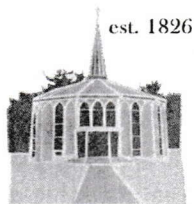


33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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[WORLD DAY OF THE POOR]



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APOCALYPSE IS PROMISE

The wise and the just shall one day shine. (*Deuteronomy*)
He took his seat forever at the right hand of God.
(*Hebrews*)

We know not the day or hour. (*Mark*)

We face economic and environmental disasters of our own making that call for the wisdom and foresight of God's vision: to realize that we hold the power to redeem our deeply divided world and restore our broken earth if we embrace the Gospel spirit of humility, selflessness, and generosity.

The unsettling images Jesus articulates in today's gospel confronts us with the reality that the things we treasure – our careers, our portfolios, our status, our bodies – will one day be no more and that our separation from them will be bitter.

The "signs" that Jesus speaks of in today's gospel are all around us; the "fig tree" grows and blossoms in the lives of every one of us. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize such "signs" of God's love in our midst. The Gospel fig tree challenges us to listen beyond mere words, to look deeper than the surface, to realize the presence of God in times and places when and where God seems to be absent.

Change – sometimes frightening, often traumatic, seldom easy – is part of that journey for all of us. But when our "heavens and earths" pass away, the promise of the life of God and the values of the gospel remain constant.

— Dr. Jay Cormier

PARISH WEBSITE

Take a look! Webmaster (and parishioner) Noel ("Sab") Sabandal has launched a reinvigorated website and already it looks impressive! Our gratitude goes out to him for getting it "up and running." Of course, there will be more improvements as time goes by, but a great start has been made. Also, in order to mount a camera in the church to enable the uploading of our liturgies via YouTube, we are looking into providing for Internet access in the church.

Monday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Mass ~ int. of David & Gisele Galvin
[*St. Albert the Great, bishop, doctor of the Church*]

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Mass † Donat DiCarlantonio
[*St. Margaret of Scotland, queen*]
[*St. Gertrude of Helfta, Benedictine religious, spiritual writer, mystic*]

Wednesday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, queen, Franciscan tertiary
8:30 a.m. Mass † Anna Sartor
[*Bl. Roque Gonzalez y de Santa Cruz, Jesuit priest & companions, martyrs of Paraguay*]

Thursday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Mass † Anna Sartor
[*Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul in Rome*]
[*St. Philippine Duchesne, religious, educator*]
[*Bl. Karolina Kozka, martyr*]

Friday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Mass † dec. family of David & Gisele Galvin
[*St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn, Benedictine religious*]
[*St. Agnes of Assisi (Caterina Offreduccio), abbess*]
[*St. Rafael Kalinowski, priest*]

Saturday, November 20

5:00 p.m. Mass (for Sun.) † Leonila Orbuda

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m. Mass † Dorothy Sadler
11:00 a.m. Mass ~ people of the parish

POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTION

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burnout will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Sunday Collection Regular Offertory \$2,352
Nov. 7, 2021

Fr. Peter Rowe and Ineke Brinkman invite you to be our travelling companions on the journey to Switzerland, Austria, and Germany August 31 - September 7, 2022! Included in the itinerary are stops in Basel, Schaffhausen, Konstanz, Sankt Gallen, Bregenz, Lindau, Fussen (Neuschwanstein castle) -- and the highlight, the Passion Play in Oberammergau (an every ten-year event, postponed from 2020). Package price, with flights (Air Canada, Lufthansa), is \$5375 per person, based on double occupancy (\$700 single supplement). To get on board, call Ineke (905/684-0888, x1415) or e-mail ineke.brinkman@visiontravel.ca

VOTIVE CANDLES

Lighting candles is an important part of Catholic prayer and therefore every effort will be made to facilitate the lighting of votive candles commencing in Advent -- with the following considerations:

- a hand sanitizer will be provided near the candle stand, for use before and after lighting;
- donations are to be placed in the metal box attached to the stand;
- anyone queuing to light a candle must stay at least 2 metres apart from the person in front;
- wooden sticks, broken in half, are to be used to light candles, and disposed of in a waste basket below;
- praying over the candle stand will not be permitted as others may want to light a candle also

The recommended offering to light a blue five-day candle is \$5.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Today is the fifth World Day of the Poor. This year's theme is "the poor you will always have with you" (Mark 14:7). Quoting from Pope Francis' message: "It is my hope that the celebration of the World Day of the Poor...will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire."

SINGING AT MASS

The Ontario Bishops have advised that congregational singing may now resume since face masks are worn by all attendees who are expected to be symptom-free; choir singing may resume too, provided choir members are masked and distanced from one another and the congregation.

A two-year process has begun in preparation for this event in the life of the Church. Lest this fly over the heads of Catholics, we need to explore what "synodality" actually means! Of course, synods are not new to Church life, having been held from its earliest days but revived in the last fifty years. The word "synod" ("with" + "path") combines togetherness and moving forward. Over the next two years of consultation, dialogue, and discernment -- including at the parish level -- a fundamental question will be addressed: (1) How does this journeying together take place today from the local to the universal level, allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? (2) And what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? The answer to this two-part question will be found in listening to one another. All people of God will be called to engage and dialogue. Facilitators will be required in each parish, with mandatory training provided. This will be followed by the listening sessions to take place early 2022.

Prayer of the Synod 2023

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you,
who are at work
in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father
and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

This year, World Youth Day will be celebrated at the diocesan level for the first time next Sunday, November 21 (Christ, the King of the Universe). The theme is "Stand up -- I appoint you as a witness to what you have seen" (from Acts 26:19). In his message for that day, the Pope stresses the word "arise" which is dedicated to the new generations on the journey from the 2019 WYD in Panama to the WYD to be held in Lisbon in 2023.