

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

November 21, 2021

Like a Son of Man

His dominion is everlasting. (*Deuteronomy*)

He is ruler of the kings of the earth. (*Revelation*)

My kingdom does not belong to this world. (*John*)

The kingdom of God is realized only in our embracing Christ's spirit of servanthood: servanthood that finds fulfillment and satisfaction in the love, compassion, and kindness we can extend to others, that enables us to place the common good and the needs of others above our own wants and narrow interests.

Greatness in the reign of God is not measured by what is in our portfolios, bank accounts or resumes, but by the love in our hearts that directs the use and sharing of those gifts.

The faithful disciple honors the dignity of the servant above the power of the rich, canonizes humility over celebrity, and is inspired by the total generosity of the widow rather than the empty gestures of the scribe.

The widow's "reckless" giving from her poverty rather than from her abundance challenges our concept of carefully planned, tax-deductible, convenient, and painless giving. Jesus' concept of charity is centered in the kind of total and unconditional love that makes such sacrificial giving a joy.

In the economy of God, numbers are not the true value of giving: it is what we give from our want, not from our extra, that reflects what we truly value, what good we actually want to accomplish, what we really want our lives and the world to be.
—Dr. Jay Cormier

PARISH OFFERING

The 2022 boxed offertory envelopes will be available soon. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to make your weekly Gift of Treasure in support of the parish expenses, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to provide them to you. We also offer the convenience of Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), where your set donation would come out of your account once a month. If you prefer to e-transfer please send to our parish email at st.vincentdepaul@bellnet.ca. Income tax receipts are issued on a yearly basis for all financial contributions made through offertory envelopes, EFT or e-transfer. Your Gift of Treasure is greatly appreciated.



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Monday, November 22

St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Anna Sartor

Tuesday, November 23

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Jill Wright

[St. Columban(us), abbot]

Wednesday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest
& companions, 117 Vietnamese
martyrs

8:30 a.m. Mass

~ int. of Tony Murray

[St. Colman of Cloyne, bishop]

Thursday, November 25

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, virgin,
martyr, diocesan patroness (*feast*)

8:30 a.m. Mass

~ int. of Ken Wright

[St. Miguel Pro Juarez, Jesuit priest,
martyr]

[Bl. Luigi & Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi,
married couple]

Friday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Anna Sartor

[St. Leonardo of Porto Maurizio,
Franciscan priest]

[St. John Berchmans, religious, patron]

[Bl. Giacomo (Santiago) Alberione, priest,
publisher, religious founder]

Saturday, November 27

5:00 p.m. Mass (for Sun)

† Charles McMillan

[Our Lady of the of Miraculous
Medal]

[St. Fergal (Virgil), bishop, missionary]

First Sunday of Advent, November 28

9:00 a.m. Mass

~ people of the parish

11:00 a.m. Mass

~ Richard Kearney

[yr. C— "year of Luke"]

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2022

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.

C.W.L.

The CWL would like to thank our parish community for their support of the Apple Dumplings sale. A big thank you to all the hard-working ladies who made the Apple Dumplings. Over \$1,200 was raised to help defray the costs of our Christmas projects.

Each Christmas the CWL, with the help of the St. Vincent de Paul parishioners, donates to the following: **Ozanam, Start Me Up Niagara, Raft and our local Long-Term Care Facilities.** We hope to continue these projects with your support. Please watch future bulletins for ways that you can assist.

Sunday Collection Nov. 14, 2012

Regular Offertory	\$2,408
EFT	\$ 680
World Mission	\$ 20
Deo Gratias	\$ 230

*Sacrifice without love is pain.
Pain with love is sacrifice.
Pain without love is misery.
Love without pain is Heaven.
Love with pain is Purgatory.
Pain without love is Hell.*

Pain in itself is not unbearable; failure to understand it is.

If pain and suffering had no reason, then we can be sure

our divine Lord would never have embraced them.

By patiently accepting each pain in union with His Cross,

*we become redeemers with a small "r"
as He is a Redeemer with a capital "R."*

Everyone who suffers is on a cross.

Some ask to be taken down, like the thief on the left.

Others want to be taken up, like the thief on the right.

-- Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis calls us to follow the path of justice "so that social inequalities can be overcome and human dignity, so often trampled upon, can be restored." Since 1967, Development and Peace has humbly striven to follow this path of justice, working in solidarity with partners in the Global South to address the root causes of poverty. It's annual fall action campaign mobilizes Canadian Catholics to reflect on those root causes and to act for change.

This year's campaign, *PEOPLE and PLANET FIRST*, invites you to stand in solidarity with environmental and human rights defenders in the South, many of whose communities are oppressed by Canadian corporations. Development and Peace has joined the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability in petitioning for strong laws to make Canadian corporations accountable for their global operations.

Learn more about this call and add your voice to it at devp.org.

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.