



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 18, 2018



Nov 20th – Nov 24th

Tues. 8:30 am - Jack & Hilda Williams †
Wed. 8:30 am - Giuseppe Germano †
Thurs. Noon - Francis Ip †
Fri. 8:30 am - Agnes Thesesa Lee †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Anthony Toscano †

READINGS FOR – November 25th

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14
2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8
Gospel: John 18.33b-37



2019 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.



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 25^h



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.

CWL MEETING NOVEMBER 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The monthly CWL meeting will take place on Monday, November 19th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"He will gather his chosen from the four winds."

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples to learn the lesson of the fig tree, that summer will follow new leaves. He asks us to also be attentive to the ends of things. We begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast, Christ the King, and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages, Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds." This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

Nowadays we have been made sensitive to the fact that nature alone is not to blame. We too have our share of responsibility in the dramatic changes in nature and climate. We too are responsible or complicit in the mistrust between religions, races and countries that fuel conflicts.

Jesus promised that when we see darkness and destruction, suffering and pain, "he is near, at the very gates." Both Daniel and Jesus emphasize not the dark side of human history but the bright side of God's saving plan. The end times lie in the hands of God who sends out the Archangel Michael to protect his people when persecuted and, ultimately, Jesus, "the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory."

The central mystery of our faith is that death is followed by rising. God brings new life from ashes, sends a baby to save the world, dies to death when he walks out of the tomb. No matter how messy life has become, God invites us to be people who pay attention, who wait for and expect new life.

May our hearts turn with gratitude toward God in the midst of struggle, hoping to see what gifts he will bring out of the difficulty.

Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: **"The Ministry of Care Giving"**

Dates and topics will be announced in December for the Winter 2019 Program.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxed sets for 2019 envelopes will be available shortly. 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, phone number, etc., please inform the office in **writing**. Please email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or drop off the changes at the office.



PEANUT BUTTER, COOKIES AND SOCKS

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

November 18th marks the 2nd World Day for the Poor and the CWL is asking all parishioners to get involved by helping the homeless by making a donation of Peanut Butter, Cookies or Socks. These are much needed items. Our goal is to collect **2019** pairs of socks. We will be collecting donations at the back of the church this weekend, November 17th and 18th. We are truly blessed with a very giving community and we say thank you in advance for all your gracious donations.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 24th and 25th



As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

For many of our retired shepherds, this means "lending a hand" to accommodate their special needs so that they continue to live with dignity. The Shepherd's Trust collection will take place during the weekend of November 24/25. Envelopes will be distributed this weekend - November 17/18. This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

AND BAZAAR

November 24th and 25th

The ladies of the CWL will be holding the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale after all masses. Come and check out the assortment of Christmas Crafts, knitted goods, Christmas Baskets, baked goods and a raffle in the church hall. There will be something for everyone on your list. We would be happy to receive donations of baked goods from all members of the parish. Donations can be dropped off after 2:00 pm on Saturday Nov. 24 and before the Masses on Sunday, Nov. 25.



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 8th and 9th.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Food Basics/ No Frills/ Walmart Gift Cards after all Masses starting this weekend and will continue for the next several weeks. As we prepare for Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need assistance to get through the holidays. **Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

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