

# FEAST OF ALL SOULS

November 2, 2008

Matthew 5:7--12

- “The pure in heart will see God.” Lord, you have a lot of purging to do on me before I am ready for your presence.
- Maybe I could start today.



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Mary MacMillan by John & Family Lance Mendonca by the Broadway Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bernie Sheffer by Mary & Family Elva Bowers by Carl & Family
	11:00 a.m.	The Henderson Family by Gloria

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:

**\$2,083.84**

**Thank you!**

### On « All Souls Day » we perform the same gesture as at Baptism

Did you notice that at all three Masses on this day of *Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed* we spoke a word and performed a gesture that we also use at Baptism and at First Communion: We called forth the names of the deceased and we lit the Baptismal Candle from the Easter Candle. It has to do with the way we, as Christians, look at those who have died. We look at them through the prism that Jesus Christ, his Dying and Rising from the dead provides.

Seeing our own death approaching can be disturbing, experiencing the death of a loved one can be devastating. Yet, by accepting death as not out of defiance, but out of love for us and by being raised from the dead Jesus Christ has fundamentally altered death or the grip that death has on us. Death claims us all, but there is an even greater claim on us: the God of life, who in Jesus Christ broke the bond of death and who raised Jesus from the tomb.

The claim of the life-giving God on us does not wait to be activated at the moment of death. It is first heard, and never revoked on God's side, when at baptism the life-giving God calls us by name, writes our name in the palm of his hand, in the Book of Life, never to be erased. Is not the life of faith, in the final analysis, a yielding to that claim, a clinging to that claim in good times and in bad, trusting and confident that that claim will have its full impact when we have to let go of everything, when we have to let go of life itself? After all, we are loved and cherished by the life-giving God who will not stand for it that, in the end, death will have the last word about us. As one author put it some years ago; *“In the mind of a child who lives under the good care of his mother, the question never occurs whether his mother will still be there to care for him tomorrow.”* This is the sort of thing that has come to light in the dead and risen Jesus. Our faith in this Jesus marks us in the 30, 60, 90 years that we have here, but especially when those years come to an end. An end! Yes, but the claim of the life-giving God does not come to an end. In fact, we trust that the claim will become a life-giving embrace of the God of love. That is our lasting home and destiny.

We are challenged to let the way we look at the deceased in our own family be shaped by this Christian faith perspective.

**Now that all are registered, the serious work begins**

Registration for Confirmation and for First Communion came to a close this week. This coming Tuesday, November 4, parents of the First Communion candidates meet. Next Sunday, November 9, the Confirmation candidates and the parents of the 15-year old candidates will be coming together. The main purpose of this first meeting for both groups is to get acquainted with each other, but also to familiarize ourselves with the approach we are taking in preparing for Confirmation and for First Communion.

We try to keep in mind what our Bishop urges us to do: *“try to move from a narrow preparation for the sacraments to forming into the Christian life.”* That is easier said than done. We try to do that in the form of exposing the candidates and their families a bit to the four areas of poles of parish life or of the Christian life: liturgy, faith formation, fellowship, service/outreach. We try to make the formation inter-generational and we make a modest attempt to have the whole parish community in some way involved as well, because we want to see the journey of the candidates and of their families borne by and supported by the parish. A tall order, but well worth the effort.

### **Preparation for the Baptism of November 23**

This Wednesday evening, we begin our more formal journey to the Baptisms to be celebrated on Sunday, November 23. If you wonder what we do at our three preparation sessions, come and join us. That, in turn, may inspire you to see whether there is a place for you in giving us a hand. That would really be great!

### **Something of interest in the church’s reading corner?**

Did you know that our church has a reading corner? It is located in the **Marreeve Room**, the room behind the folding doors. In addition to some books, there are a number of periodicals and weeklies, such as ***Prairie Messenger, The Tablet, The Christian Century*** and ***Celebrate***. You may find something of interest. Enjoy it. Please note, you can take books or periodicals out, but please return them after a reasonable period of time. We are operating on the honour system.

