

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 28, 2007

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Rosary
Thursday (All Saints)	9:00 a.m.	Eugene Young by Jacqueline Leduc
Friday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Followed by Exposition and Benediction Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Gordon McFadden by Marie
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	(1) Gerald Lacourse by Diane (2) Margaret Rutter by Annie Guertin
	11:00 a.m.	Gilbert Lance by Ursula & Family

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** \$2278.00 Thank you for your support.

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:**

The local chapter of Development and Peace is celebrating the **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the organization on **Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the basement of Ste-Marie-Goretti Church, 664 Duberger St. Gatineau Sector. Everyone who loves the organization is heartily welcomed. After the joyful gathering at 1:00 p.m., there will be an overview of the 40-year history at 2:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. we will work with the Church document *Populorum Progressio* which inspired the foundation of D&P, to rediscover the meaning of “**development**” and see how we can better work at it now and in the future. Supper is at 6:00 p.m. (cost \$10) and prayer is at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the whole event or parts of it, please contact Pauline Leduc at 819-663-1121.

## **HOW DO WE HANDLE PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS IN A CHANGED / CHANGING CHURCH? IN A CHANGED / CHANGING WORLD?**

Two and a half years ago, on the Feast of Pentecost, our Bishop Roger Ebacher presented the Church of Gatineau with a visionary document ***Discovering Jesus Christ: the Path to Freedom***. It was meant to provide us with an outline of the catechetical project that would mark the pastoral life of our Diocese for the next 10-15 years. All the parishes in our Diocese are struggling with it. For the English parishes, the English Zone Pastoral Council (which brings together representatives of our parishes) has put on three workshops to familiarize ourselves with the vision of the above mentioned document. It has been tough going, especially in light of the immense challenge the Bishop gave us when he asks us ***to move from the practice of preparation for the sacraments to the practice of formation to the Christian life***. This is not to stop preparing for sacraments, but to set all these efforts in a larger context, namely that of formation to the Christian life. After all, sacraments function only properly in the context of the Christian life. Formation in that Christian life is the real challenge today; it is not just for children, but for youth and adults as well, simply because it is a life-long process for all of us. **On Saturday, November 17**, those who have a leadership position in our English parishes and all other interested parishioners are urged to once again come together to continue the journey. The **session will again take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church in Hull from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. Let us be there!

### **PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS: WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?**

"It is obvious that we want to achieve!" someone may say. But it is not as self-evident anymore as it used to be. That is why it may be helpful to sit back and look at what it takes to prepare for sacraments. You find some reflections on it in the insert to this Sunday bulletin. It is an issue not just for those who actually are preparing for a sacrament. The whole parish community must reflect on it, rather than leaving it to a few volunteers to work on it.

**For Parents of Confirmation Candidates: *Monday, November 19***

**For Parents of First Communion Candidates, *Thursday, November 22***

**For Parents of Reconciliation Candidates, *Tuesday, November 13***

The role of the family in the formation to the Christian life and in the preparation for sacraments of their children is pivotal. Naturally, that role is different depending on the age of the candidates, but also on what particular sacrament they are preparing for. That is why we have separate sessions for the parents of the candidates for Confirmation (Monday, November 19), for the parents of First Communion candidates (Thursday, November 22), and for Reconciliation candidates (Tuesday, November 13). All three sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. and finish no later than 8:30 p.m. This is also the last call for parents to let us know if they want to see their children being confirmed and/or make their first communion next year or being introduced to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Journey to Confirmation begins *Sunday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.***

Candidates for Confirmation will have their introductory meeting next Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. A schedule of sessions has been put together which is an interesting mix of activities of their own animated by the leaders and regular parish activities in which they are going to participate. Our thanks to the leaders who are committing themselves to guiding our candidates on the journey to Confirmation, which will be celebrated on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> of next year.

### **THE NEW "LIVING WITH CHRIST" SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED. SHOULD THEY BE USED? YES. THE QUESTION IS HOW?**

That is the way Bishop Raymond Lahey begins his observations. You'll find them on pages 528-530. As a general rule, their use during Mass should be very limited. It is not a good practice to follow the presider and the reader in their prayers and readings. Imagine, going to a play where everybody brought a copy of the play and followed the actors... Of course, that presupposes that the presider and the reader speak their texts clearly and audibly. Let us work on that instead of bringing out the Missals. Naturally, for those who have difficulty hearing, it is entirely appropriate that they use the Missals. But for the rest of us, leave the Missals aside and listen attentively. That makes for better participation, and that is what we are aiming for. So why have the Missals at all? Precisely for the purposes that Bishop Lahey suggests. We encourage that you buy one (for \$5.00) and that you use it at home.



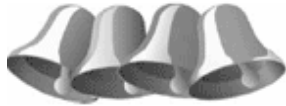
### **NOVEMBER: WE REMEMBER THE DEAD:**

The month of November is fast approaching. It is traditionally the month in which more attention is given to the remembrance of the dead. Christians do so in a unique way based on which is central to our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here at St. Mark's we give expression to that faith conviction in the following ways:

- a. ***Friday, November 2, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), 7:00 p.m.*** We will have a celebration of the Eucharist. During that celebration special mention will be made of the persons who have been buried from St. Mark's during the past year. In addition to calling forth their names we will light a small candle from the Easter Candle for each of them. If you have someone

close to you who died this past year, but was buried elsewhere we will be happy to name that person too: in that case, please, call the office and let us know the name of the person well in advance.

- b. **The Book of Life.** Parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased relatives in the **Book of Life** which you will find next to the Paschal Candle during the month of November. Some pages are provided in the book for that purpose, unless you decide to make up your own page.



#### **THE CHURCH BELLS DO THEIR JOB IN UNEXPECTED WAYS:**

Last Sunday, at 8:45 a.m. a lady was on her way to Tim Horton's and passed by the church. She heard the bells, and after Mass she said "those chimes sounded so beautifully that I decided to come in and join you for Mass. I had not been in church for many years. It was really a good experience."

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Once again St. Mark's will take part in this great project; the packing of a shoe box with toys, school supplies and hygiene items which are distributed to hurting children around the world. Shoe boxes and information pamphlets are available in the Marvee Room. Please bring back the filled boxes during the **weekend masses of November 4th** to the Marvee Room. Do not forget to insert the \$7 cheque in your box to cover the shipping charges. For more information please call Shirley @ 685-0576.



**BAZAAR: C.W.G.:** Saturday November 10, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! In order to have a successful Bazaar, we welcome donations of crafts, toys & books, baked goods and other items for the white elephant table. **Please bring items in the week of Nov. 5 – Nov. 9th.** "Quilt tickets are still available!" Don't forget the Tea Room!

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember Jeannette Chartrand, Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, Robert Nolan and their families in your prayers.

**GIVING:** We appreciate every donation gifted to the Church by our parishioners. There are many ways to donate -- whether during your lifetime or upon death, through wills or trusts. Donations can be made via cheque payable to: **St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME!** If you are new to St. Mark Parish, please introduce yourself to our pastor (Fr. Bill) after Mass, and follow up on Monday with a call to the office (819 684-6926) to register. We are glad to have you join us. Welcome!



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