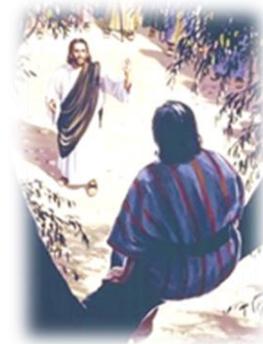


Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 10

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Saturday	Nov 2	All Souls Day
11:00 am	For the Souls in Purgatory	
4:30 pm	Claire Borrelli	The Family
Sunday	Nov 3	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Emilia Reda	Rosemary & Joe Furino
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Nov 4	
8:30 am	Jean Poulin	Fernand & Micheline Jacques
Tuesday	Nov 5	
8:30 am	Albert Kojoian	Anna Donald & family
Wednesday	Nov 6	
8:30 am	Scott Harper	Friends of Becket
Thursday	Nov 7	
8:30 am	Maria & Viktor Kozlowski	The Family
Friday	Nov 8	
8:30 am	Luigi Trozzo	Maria Caputo & family
Saturday	Nov 9	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Nov 10	Thirtieth-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	The deceased members of the Nudo & Gaudio families	
11:00 am	The deceased members of the Canadian Armed Forces	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Nov 3: Assunta Iuele, requested by Rosemary Furino

Nov 10: David Francis, requested by the Principe family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Madeleine Campeau*, mother of Natalie & Gilles; *Aileen Collins*, aunt of Mary Babin.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

October 26/27: Offerings: \$5,610.50 Building Fund \$1,652.50

Next Special collection: November 10 – Helping Others

THE CWL ARTS AND CRAFTS fair was a great success. Many thanks to all those who helped and supported the event.

WIDOW(ER) SUPPORT GROUP: MONTHLY MEETINGS The Widow(er) support group meets every first Monday morning of the month from 9:30 am -11 am at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish. Our next meeting is November 4. Information Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183 or parsoa2003@yahoo.com

FAITH FIRST: Eucharist Gathering #2 Tuesday, Nov. 5

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 4



No age of the Catholic Church's history is without its share of confusion and corruption. Still, even in moments when disorder may seem overwhelming, individuals and movements eventually arise to propose the faith with clarity and demonstrate it in action. St. Charles Borromeo, a central figure in the Council of Trent, is remembered on November 4, as a model of such leadership in difficult times. The circumstances of Charles' birth, in 1538, could have easily allowed him to join the ranks of corrupt Renaissance-era clergy. He was born into luxury, the son of noble parents, with a guaranteed income comparable to modern "trust funds." Early on, however, the young man signaled his intention to go against the cultural grain. He announced his desire to serve the Church with sincerity, asking his father to give away the majority of the fund's money to the poor.

Charles could not escape a certain degree of wealth and prestige, which were expected due to his social class, but he insisted on using these forms of leverage to benefit the Church, rather than himself. When he was 22, his opportunity came: the young lawyer and canonist's uncle was elected as Pope Pius IV. Charles soon assumed staggering responsibilities, serving as a papal diplomat and supervisor of major religious orders. The young man relaxed from these tasks through literature and music, taking no interest in the temptations abounding in Rome during the late Renaissance. He considered renouncing even this temperate lifestyle, for the strict observance of a monastery-- but found himself more urgently needed in the work of concluding the Council of Trent.

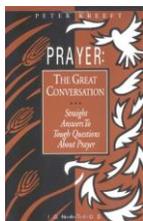
The Church's nineteenth Ecumenical Council had begun in late 1545, but experienced many delays. Its twofold mission was to clarify Catholic doctrine against Protestant objections, and reform the Church internally against many longstanding problems. As a papal representative, Charles participated in the council's conclusion in 1563, when he was only 25. He also played a leading role in assembling its comprehensive summary, the Roman Catechism (or *Catechism of the Council of Trent*).

