

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 17 – NOVEMBER 25

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Saturday	Nov. 17	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:30 pm	Ponciana Jipos		Lourdes Jipos
Sunday	Nov. 18		
9:00 am	Deceased members of the Nudo & Gaudio families		Rosalba Nudo
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Nov. 19		
8:00 am	Janice Babb		The Cabral family
Tuesday	Nov. 20		
8:00 am	Mark Julius Coelho		Pat & Donny
Wednesday	Nov. 21		
8:00 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral		The family
Thursday	Nov. 22		
8:00 am	Margaret O'Shea		Charles Roache
Friday	Nov. 23		
8:00 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral		The family
Saturday	Nov. 24	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
4:30 pm	Jean Guy Caron		The family
Sunday	Nov. 25		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Louisa Rodrigues Ferreria		Ester & Deolinda Andrade

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

November 18: Vittorio Nudo, requested by Rosalba Nudo

November 25: Clemente Covone, requested by his family.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Julita Houx, wife of Joseph Houx.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOV 10/11

Offerings: \$ 4,610.75

Helping Others: \$ 2,523.46

Next special collection – Building Fund: November 25

COME AND SEE EVENING: The next 'Come and See' Evening will take place on Friday, November 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal). These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest, to share in fellowship, and to explore their call together. Information: Fr. Robert Clark, 514 903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

FAITH FIRST DATES TO REMEMBER

Eucharist gathering #3 Tuesday, November 27

Info: 514-626-4111 ext. 224 or faithfirst@becket.ca

THE VIETNAMESE MARTYRS: November 24



St. Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of this group were beatified between 1900 and 1951, and all were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615 to minister to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan. One of the kings banned all foreign missionaries and tried to make all

Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful. Severe persecutions were again launched three times in the 19th century, with between **100,000 and 300,000** Catholics killed or subjected to great hardship, including foreign missionaries. The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954 there were over 1.5 million Catholics—about 7% of the population, the fruit of the martyrs' blood—in the north (Buddhists were 60%). Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon everything and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees. During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now the whole country is under Communist rule.

One of the heroes of the Catholic Church in Vietnam in recent years has been Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyen van Thuan, who, after spending 13 years in prison there, came to live in Rome where he died in 2002. He was declared "Venerable" in 2017, an important step in his cause for beatification. Today there are 26 Catholic dioceses in Vietnam, 2,228 parishes and 2,668 priests. Catholics are about 7% of the 85 million population. *AmericanCatholic.org*

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>

FABRIQUE ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 25, 2018, 12 PM:

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on Sunday, November 25, 2018, immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. All parishioners of full age (18yrs), of the Roman Catholic Faith, and who live within the parish boundaries are entitled to nominate, be nominated, and vote at the Meeting of Parishioners. (Act Respecting Fabriques). A warden is a parishioner elected to be a director, or administrator, of the church corporation whose object is to acquire, possess, hold and administer property for the practice of the Roman Catholic religion. Therefore the warden is not a pastoral agent directing the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish. Professional or business experience and ability to work in a team are assets. Two three-year terms must be filled at this election. Robert Demers and Gerry Richardson are completing their first terms and will not be standing for re-election. Info: 514-626-4111.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is an act of hope because what we hope for, with faith, God will grant. Hope never disappoints. Furthermore, when we forgive someone, we set that person free of revenge or judgment. But it's not only the other person we set free; it's also ourselves. Every time that I forgive somebody, I set myself free. What happens when we don't forgive? If someone did something wrong to me ten years ago, and I still don't want to forgive them ten years later, it means I am held prisoner by my past. It is as though a chain is holding me ten years in the past. I am not free to receive the graces of today.... We are not free in regards to the past when we have not forgiven. We can't receive the graces of the present moment, all the blessings God wants to give us. We can't receive them because we are attached to our past by this refusal of forgiveness. What does it mean not to forgive? It means that I am holding a grudge, a judgment, sometimes a hatred in my heart. And this poisons my heart. My heart is not pure; it is not free. It's as if I am carrying poison in myself. This does harm to me for many reasons. Again, it keeps me in a condition of dependence... On the contrary, when I forgive, I am free. I am no longer in this state of dependence. I can be completely myself, and I can allow the grace of God to dwell in me. I can allow positive thoughts and hopes instead of stirring up a poison in myself. Forgiveness sets me free. Be encouraged to ask for the grace of forgiveness and practice it.

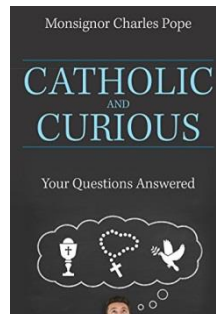
by Father Jacques Philippe

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

We invite you to join us on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The evening begins with Eucharistic Adoration followed by a Healing Prayer Service.

SPONSOR-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM: Help make Christmas brighter for the less-fortunate with our family matching program. Build and deliver a personalized Christmas basket filled with items that will help a needy family enjoy a happy Christmas. Make this a project for your extended family, neighbours, and friends or even your office staff. We will provide details including family size, age and gender of each family member. To participate please contact the parish office **before November 23**. 514-626-4111.

WORTHWHILE READING



Catholic and Curious: Your Questions Answered, by Msgr. Charles Pope

Monsignor Pope tackles 500 tough questions on just about every subject imaginable. In easily digestible question and answer format, this book covers everything from God and the Bible to the liturgy, the sacraments, Catholic moral teaching, Mary, the saints, and life after death, all organized by topic for quick reference. In this book you'll find not just straightforward answers, but a deeper understanding and appreciation of the truth of the Catholic Faith.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN

An evening of recollection for men will be offered on Tuesday, November 13th at St. John Fisher Parish – 120 av. Summerhill in Point Claire. It runs from 7:15-9:30 pm and offers time for a chat and/or confession with Fr John L. Agundez, a priest of the prelature of Opus Dei (opusdei.ca). The evening also includes a talk and a preached meditation. For more information, contact Alfonso Marin at (514) 240-2265. St Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei explained that "Opus Dei's main activity consists in offering its members, and other people the spiritual means they need to live as good Christians in the midst of the world". An evening of recollection is one of those means. It provides an opportunity to assess and refocus our life, to make new resolutions and to renew old ones.