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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish Schools

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 19



November 21st to 25th

Tues. 8:30 am – Jack & Hilda Williams †
Wed. 8:30 am – Angelo Iacobelli †
Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Brian McGuire †
Fri. 8:30 am – Kim Chau (Sp. Int.)
Sat. 4:30 pm – Delia Freixa †

November 26th



1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-17
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:20-28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

FOR SALE THIS WEEKEND:

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available for sale at the back of the Church this weekend. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass; to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS



“Jesus is the Reason for the Season—don't X-mas him out!” Insist on keeping Christ in Christmas and wish people “Merry Christmas” instead of “Happy Holidays.” Send your Christmas greetings while supporting the Right to Life Association. This organization gives a voice to unborn children and speaks out against assisted suicide and euthanasia. Cards will be available after all Masses this weekend.

POINSETTIAS



Back by popular demand. High quality plants ready for your home or purchase as gifts. Sign-up sheet is available in the foyer today. Prepayment is not required. These plants come in various sizes, colours and prices and will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 9th and 10th.

CONFIRMATION:



Registration for students in Grades 7 (or older) will take place on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 pm. This is a very special meeting if you wish your child to be confirmed this school year. Anyone registered at Good Shepherd who does not attend our parish school and wishes to be confirmed should contact the office.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND:



Boxed sets for 2018 envelopes will be available next weekend. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set issued, please take a moment and complete a form in the foyer today.

If there is a change in address or phone number please inform the office in **writing**. Please email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or drop off the changes at the office.

SERRA CLUB ALTAR SERVER AWARDS:



On Saturday, November 11th, two Altar Servers received the “Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service” from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to

Christopher Choe and Joseph Chong.

FEED MY LAMBS:



This weekend is the collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for 10 underprivileged people at **The Good Shepherd Centre.**

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW:

Sunday, November 26th



The Book Barrow will take place after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. A selection of inspirational books are available for you to borrow and enjoy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Wednesday, November 22nd at 7pm



The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, November 22nd beginning with Mass at 7 pm. New members are always welcome. Please join us.

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR:



I was hungry... During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR." Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto's homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.

CWL MEETING: ADVENT PREPARATION MINI-RETREAT - NOVEMBER 20th at 7pm



Ladies, come and join us for an evening of prayer and meditation as we prepare for Advent.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD:



It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18th-25th, 2018. The Theme for this coming year is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (cf. Exodus 15:6).

First prize is an iPad Pro (128GB), Second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O Edition 2, and Third prize is a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register. Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 8, 2018. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.
— St. John Chrysostom

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CREMATION: Excerpts from Cardinal Collins' letter on Cremation, October 2017



Many Catholics are unaware that since 1963 the Church has also accepted cremation as an alternative to burial. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of our loved one does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God from raising up the deceased body to new life...When cremation is chosen, this choice must never violate the wishes of the deceased.

According to Church teaching, scattering cremated remains on the sea, in the air, on the ground, or keeping them in the homes of relatives, does not display appropriate reverence.

When, for legitimate reasons, cremation has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the bishop. This shows fitting respect for the one who has died.

FAITH CONNECTIONS: HIKE AND PRAYER



Saturday, November 25th at 10am

Young adults (18-39) are invited to join us for an opportunity to slow down with God and enjoy the beauty of nature at High Park. Please contact Kataryna at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca.

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