

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4, 2018



## **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 11**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	In thanksgiving	Clayton & Maureen Marolly & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 4</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Louisa Rodrigues Ferreria	Ester & Deolinda Andrade
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	
8:30 am	Albert Kojoian	Anna Donald
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov. 6</b>	
8:30 am	Mabel Oliveira	The Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov. 7</b>	
8:30 am	Bobby Di Gregorio & Flo Gallo	Anna Donald
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov. 8</b>	
8:30 am	Lorraine Arnsby	Rose & James Martins
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov. 9</b>	
8:30 am	Benjamin & Evangeline Alvina	The Buor Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Joaquin Ramos Sr.	Ruby & Silvia Ramos
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 11</b>	
9:00 am	Sean Richardson	Dawn Gerry & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

November 4: Barbara & Frederick Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred Adam

November 11: Jane & George D'Lima, requested by the D'Lima family

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who have died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Ernie Laudie, Alex Della Rocca, husband of Rosemarie.

**THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased priests will be held Wednesday, November 7, at 12:10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Basilica (460 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.) in Montreal.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCT 27/28**

Offerings: \$ 5,596.25

Building Fund: \$1, 477.00

Next special collection – Helping Others: November 11

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is in urgent need of an adult volunteer for the Saturday 4:30 Mass. If you are interested, please contact Lucy at [zagmax@yahoo.com](mailto:zagmax@yahoo.com)

### **FAITH FIRST DATES TO REMEMBER**

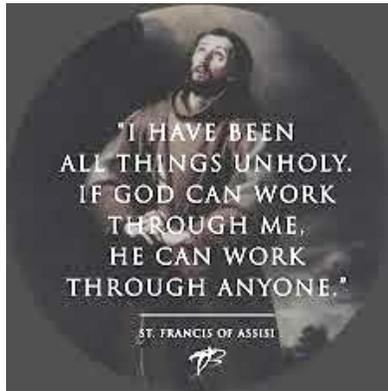
Confirmation Gathering #2 Tuesday, November 6

Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Gathering #1 Tuesday, November 13

Level 5 (SP5) Gathering #1 Thursday, November 15

Info: 514-626-4111 ext. 224 or [faithfirst@becket.ca](mailto:faithfirst@becket.ca)

## GROWING IN VIRTUE



When you enter into the St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, one of the first works of art that you notice off to the right is that of Michelangelo's famous Pietà, his depiction of the Blessed Mother holding our Lord after He has been taken down from the Cross. This sculpture was the only work of art that Michelangelo signed, and here's why.

The Pietà was the first great work that Michelangelo did in Rome. He was only 24 when he finished sculpting that masterpiece, so he was still an unknown artist at the time.

When the Pietà was finally unveiled, all wondered who could have made such a masterpiece. When Michelangelo told them that he did it, they didn't believe him. So one night he snuck into the basilica and etched his name on a sash across Mary's chest. Michelangelo soon realized the sin of his actions and never again signed another piece of work.

Now, what sin did Michelangelo commit? It was the sin of pride. And not only did he commit the sin of pride, but he committed it by putting his name across the chest of the Blessed Mother, who is the Church's model of humility.

Humility is often called the mother of all virtues, because it is the virtue that opposes pride, which is the mother of all vices. Pride was the original sin, the sin of Adam that caused the fall of man. But humility, the virtue that God demonstrated in becoming man, frees our will, our intellect, and our heart to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, that we may recognize the way, the truth, and the life that will lead us to our heavenly reward; for as the psalmist tells us: "A humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn."

Humility isn't hiding or not using whatever gifts we may have. That, more often than not, comes from the sin of sloth. Humility is acknowledging our gifts and talents, not showing them off, but acknowledging them to ourselves and to our heavenly Father who gave them to us, and using them always for

His greater glory, not our own, desiring only the reward of heaven for ourselves. We live in a culture that teaches us, "If you've got it, flaunt it." That's why today's fashions are so immodest, why pride and vanity are advertised as virtues.

Now, how might we acquire this virtue of humility?

First, "please": devotion to the saints, that is, asking for their prayers.

The saints are all models of humility for us and powerful intercessors in Heaven.

