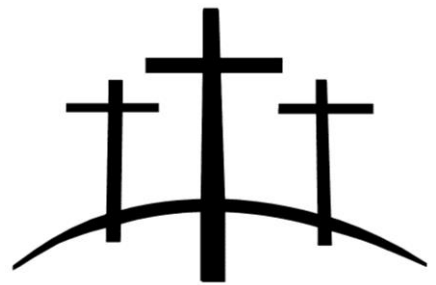


# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2019




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## **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 16 TO NOVEMBER 24**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 16</b>	
4:30 pm	Italo Falcone	His wife and children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Ponciana Jipos	Lourdes Jipos
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov 18</b>	
8:30 am	Janice Babb	Maria G. Cabral
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	
8:30 am	Charles Walsh	Audrey Poisson
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	
8:30 am	Maddelena Nittio Saluzzi & Vincenzo Saluzzi	The Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>	
8:30 am	Cecilia Devalia	Juliette Coelho
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 22</b>	
8:30 am	Colin Noronha	Florie Noronha & family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 23</b>	
4:30 pm	Frank Iacino	Rosemary & Joe Furino
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
9:00 am	Alex Della Rocca	Julia Principe & Rose Martins
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

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

Nov 17: Joan Friel

Nov 24: TBA

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Peter Yourkuu*, nephew of Juliana Kong Ire.

*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.*

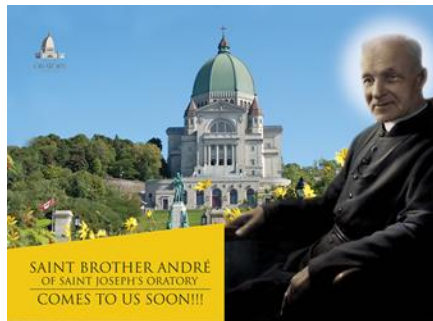
**BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE RAY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE:** We will be collecting gifts for Benedict Labre House for the homeless. Please take a tag from our giving tree, purchase the item, wrap, place the tag on gift (for identification) then place the gift under the tree by **December 1**. Want to shop early? Tags will have the following suggestions: Toques/hats, gloves, warm underwear (men and women), socks, deodorant, razors, feminine hygienic products, chocolates. Sleeping bags and back packs (new or gently used) are also needed.

**HEALING SERVICE:** We invite you to join us on Monday, November 18, at 7:30 pm Our evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayerful music, scripture, and reflection. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available as are our Prayer Teams.

## **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*



### **RELIC OF ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ**

will be coming to St. Thomas à Becket Parish on Monday, December 9, 7-9 pm. The evening will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, presentation of the life of St. Brother André, veneration of the relic and blessing with Saint Joseph's oil. All welcome.

### **FABRIQUE ELECTIONS DECEMBER 1, 2019, 12 NOON**

All parishioners are invited to the election of Churchwardens on Sunday, December 1, 2019, immediately following the 11 am Mass. All parishioners of full age (18 yrs), 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. Peter Cook has completed one three-year term and is eligible to stand for re-election. Anna Donald is completing her second three-year term, and we thank her very much for six years of dedication to our parish. Info: 514-626-4111.

**FAITH FIRST:** Level 3 Gathering #1: November 21

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 9/10**

Offerings: \$5, 456.75 Helping Others: \$2, 622.00

Next Special collection: November 24, Building Maintenance Fund

**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 December 2. Information Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183 or parsoa2003@yahoo.com

**SPONSOR-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM:** Help make Christmas brighter for the less-fortunate with our Christmas Basket 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 22. 514-626-4111.

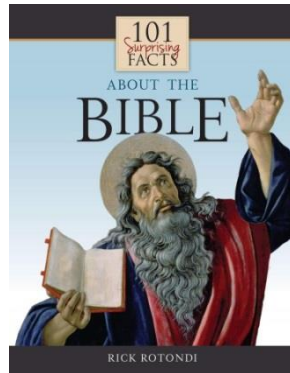
**A CHALLENGE FOR YOUTH:** Are you 18-30 years old? Come to Challenge! The Montreal Catholic Challenge Movement is holding its next retreat from November 29 to December 1 at St. Willibrord's Parish in Verdun. Challenge retreats are a great opportunity to learn about your relationship with God and make Catholic friends. You can register on our website: [montrealchallenge.ca](http://montrealchallenge.ca).

Want to know more, or request an outreach visit to your parish? Email us at [outreach@montrealchallenge.ca](mailto:outreach@montrealchallenge.ca), visit our Facebook page (Montreal Catholic Challenge Movement), or follow us on Instagram @challenge.montreal

**TWO FILMS ABOUT SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II** "Karol - The Man who became Pope" follows the life of Saint Pope John Paul II up to the time when he was chosen to be a Pope, and is available at this link: <https://youtu.be/z4bWX9zaFBI> A second film "Karol, the Pope, the Man" follows the life of Saint Pope John Paul II during his pontificate until his death: [https://youtu.be/wE9\\_ICQ1QvI](https://youtu.be/wE9_ICQ1QvI)

### WORTHWHILE READING

*101 Surprising Facts about the Bible* by Rick Rotondi.



The Bible is the Word of God, but even on a human level it stands apart. No other book has sold so many copies; been translated into so many languages; been so often adapted, recited, and performed; or took so many years (centuries!) to write. In *101 Surprising Facts about the Bible*, Rick Rotondi recounts the story of how the Bible was written, translated, published, and proclaimed. Join him as he explores the mysteries of the Bible, unpacks its prophecies, and examines how this ancient text is a living word—a rule of life and a letter from God addressed personally to you.

### DO NON-CATHOLICS HAVE TO CONVERT TO MARRY IN THE CHURCH?



No, people should become Catholics because of an interior conviction, not to fulfill a requirement. Marriages between Catholics and non-Christians, however, while they may still be valid in the eyes of the Church, are non-sacramental. With permission from the bishop, a priest or deacon may witness such marriages. A valid Catholic marriage results from four elements: (1) the spouses are free to marry; (2) they freely exchange their consent; (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; and (4) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority. The non-Catholic spouse does not have to promise to have the children raised Catholic. The Catholic spouse must promise to do all that he or she can to have the children baptized and raised in the Catholic faith. Google "Fr. Mike Schmitz Can a Catholic Marry a Non-Catholic?" for an excellent YouTube video on the topic. To speak to a priest about your situation, call 514-626-4111 or [psabbath@gmail.com](mailto:psabbath@gmail.com)