In reward for his labors, Charles received even greater responsibilities. Ordained a priest during the Council, he was named as archbishop and cardinal only months later. He found his diocese of Milan in a state of disintegration, after two generations of virtually no local administration or leadership. The new bishop got straight to work establishing schools, seminaries, and centers for religious life.

His reforms of the diocese, in accordance with the decrees of the council, were dramatic and effective, so much so that a group of disgruntled monks attempted to kill him. His survival was called miraculous.

The new archbishop's efforts for catechesis and the instruction of youth were especially fruitful, initiating the work of the Confraternity for Christian Doctrine and the first "Sunday School" classes. He also gave important pastoral attention to English Catholics who fled to Italy to escape new laws against the Catholic faith.

St. Charles Borromeo's amazing diligence, frequent travel and ascetic living eventually took their toll. The once young prodigy of the Papal Court also died young at the age of 46 on November 3, 1584. He was canonized 26 years later, in 1610. He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.



WORTHWHILE READING

Prayer: The Great Conversation: Straight Answers to Tough Questions about Prayer by Peter Kreeft

In his typically lucid and original style, the popular spiritual writer Peter Kreeft explores many aspects and questions about prayer, the center of our spiritual lives. In a series of imaginative dialogues (like prayer itself), Kreeft shows how prayer can be an exciting adventure, an inexhaustible joy.

HERE'S A QUESTION ON PRAYING FOR THE DEAD



I know that we pray for the dead, but why do some people have Masses offered very often, sometimes as often as weekly or monthly for many years? When the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* considers the Creed's words "I believe in life everlasting," it states, "Each man receives his eternal retribution ... at the very moment of his death ... either entrance into the blessedness of

heaven - through purification or immediately" (No. 1022).

We cannot know a soul's fate, although the tone of a person's life probably provides a clue. The *Catechism*, quoting St. John of the Cross, reminds us, "At the evening of our life, we shall be judged on our love" (No. 1022). Few of us manifest the perfect love that merits eternal life, so God's mercy has established a means of purification: purgatory - by which the soul is cleansed and made worthy of heaven (see No. 1031).

Our faith assures us that our efforts on behalf of the dead can assist this purification. "From the beginning the Church has honoured ... the dead and offered prayers ... for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice" (Catechism, No. 1032). We cannot know how long a soul's purification lasts, but theology teaches that prayers are not wasted. Thus, if we pray for a soul that has already entered God's presence, our prayers will benefit another. In fact, some individuals pray specifically for "those who have no one to pray for them."
~ **Fr. Reginald Martin**

COMING SOON! Wednesday, November 13, will see the launch of an exciting new parish program, **Sycamore** (www.sycamore.fm). Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and some time for discussion. There's no pressure, no commitment, no charge. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged. There's a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship, some great conversation, and often some delicious food. Everyone is welcome. Register here: www.becket.ca/Sycamore

WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE



Fr. Peter Sabbath and the parish wardens, on behalf of the entire St. Thomas à Becket Community, offer our heartfelt thanks to our Faith First Parish Catechetical Leader, Elena Castiglione, for her devotion and dedication to the religious education of the children of our parish since 2013. Elena will be leaving us next week to pursue work in her field of study. Although we will miss her, she is assured of our prayers and best wishes in her new career.

JOB OFFER: BECKET PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER

The Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) coordinates the calendar and activities of some 400 children participating in the Faith First program. Working with our priests as a member of the Parish Pastoral Team, the PCL administers registration and the database of children and families in Faith First, animates the children's gatherings, parent meetings and sacrament celebrations, and organizes volunteers. Some of the work is on evenings and weekends. The PCL has a pastoral heart to receive and listen to parents and care for children, at times one-to-one. The PCL collaborates with other parish PCLs in the West Island and attends continuing education meetings at the Archdiocese. The requirements include a background in education, excellent organizational skills and computer and audio-visual abilities and a strong knowledge of the Catholic Faith. The work is done at the parish office, in the church and hall. Two part-timers would be considered; volunteers welcome! Send your resume to Fr. Peter Sabbath at psabbath@gmail.com