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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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 School**

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# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 17, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FOR THE WEEK



Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Frank Flanagan †

Wed. 8:30 am – Jack & Hilda Williams †

Thurs. Noon – Ko & Leung Families †

Fri. 8:30 am – Fausto Ignagni †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Paulo Correia †

## READINGS FOR – November 24

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1.12-20

Gospel: Luke 23.35-43



**2020 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.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxed sets for 2020 envelopes are ready for pick up. 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. Envelope numbers over "500" have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number. We would also like to remind you **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider Pre-Authorized giving. If there is a change in address, phone number, etc., please inform the office in **writing**. Please email: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca) or drop off the changes at the office.



## LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

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.

## THIRD WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

17 November 2019

**"The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever."**

November 17, 2019 marks the third annual World Day of the Poor. In 2017, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year.

We urge that everyone read the Pope's message carefully – he is talking to us, just as Jesus was talking to us, when He said that whatever we do to these, we do to Him. We should derive great strength and commitment of purpose from the Pope's message, reflecting as it does, the words of Jesus and from Scripture. We build the foundation of our Order on the daily actions we take to care for those in need, seeing Christ in each one of them and being grateful for the opportunities we have to follow His words that we know so well: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

*"At times, very little is needed to restore hope. It is enough to stop for a moment, smile and listen. For once, let us set statistics aside: the poor are not statistics to cite when boasting of our works and projects. The poor are persons to be encountered; they are lonely, young and old, to be invited to our homes to share a meal; men women and children who look for a friendly word. The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ."*

*"If the disciples of the Lord Jesus wish to be genuine evangelizers, they must sow tangible seeds of hope. I ask all Christian communities, and all those who feel impelled to offer hope and consolation to the poor, to help ensure that this World Day of the Poor will encourage more and more people to cooperate effectively so that no one will feel deprived of closeness and solidarity. May you always treasure the words of the prophet who proclaims a different future: "For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings" (Mal 3:20 [4:2])." Pope Francis*



## Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: **"Visio Divina – Holy or Divine Looking"**

Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: **"Grandparents"**

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

**Inviting men & women 50+ to attend.**



**JOIN US ON FRIDAY NOV. 22<sup>nd</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.**

**FEATURE MOVIE**

**"Entertaining Angels - The Dorothy Day Story"**

Dorothy Day is no saint. She lives hard, makes mistakes and endures the consequences. But the unquenchable fire burning within her cannot be contained. Dorothy wants to make a difference. During the Depression, she vows to house the homeless, feed the hungry and tend the sick. Easily said. Not easily done when her total finances amount to 97 cents in a battered canister. Yet Dorothy persists, walking on frequently stormy waters of faith.

## CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BAZAAR November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

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. 23 and before the Masses on Sunday, Nov. 24.



## RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS



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 starting Nov. 16/17. The cost is \$10.00.

## 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. **We kindly ask Gift Cards in \$25 denomination. Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.** You can still donate gift cards without a tag.



## 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.



## 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.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will hold their meeting on Monday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.



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