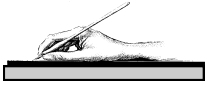


THIRTY– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

Do you know what happened in Canada over the past 25 years? The news is a bit chilling:

1. Those who ranked religion as very important dropped from 62% to 39%.
2. Those who ranked patriotism as very important dropped from 70% to 38%.
3. Those who saw having children as very important dropped from 59% to 30%.
4. Those who felt that community involvement was very important went from 47% to 27%.
5. Those who felt that tolerance for others was very important dropped from 80% to only 58%.
6. Belief in God has only dropped from 90% to 81%, although just one-third of believers attend a religious service on a regular basis.

Certainly, we live in an age and time when life's values are changing rapidly. What was socially unacceptable or immoral in the past has become the norm today. What was shameful and embarrassing is now freely discussed and even published without reservation, particularly in social media. Moreover, it seems that people have lost trust in most institutions. It goes without saying that we are politically polarized and worried that the planet itself is collapsing because of all this unrest in the world. No wonder many people feel alienated, anxious, angry, indifferent, intolerable, and lonely. The meaning of life itself has become fragmented in this chaos, and many of us do not know where they really belong. In light of this somber news, however, someone recently asked this faith- and hope-filled question: *What new adventure is God calling us to live these days?* It is a good question, because God did not create the universe out of nothing; He created it out of love. So to be on time for an appointment with God is truly a commitment, and sometimes even a sacrifice.



Fr. Slawek

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

There are many reasons to register:

It is an official way to join a parish community. It also gives you a sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.

Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.

In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.

It is a commitment to practice your faith.

Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.

Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish.

Gives the parish a way to connect with you.

In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.

For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.

To aid in the registration to the Catholic schools.

A way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish

Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes.

Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a particular church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

If you were previously a minor registered under your parents and have now become the age of majority it is your responsibility to register at your parish.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, November 21

9 a.m. Intentions to the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary req. by Lulu.

Wednesday, November 22

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Thursday, November 23

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Antiona Martidonna req. Remedois DeLeon.

Friday, November 24

9 a.m. Intentions to St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions req. by Lulu.

Saturday, November 25

4:30p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, November 26

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Francisco & Francisa req. by Lourdes Anchuelo.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
After the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Basement

Sunday, December 17, 2023
After the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Basement



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday
during the 9 am mass.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference



Turning concern into action

We are called to follow Jesus, by being of service to others with humility, gentleness, compassion and love.

We can be true followers of Jesus' message by reaching out to the people who ask us for help, people who depend on us for their material and spiritual needs—our neighbour in-need.

As a community, let us commit ourselves to reach out to those in need.

Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.