

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 23, 2008

Matthew 25:31--40

- The Last Judgment, the *Dies Irae*, stirs the heart with fear.
- Yet in the end, Lord, your message is simple, your command easy.
You are there beside me in the needy. I have only to reach them to reach you.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24th

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Hanna Piasecka Family by Friends
Friday	9:00 a.m.	
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Rose Ariel by Pauline & Ken Chamberlin Bruce MacDonald by Gillies & Ada Asselin
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Michael Dolan by Annie Guertin Luisa Zalunardo by Faye & Lillian
	11:00 a.m.	Sylvia Lapointe by Jean Paul

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:

\$2,481.50

Thank you!

The Advent Season begins next Sunday

The Church will look a bit different next Sunday; and the music, prayers and Scripture readings will be of a different tone as well, compared to what we have experienced for the last 6 months. We are moving out of "Ordinary Time" into the Advent Season, the beginning of the Church's New Year, which is a little different from the calendar year.

But Advent is about more than a change of colour and different music. Next Sunday's church bulletin will include an insert that tries to capture that "more". We hope you find time to read it and, even better, to discuss it with family members, neighbours, friends. That is a form of faith formation so readily available, perhaps not used enough?

The point is that we try to prevent the observance of Advent being neatly locked up in the church-building. Advent is meant to be an important element of our Christian life. And obviously, we live most of our Christian life not in a church building, but at home, at work, at places of entertainment.

Is it important to observe Advent? If we want to keep Christmas really Christian, then the best thing may be to keep the lid on "Christmassy things" in the next few weeks and observe the Advent season the best we can. Of course, society's pressure to jump the gun on Christmas is immense. But we can give it a try to keep things in perspective.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 4:00 P.M.: THE ADVENT EVENT

This is in line with the above item. The point of *The Advent Event* is getting our church, our homes, and ourselves in shape for the Advent season. A number of activities are being planned that adults, youth, and children can take part in. In other words, this is not something for children only. We would like it to be (what they call) intergenerational. We can all benefit from it, and it could serve as a good example for ongoing faith formation, again not "just for kids", but for all of us.

The plan is to begin the various activities at a number of spots in the church at 4:00 p.m. These activities include getting the Advent wreath for the church ready, making advent wreaths for our homes, putting up the Advent banners in the church, making the symbols for the Jesse Tree, working through the Bible to see what

is behind the symbols for the Jesse Tree, getting familiar with the Advent music, having an Advent Bingo. Young and old are needed for all this.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m. we plan to have a chilli supper together – most likely it will be in the Rectory again because the hall is being used – and, we hope to have everything in place for the 7:00 p.m. “**First Sunday of Advent Mass**”. All this is to help us get into the Advent mood.

THE NOVEMBER 8 FALL WORKSHOP FOR ALL LEADERS IN THE ENGLISH PARISHES IN OUR DIOCESE:

On Saturday morning, November 8, about 30 of our parishes leaders got together in Hull for a workshop called *An Assessment of How Our Parish Communities are doing in Light of the Challenge of Catechesis*. It is never an easy task to honestly and constructively take a look at how we are doing both collectively and individually as parish communities in that mission to which Jesus Christ himself commissions us in our world – in our slice of history. And we do live in such challenging times!

We listened to each other report on what dialogue has and has not begun around the issue of the absence of the parish priest, reports on what was or was not accomplished for the first annual Catechesis Sunday in September, as well as reflections on what Catechesis Sunday should bring out throughout the whole year. Tough subject matter! And with no ready-made answers for anyone. Still, we must strive to do and be everything we can, to bring Light into the World, to be Light for the World, to be Light for each other.

This exercise of coming together and sharing is both necessary and beneficial. These meetings are important because it is the only space we have to share ideas and initiatives, facing the challenges of today together.

BAPTISM:

This Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. eight children will be baptized.

Kindly remember them and their parents in your prayers.

