? ST. JOHN'S EAST

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Memorial Service for Deceased Loved Ones  
St. Pius X Church - 7 pm

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Advent Prayer - The Annunciation  
St. Pius X Church - 10:15 am

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch  
and Advent Wreath Making Activity  
St. Pius X Parish Hall -  
Following the Sunday, 11 am Mass  
at approximately 12 noon

## MUSIC MINISTRY

This past week, November 22nd, marked the Feast of Saint Cecilia, patroness of musicians. Our parish community offers our musicians thanks for their continued efforts to assist our parish grow and renew itself - with God's help - through the gift of music. All of us can follow the lead of our musicians by singing as God's allows. Let's do it! Some of us might choose to join the musicians for a few weeks in Advent to determine if a longer stay among our choir is possible. Why not consider this option?

## "AWAKEN THE ENERGY WITHIN"

Come "Awaken the Energy Within" in the contemplative quiet of Presentation Sisters Retreat House on Virginia Lake, 47 Parsonage Drive for a morning or an afternoon or both on Saturday, December 1, 2018. An invitation to step back from the busies of the season with T'ai Chi Chih from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and/or Wisdom Healing Qigong from 1:30 - 4:30 pm enjoy the relaxation, energy, wellness and joy that flow from these personal practices. All welcome!

For more details contact Sheila - 727-7863 - or [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca) .

## Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 25	8:30 am	Mass	CHRIST THE KING
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		7:00 pm	Memorial Vigil Service - Church	
Mon.	Nov. 26	9:30 am	Funeral: William Collins	
		1:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel	
		2:50 - 3:05 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Frank Dinn
Tues.	Nov. 27	9:30 am	Mass	Michael and Catherine Cody and Family
		10:00 am	CWL General Meeting - Church Library	
		7:30 pm	Mass	Michael Costello
Wed.	Nov. 28	9:30 am	Mass	Bernard and Lillian Ryan, Leo Ryan and Shannon Ryan
Thurs.	Nov. 29	9:30 am	Mass	Geraldine Power
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice - Church	
Fri.	Nov. 30	9:30 am	Mass	Charles and Catherine Tobin
Sat.	Dec. 1	9:30 am	Mass	Pauline and Dick Corbett
		10:15 am	Advent Prayer - Church	
		4:45 pm	Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Dec. 2	8:30 am	Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
		12:00 pm	Advent Brunch and Wreath Making Activity - Parish Hall	

### GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ, Mr. Raj Vijayakumar, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are: [www.jesuits.ca](http://www.jesuits.ca) [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) [www.jesuitresources.org](http://www.jesuitresources.org)  
[aleteia.org](http://aleteia.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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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: 233-0302 or 753-6997

