

THIRTY– FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

Memento mori!!! This sober phrase from the past is still valid today. This is why in November, we remember and pray, in a special way, for our loved ones who have died. Miguel de Unamuno, a very popular Spanish philosopher of the early twentieth century, in his captivating book The Tragic Sense of Life, has much to say about our hope for eternal life, including the following:

"When I contemplate the green serenity of the fields or look into the depths of clear eyes through which shines a fellow-soul, my consciousness dilates, I feel the diastole of the soul and am bathed in the flood of the life that flows about me, and I believe in my future. But instantly the voice whispers to me, "Thou shalt cease to be!" the angel of death touches me with his wing, and a systole of the soul floods the depths of my spirit with the blood of divinity. Like Pascal, I do not understand those who assert that they care not a farthing for these things, and this indifference "in a matter that touches themselves, their eternity, their all, exasperates me rather than moves me to compassion, astonishes and shocks me" and he who feels thus is for me, as for Pascal, whose are the words just quoted, "a monster."

In the New Testament, St Paul made clear from the beginning our belief in our personal resurrection: "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (1 Cor 15:12-14). With this faith in the resurrection of the dead in my heart, I hope Jesus will stand over my dust whenever and wherever it might be, whether in a local columbarium or scattered throughout the galaxy, and call my name. In that moment I hope that I will have the perspicacity to recognize the voice of Jesus and the good sense to cry out, "Here I am, Lord!" as I leap from the obscurity of death into His eternal bliss of love in heaven. Or as one priest used to pray: "Lord, I don't mind if you make a fool of Finnegan now, but please don't make a fool of yourself at the end of my life. Amen." I wonder what he really meant.



Fr. Slawek

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: For the month of November a basket will be placed at the foot of the altar for envelopes for All Souls. The envelopes are at all exits at the back of the church. You can list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the envelope and place it either in the basket at the foot of the altar or in the collection basket. All names will be remembered at the Masses during the month of November.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us the spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

St. Vincent de Paul

By remembering our neighbours who ask for help through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are all touched by God's love and build up His Kingdom on earth.

Thank you all parishioners for your contributions to Bundle Sunday and to the Poor Box after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, November 7

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, November 8

9 a.m. All Souls In Purgatory req. by Lulu.

Thursday, November 9

9 a.m. The Dedication to the Lateran Basilica req. by Lulu.

Friday, November 10

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, November 11

4:30p.m. Remembrance of all Soldiers.

Sunday, November 12

9 a.m. Intentions of Pearl Noranho req. by Cheryl & Don Jacob

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Charles Cerar req. by F. Cerar.

WHAT IS THE PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN?

PreAuthorized Giving ("PAG") is a plan to assist you in supporting your Parish through regular financial offerings.

The operation and maintenance of your parish is made possible through the generous and regular offertory giving of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on your time, the PAG plan will assist you in establishing a systematic giving program.

The PAG plan creates a win / win situation for you and Holy Spirit Church. Enrolment for the PAG plan is a very simple procedure. When you enroll, your offering will be automatically withdrawn from your designated bank account on the 20th day (or next business day) of each month. This amount will electronically be deposited to the Parish's account.

The PAG plan does not cover the special collections; therefore, we encourage you to continue using the envelopes made available at the back of the church.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

After the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Basement

Sunday, November 19, 2023

After the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Basement
All parishioners welcome



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the 9 am mass.

"Love God.
Love others.
The rest are details."

Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40)

SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase **before Mass on the weekend of November 11/12**. The Sunday Missal can be purchased from the parish office Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Limited quantity available—Cost \$6.00 per missal



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.