Owen	son of	Rola Salem & Mark MacDonald
Nicolas	son of	Lisa-Marie Dolan & Marc Beaudin
Maxim	son of	Lisa-Marie Dolan & Marc Beaudin
Lucas	son of	Laura Greco & Jake Kelly
Virginia	daughter of	Shelly Paige & Chris Miles
Lily	daughter of	Dana Hogan & Robert Richer
Karyl	daughter of	Annalie Cabanes & Marck Drobnik
Cruz	son of	Sabrina Dubois-Mandar & Fleury Ranck Indoumou Mamboungou



STILL LOOKING FOR TWO NEW WARDENS

Three candidates for the three vacancies on the **Parish Pastoral Council** (for pastoral issues) have been nominated thus far. We are still looking for two more nominees for the three vacancies on **The Wardens** (for administrative and financial issues). The nominations will close on November 30.

If you are willing or if you know of someone capable and willing to serve our parish in that capacity, please contact the nominating committee: Jean-François Landry (819 682-0064), Rosemary Smith and Ken Smith (819 682-8397)



FUNDING PROJECTS WITH BITS OF PAPER

For many years, members of Development and Peace have been collecting stamps. They sell them to collectors in order to raise funds for projects supported by the International Solidarity Organization in

Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

In Quebec City, a group of dedicated members have been working with stamp collectors since October 2000. They have since raised \$25,000, thanks to these little bits of paper that are usually discarded in recycling bins. Since 1992 the activities organized by Development and Peace Philatelists have raised more than \$239,000. Individuals wishing to support this project should cut out the stamps, taking care not to damage the

indentations. The stamps can then be sent directly to the offices of Development & Peace in Montreal, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd., 3rd.Floor Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1T7.

The Bazaar: A lot of hard work, but very beneficial

There were some very tired women and men last Saturday; it all had to do with the Bazaar. It was not only the day itself that called for much work, but the days of leading up to it and preparing for it were busy too. But it was successful on several levels. There are the significant funds that were raised, but the fine fellowship displayed in the cooperation, in the contributions, in the participation and in the socializing is also very much part of that success; a parish cannot do without it.

Many thanks to all who made it work. Winners of the raffle are 1) Quilt - Faye Levesque, 2) Sweater - Mary Khan, 3) Gift Basket - Brigitte Levasseur.

There is a page for us in the Diocesan Publication *En Marche*

Our Diocese has a new quarterly publication that deals with pastoral matters in our Diocese: *En Marche*. As English parishes, we are included in it. Now it is a matter of making sure that we make use of it.

You will find the English page of the first issue as an insert in this Sunday's bulletin. It is an attempt to describe where and what we are as English parishes. There is room to assess and/or challenge the accuracy of the author's reading of the situation in our English parishes.

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 find them on pages 546-548. 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 you to buy one (for \$5.00) and to use it at home.

Another version of the 2009 Sunday Missal: one for Young Catholics

Novalis is providing an English version of a Sunday Missal that Jesuit Fathers in Mexico have put together with a younger public in mind. Do not let the title fool you. Adults (myself included) can greatly benefit from it. Its most attractive feature is the explanation it gives of key words in the Sunday Scripture readings.

The cost for this version is \$8.00.

A Reflection from Sacred Space 2008

Armistice Day on 11th November puts me in mind of the stupid wastefulness of war, and the overwhelming joy of peace when arms are laid down. No wonder that the peace-makers earn one of Jesus' Beatitudes; they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5:9). As I move into prayer, I detect rumblings of resentment, or unforgiven injuries, in my heart. That is where wars start. Let me bring them before my eyes in prayer, the people who stir my displeasure. I try to enter into their skin and their heart, and I say to them: go in peace, I have no quarrel with you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Kindly remember Dave McCormick, Tony Sciampacone, Corrie Welch, Pat Norlock, Bonnie Brennan and their families in your prayers.

