

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Solemnity of Christ the King
34th Week in Ordinary Time
November 22nd, 2020

Public Masses have now resumed! All are welcome!
Church doors will be open 30 minutes prior to Mass.

Mon / Lun	23		NO MASS
Tues/ Mar	24	4:00 P.M.	Ints of Roman Gadzala by Dan & Mary Emma
Wed / Mer	25	9:30 A.M.	Maurice Pigeon by the Nicols' Family
Thurs / Gio	26	4:00 P.M.	Souls in Purgatory by the Family
Fri / Ven	27	9:30 A.M.	Irene Loreto by Anna Ferrara & Family
Sat / Sab	28		1st Sunday of Advent
		5:00 P.M.	Vern Reimer by Margaret Burgoyne Alcide Modesto by the Family
Sun / Dom	29	10:00 A.M.	For the needs of our parishioners

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please call Fr. John or see him after Mass for any office matters.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. John is usually available thirty minutes before weekday Mass to celebrate reconciliation or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to register for the next preparation course.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. John at least six months before your anticipated date of marriage.

PRIESTHOOD: If you would like further information about becoming a priest, brother, or sister contact Fr. John or visit www.vocations.ca

SICK CALLS: If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the Parish Office.

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE: November 15th: \$1200.00. Weekly Budget: \$2350.00. Difference: -\$1150.00. Renovation Fund: \$0.00. Your generosity is much appreciated.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION: For the repose of the souls of William and Catherine Davidson by Arthur, Frances, and Theresa.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Each week we invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$20.00 and you may drop the donation off at the rectory or place it in the collection with the information enclosed. **We are in need of intentions for January onwards.**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: "...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule. (from the Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)



HOW TO E-TRANSFER: For those who wish to donate to the Parish by e-transfer, use the email "sacredheart296@eastlink.ca" and the security / password "sacredheart". Thank you for your support!

SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK: Please continue to remember to bring your can goods each week to Mass to help support the Timmins Food Bank. Your generosity will help make the difference in the lives of others who do not have as much as we do.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS ... SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: During the month of November we remember all those who have died and gone before us marked by the sign of faith. There is a display at the front of the Church reminding us of those parishioners who died this past year and whose funeral was celebrated at the Parish. Parishioners are also invited to write the names of family and friends who have died and place them in the prayer basket. Unfortunately, paper will not be available at the basket due to restrictions. So please do this at home and bring in your paper. All these names will be remembered in our Masses throughout the month.

DAILY MASS: You can follow Cardinal Collins at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live or the Daily TV Mass at www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

CHRIST THE KING COLLECTION this weekend to support our priest pension fund.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION: As we prepare to decorate the Church for the Christmas Season we are accepting donations from parishioners in memory of loved ones who have died. Names of these loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, simply put your donation in an envelope, mark your name, envelope number, and the name of your loved ones whose memory the donation is being made, and drop the envelope in the collection. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. **Deadline for donations is December 22nd.**

GIVING TREE ENVELOPES: During the months of November and December there are two collections for our "Giving Tree" outreach. Following consultation with those involved, last year we decided to change the focus of our Christmas outreach. Donations that come in through the "Giving Tree" we will help support Christmas hampers as well as other projects in the community like the YoMobile, Project Love, the Lord's Kitchen, and the Food Bank. We thank you for your continued generosity and support.

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS: We will have a limited number of 2020 Sunday missals available for \$5.00 each. Having your own missal at home is a great way to prepare each week for Mass. It's also great for winter snowbirds as many Parishes do not provide them in the pew. See Fr. John if you would like to purchase one

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: It's amazing how quickly the days seem to pass by despite the continued limitations and restrictions that we face at this time. On Monday evening I had a zoom meeting with the members of the CWL Diocesan Council. As you may recall in the spring Bishop Poitras appointed me at their new diocesan spiritual advisor. It was a full agenda with lots of discussion. Despite local councils not being able to meet face to face they are continuing their great work and outreach.

I spent much of Tuesday on the phone outreaching to parishioners and touching base with them, especially those who are living alone or who haven't been able to return to Mass yet. It's always good to spend this time connecting with them.

On Wednesday afternoon I participated in a webinar, sponsored by an organization called Amazing Parish. The theme of session was "Heroic Pastors: Leading in Uncertain Time." There were pastors from across Canada and the US on the webinar and it was an interesting and informative presentation.

Much of Thursday was spent on a video-conference call with the Bishop and members of the Council of Priests for our bi-annual meeting. As always there was a full agenda of items to cover as we gave input to the Bishop on a variety of pastoral and personnel issues.

Like most Fridays it was a day to wrap up things in the office and with the bulletin as well as to prepare for weekend ministry. It seems hard to believe that this is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and next weekend begins the Season of Advent.

Speaking of Advent, my annual Advent letter to all registered households in the Parish will be will mailed next week. In it you will find details about Christmas and how we will be proceeding this year as a result of the pandemic. Stay tuned for details! Fr. John



RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS: The CWL have an assortment of religious Christmas cards available for sale. There are ten cards per package and sell for \$10.00. This is a great way to share the good news about the true meaning of Christmas with family and friends as well as support the CWL. To purchase cards contact Gale Cook at 705-264-9307 or Marg Johns at 705-267-7292.

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES: Members are reminded that 2021 membership dues (\$25.00) are now due. They can be placed in the collection basket, mailed to the Parish, or given to Gale Cook.

MARRIAGE TIP: As winter approaches, we move into maintenance mode: we clear the gutters on the roof so water can flow freely, we change to winter tires to prepare for the coming cold and snow and we gather and store outdoor summer items from the yard to keep safe for next year. Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we pray together for patience, love, kindness and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary (Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry Office).

SEVEN POINTS OF THE CLASSIC KERYGMA

5. Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit.

Our response to Christ dying for us is the threefold. We must respond not just by repenting, but by being baptized and living in fellowship with his family, the Church.

In baptism, we join with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. We are incorporated not only into Christ, but we become members of his body, the Church. This new membership not only gives us a new identity and family, but it also immerses us in a treasure trove of gifts and blessings that will assist us in living the new life we have found in Christ.

In baptism, our sins are washed away, and we become sons and daughters of God. In addition, we receive gifts from God that will help us live out his plan of sheer goodness for us. We are infused with faith, hope, and charity — three theological virtues that empower us in our new walk.

The Holy Spirit comes into our lives, not as an entity or idea but as a person who will come alongside us and assist us in becoming like Christ. For the new believer, the Holy Spirit becomes a helper and a tremendous source of prayer when we don't know how to pray. (The Activated Disciple: Taking Your Faith to the Next Level (Ascension Publishing, 2018), page 122)