

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 19 TO OCTOBER 27

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| Saturday | Oct 19 | |
| 4:30 pm | Our Parishioners | |
| Sunday | Oct 20 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 am | Anthony & Lira D'Souza | Atwell D'Souza & family |
| 11:00 am | Alwyn D'Souza | The D' Lima Family |
| Monday | Oct 21 | |
| 8:30 am | Cathie Gow | Marie & Elliot Foggo |
| Tuesday | Oct 22 | |
| 8:30 am | Thomas Stock | Cathy, Phil & family |
| Wednesday | Oct 23 | |
| 8:30 am | Mark Julius Coelho | Pat & Donny |
| Thursday | Oct 24 | |
| 8:30 am | Maggie Orzechowski | CWL |
| Friday | Oct 25 | |
| 8:30 am | Josie Lobo | Atwell D'Souza & family |
| Saturday | Oct 26 | |
| 4:30 pm | Rina Reda | Kathleen & Tom Heald |
| Sunday | Oct 27 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| 11:00 am | Judy Johnson | Shirley & Brian Carroll |

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Oct. 20: Luigi (Gino) Vacante, requested by Antonietta & Salvatore Pulizzi

Oct. 27: Dominic Mancini, requested by family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Rosina Ste-Marie, wife of Comb Ste-Marie.

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.

CONTRIBUTION amounts for October 13 /14 will be published in the bulletin of October 27th.

TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET resumes on October 22 after morning Mass. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND, the only fundraising organization working on behalf of Montreal's English-language Catholic Community, has again chosen St. Jean Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, to be the special patron of its 2019 campaign. This is entirely fitting as one of the foundational "pillars" of the Pillars Trust Fund is the Diocesan Priesthood Guild (DPG). Pillars has given over a million dollars in grants to the DPG for the education of seminarians – just one of its many funding commitments. Please see more information in the Pillars envelope available in each parish. Donations can also be made at www.pillars.org

BAPTIZED AND SENT: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD

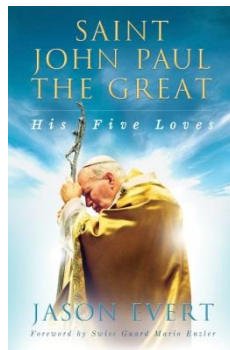


“Dear Brothers and Sisters,
For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment ... and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who

died and rose again. . . . Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life. This divine life is . . . a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely, without excluding anyone. God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation. This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death. Baptism gives us rebirth in God’s own image and likeness, and makes us members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. . . . We are children of our natural parents, but in baptism we receive the origin of all fatherhood and true motherhood: no one can have God for a Father who does not have the Church for a mother. . . . The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world. This mission is part of our identity as Christians; it makes us responsible for enabling all men and women to realize their vocation to be adoptive children of the Father, to recognize their personal dignity and to appreciate the intrinsic worth of every human life, from conception until natural death. . . . Today ... the Church needs men and women who, by virtue of their baptism, respond generously to the call to leave behind home, family, country, language and local Church, and to be sent forth to the nations, to a world not yet transformed by the sacraments of Jesus Christ and his holy Church. . . . We entrust the Church’s mission to Mary our Mother. In union with her Son, from the moment of the Incarnation the Blessed Virgin set out on her pilgrim way. She was fully involved in the mission of Jesus, a mission that became her own at the foot of the Cross: the mission of cooperating, as Mother of the Church, in bringing new sons and daughters of God to birth in the Spirit and in faith. To men and women missionaries, and to all those who, by virtue of their baptism, share in any way in the mission of the Church, I send my heartfelt blessing.” By Pope Francis

WORTHWHILE READING

Saint John Paul the Great: His Five Loves By Jason Evert



As we celebrate St. John Paul II’s feast day on October 22, discover the five great loves of St. John Paul II through remarkable unpublished stories on him from bishops, priests, students, Swiss Guards, and others. Mining through a mountain of papal resources, Jason Evert has uncovered these many gems, offering a treasure chest brimming with the jewels of the saint's life. After a brief overview of John Paul's life, Evert explores in depth his five great loves: Young People, Human Love, The Eucharist, Our Lady, The Cross. This work is intended to be catechetical, inspiring, and evangelical. By looking at what he loved and why, the goal is

to help readers learn more about key aspects John Paul's life and teachings, including Theology of the Body, Divine Mercy, Total Consecration, Eucharistic adoration, and redemptive suffering.

FAITH FIRST: Level 4 (SP4) Gathering #1 Thursday, Oct. 24

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Grocery packers. Train provided. 514-626-4111

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will hold its annual Arts & Crafts fair on Sat. October 26, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sun. October 27, from 9 am to 1 pm in the parish hall. Jewelry, Woodwork, Christmas decorations and gifts, photography, quilts and knitting, handmade bath and body and more! Bake sale and raffle. Lunch café on site. Proceeds will go to church and charities. **Donations to Bake Sale Table would be much appreciated.** Gina 514-626-3648.

BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE, PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE: For all who knew (or knew of) the late Tony Walsh, Benedict Labre House will hold a special event on November 2, exploring the life and work of co-founder Tony Walsh and how the Catholic values and vision he engrained in Labre House live on today. Mass at 11 am celebrated by Bishop Thomas Dowd, followed by complimentary light lunch and discussion RSVP Matthieu Langlois: matthieu_langlois@hotmail.com



When you stop to count your blessings, do not forget to give God a big thank you for all the difficult people in your life. Every person who provokes you is an opportunity, but it all depends on you. You can respond with love and mercy or you can get angry and lash out. Will you choose blessing or sin?

Yet, it is not natural to feel grateful for

people with a knack for inflicting misery. This is perhaps the greatest challenge of being Christian; hatred in, love out.

The Golden Rule is: "Do unto others whatever you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12). The Our Father states: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." These are good rules of thumb for starters, but I've seen serious Christians brush them aside when they find themselves on the receiving end of hostility.

"I don't have to forgive my mother-in-law because she is not saying she is sorry," someone once told me." God forgives me when I ask for it and I'll forgive her when she asks for it." And a person could thwart the Golden Rule by reasoning, "I would never have done such a hateful thing and if I did, then I would deserve to have someone strike back."

Luckily, to avoid tripping into loopholes, Christ reinforced His teachings to us. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Did Jesus really mean to take away your right to strike back at the rude and inconsiderate or even such people as idiot drivers? It would seem so. "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). After being arrested, beaten and hung on a cross, Jesus responded with love, not revenge. If we were writing the script, most of us would have had the earth swallow up the soldiers and persecutors. Instead, Jesus responded by praying: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34).

But it's not natural to give love to those who hurt me. No, but it is supernatural. Perhaps you need a new attitude, so see your grouchy neighbour as a rose in disguise. People like him hold the keys to your holiness. All you have to do is smile and be pleasant. Oh, and one more thing; you have to try to love him.

This is not just about being nice on the surface and bubbling over in hatred underneath. You really do need to try and love your neighbour as yourself. "If I give away everything I own and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). That is why, instead of grumbling, you need to show love, compassion and an abundance of mercy. You cannot always muster up those lovely feelings, so sometimes, just the desire to feel love, will have to do.

~ *By Patti Maguire Armstrong*