Second, "thank-you": remembering to make prayers of thanksgiving. Prayers of thanksgiving remind us that what we have been given is a gift from God. Even when it's something that we may not think we want or need, giving thanks changes our whole perspective about the gift.

And third, "I'm sorry": making regular use of the Sacrament of Confession.

This beautiful sacrament forces us to make an examination of conscience, to look deeply, personally, and honestly [at ourselves] and then to do the most humbling act that God requires of us, to swallow our pride and expose our naked, sinful soul to another human being; and through that humble act, we're able to experience the depth of God's mercy and love.

~ From an article by Fr. Augustine H. T. Tran

**RED WEDNESDAY- ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**  
at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, November 21, at 7:30 pm. All are invited to participate in this Mass to help raise awareness about the harsh reality that in our world today over 200 million Christians are persecuted because of their faith. Please visit the Red Wednesday Canada website: <https://tinyurl.com/yddf9oqn>

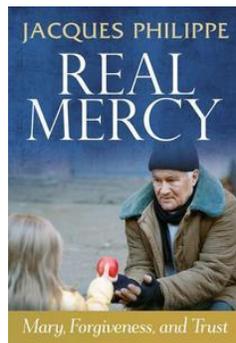
## HERE'S A QUESTION

Concerning the line in the Apostles' Creed that reads, "He will come again to judge the living and the dead," what about the judgment we experience at death? The Church teaches, as an article of faith, that the souls of those who die go immediately to heaven, purgatory or hell. This is called the "particular judgment," and it is one of the theological conclusions to be drawn from Jesus' words on Good Friday, when he assures the thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Our creed also professes faith in Christ's coming at the end of time, "to judge the living and the dead." The Church identifies this as the "general judgment," which will decide the fate of those who are yet to die, and confirm the judgment of those who have already died. Obviously, we must leave the details of this event to God. However, faith assures us our bodies will rise on the last day, to be reunited with our souls, and to share our souls' eternal reward. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes Jesus' "following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist," and says that on the Last Day "will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light" (see No. 678). Unlike the privacy of the particular judgment, this judgment will manifest Christ's glory to all creation.

~ Father Reginald Martin

## WORTHWHILE READING



Real Mercy: Mary, Forgiveness, and Trust, by Father Jacques Philippe.

In Real Mercy, Father Jacques Philippe explores how Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is an exemplar of mercy to the Church and the entire world. In a discreet but vital way she dispenses graces and favors with the compassion of a mother. His second essay on forgiveness in families hits home with everyone. No one has escaped the ill feeling and bitterness caused by strife and misunderstanding within the family, and yet the same family is intended to be the path for both earthly and eternal happiness. The author brings to

light vivid examples of how lack of forgiveness causes severe damage while forgiveness heals and restores broken relationships. Finally, he uses the writings of St. Therese of Lisieux to show how trust in God's mercy leads to extraordinary effects in one's life and in the lives of those one touches.

## FOUNDATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN UGANDA

(FECU) Fr. David is inviting you to a fundraiser bowl-a-thon at the Laurentian Lanes, 222 Montée de Liesse/corner Côte de Liesse, in Saint-Laurent; on Sunday, November 18. Registration starting at 12:30 p.m.; take off at 1:30 p.m. Price \$20.00 for adult, \$14.00 for youth under 16. All proceeds to go for the education of children in Uganda. For tickets please, call Fr. David at 514-213-5778; or Noreen Olivieri at 514-838-0198, Nada Wanner at 514-990-9035

**PARISH NEWS** Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Dowd will celebrate the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Seminarian Robert Assaly, during the 4:30 Mass next Saturday, November 10. Robert, who is aspiring to the priesthood, will state his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders and thereby embrace the clerical state. The bishop, in turn, will formally accept Robert as an official candidate for Holy Orders. Congratulations, Robert. We continue to keep you in prayer during this internship period of your vocational journey.

**JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI LUNCH PARISH FUNDRAISER** on Sunday November 18 after the 11 am Mass. Tickets \$12/person which includes spaghetti, salad, dessert and a glass of wine. Net proceeds going towards parish worship needs. For more information on tickets or to help please contact Rina @ 514-915-7586.