### **MEETINGS:**

**PPC:** Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**First Communion:** Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **Parents only - Marreeve Room.**

**CWG:** Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. **Final preparations for bazaar.**

**Baptism preparation:** Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### **English Zone Pastoral Council: Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Twice a year, representatives from the English parishes in our Diocese are asked to meet to reflect on and discuss the challenges we face. This invitation is particularly addressed to members of the Parish Pastoral Council and to the Wardens of our parishes and missions, and to members of the different committees. But every interested parishioner is welcome.

The next such meeting will take place on Saturday, November 8, and it will be held again at Our Lady of Annunciation parish, 189 rue Archambault in the Hull sector. Our focus this time will be an **assessment of how our parish communities are doing in light of the challenge of Catechesis**. We’ll continue our wrestling with the challenge of living, sharing and passing on this faith of ours in today’s world. Let us be there in respectable numbers!



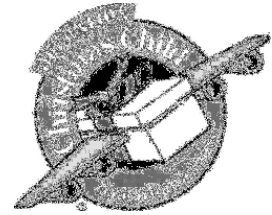
### **PRINCIPLE #4:**

In the interests of solidarity and the common good, decisions made for the benefit of one community must not violate the rights of other communities.

**Reflection:** “We live in a world where individual rights are seen as central. However, the social teachings of the Catholic Church remind us that above all the common good of the nation and the common good of the entire family of nations is clearly an ethical and legal imperative” (1986 World Day of Peace). Josanthony Joseph, an Indian Theologian.

Pope John Paul II went so far as to affirm the inter-dependence that exists "between the conduct of the powerful and the poverty and underdevelopment of so many millions of people", a reality which imposes a "duty of solidarity". **"LIFE BEFORE PROFIT"**

**"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"** involves the packing of a shoe box with toys, school supplies and hygiene items - which is distributed to hurting children around the world at Christmas time. Last year, 661,530 shoe boxes from Canada were collected and distributed to children in more than 15 countries.



**Shoe boxes and information pamphlets are available at both entrances.** If you prefer, you can use your own shoe box or plastic container (maximum size 9x12x5) or a backpack. **Please bring back filled boxes during the weekend Masses of November 23<sup>rd</sup>.** They can be left in the **Marveve Room** or around the Altar. Don't forget to insert the \$7 cheque in your box to cover the shipping charges. For more information please call Shirley@ 819 685-0576 or visit: [www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ)



**CWG BAZAAR: Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** In order to have a successful Bazaar, we welcome donations of crafts, toys & books, baked goods and other goods. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS IN UNTIL NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> (to NOV. 14<sup>TH</sup>)** because there is no place to store them. The church basement will be open in the morning. THANKS! **Tickets available for Quilt!**

#### **CUTTING OF TREES:**

Upon consulting with arborists and after considering the many implications, the Wardens have decided to have the four large trees located along the West wall of the church removed. Pruning/trimming is not an option as the size of the root systems represents potential serious foundation problems and two of the trees show blemishes which indicate core decay. This will be done shortly and new trees will be planted next spring.

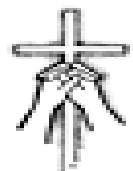
#### **A BENEFIT CHILI SUPPER & AUCTION:**

In support of Grandmothers in Africa, chili supper/auction is being held at St. Mark's Church on Sunday, **November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. **Tickets** are \$12.00 adults; \$6.00 children (under 8 years). To purchase tickets, **contact Dora** at 819 685-1352. All proceeds will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

*Thank You*

Rita, Joan, Florence & Fran wish to thank everyone who pitched in to make the spaghetti supper and auction a success. Thank you to those who donated items for the auction, for those who donated spaghetti sauce and/or cake. Thank you to Art Kealy of Allegro for printing our tickets, to Susie King for donating the napkins and rings, to Anne Marie Mongrain for the loan of the fall leaves. Thank you to Beauchamp Funeral Home and Glenn Kelly of Century 21 for donating door prizes. Thank you to Mike Wampol for cooking the pasta and the youth group for serving. Also - a big thank you to the kitchen staff, to the decorators, and to all those who bought tickets and/or made cash donations. With your generosity we raised \$4,050.00 for our India Mission.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember Bill McCrank, Dave McCormick, Tony Sciampacone, Corrie Welch, Kent McConnell, Pat Norlock, Wanda Bobrowski and their families in your prayers.



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