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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

66A Main St. South L6W 2C6

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 2017



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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment

Baptisms

Please contact the Parish Office

Marriages

Please contact the parish office one year in advance

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 6:00 p.m. Adoration/ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Devotions

Rosary. Half an hour before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Those interested in being Catholic

Adults who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

Parish Schools

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Pastors' Corner:



This past August we initiated a new Baptismal Preparation process. In our new process for preparing parents for Baptism we first look at the very important question of who Jesus Christ is. In the Gospels there is a crucial moment in the ministry of Jesus where at Caesarea Philippi Jesus asks his disciples who "people" say he is – he is asking them, what the scuttle butt is about him. Then when hearing what "other people" are saying about him, he asks them the personal question of who they say he is. After some silence, no doubt, Simon Peter speaks out and announces Jesus to be the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. With this bold pronouncement, Jesus then announces to Simon Peter that he will be the "rock" on which Jesus will build his Church - in effect, naming Peter his Vicar on Earth (i.e. the first Pope).

Have you ever wondered what people say about Jesus? In your workplaces or at your sports arenas, in the midst of family gatherings, does Jesus' name come up? I would bet that it does not. And yet, if you were to ask these same people if they believed in Jesus, a good number would probably say an emphatic "yes".

If this is true, then we might appropriately ask: why the "silence" on Jesus?

As for the disciples, Jesus now asks us, what we think of him... who do we think he is? The answer to this question is not found in a book somewhere or a wise man/woman that we can go and ask. No, the answer is found within us if we only dare to search. Who is Jesus Christ "to you"? Is he your Lord and Saviour? Do you believe that he was a real person who walked the Earth 2000 years ago in the area we now call the "holy land"? Did this man claim to be God? Did he suffer? Did he die on a Cross? Was he buried in a tomb? Did he Rise from the dead? Does he now live?

To all the questions above, I can emphatically say "YES". And because of this yes, my life has changed forever. This yes, forces me to live in a certain way, to speak in a certain way, to act in a certain way... and following this "WAY" makes me a "Follower of Christ" (i.e. a CHRISTIAN).

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

P.S. Next week I will follow up with the second part of what we focus on with Baptism parents on the first week we meet (i.e. the Catholic Church).

Let's put Women at the Heart of Peace - sign the D&P postcard next Sunday!

MAY PEACE BE WITH HER



Women are among the most vulnerable during times of war or violent conflict. But they are also important when it comes to creating and sustaining peace.

Did you know that a peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 15 years if women help to build it? Women have skills that can transform peace and reconciliation processes in their communities.

Next Sunday, on the feast of Christ the King, Cardinal Collins invites you to participate in an Archdiocesan weekend of action to put women at the heart of peace. You will be invited to sign a simple postcard from Development and Peace. It asks the federal government to give women around the world the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. Visit the website at <https://www.devp.org/campaign>

Cherish Life Christmas Cake & Cards



Cherish Life will be selling Christmas cakes and Christmas cards after all the masses the following weekend of **November 26th**. They will be at the main entrance of the church. Proceeds will benefit Pro-Life initiatives.



"Keep Christ in Christmas"



"Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs will be for sale by the Knights of Columbus following each Mass on Sunday November 26. The signs will provide a message to our community regarding the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas as well as providing financial support to the work the Knights of Columbus do in our parish.

St. Mary's Family Christmas Project 2017 Be a Sponsor

St. Mary's Family Christmas volunteers will be signing up **sponsors** after all of the masses on **this weekend** for needy families within our parish. If your family, a group of friends or your company would like to support a family in need this Christmas, please sign up at the front entrance of the church. Your generosity this year will ensure that these families experience a joyful Christmas. Thank you.



Blessing of Advent Wreaths

We will be blessing our parish Advent wreath and lighting the first purple candle the weekend of December 2 & 3 (First Sunday of Advent). Families are invited to bring their Christmas Advent Wreath on that weekend to have it blessed at any of the Masses.



For the Recently Departed

Joe Ferreira Moscatel
Rodolfo Echavez

For the Sick

Evelyn Cletus
Branko Rayakovich

November 19th - 25th 2017

North Peel Serra Club

Would you like to sign up to be a charter member of the **North Peel Serra Club**? Serra club members promote and pray for priestly and religious vocations along with strengthening their own faith through various speakers. Adults of all ages and backgrounds welcome!

To sign up, please come out on to our next meeting on **Sat., Nov., 25th** starting with 9am Mass at **St. Mary's Church**, 66A Main St. South, **Brampton**.

For more info. contact Teresa Buonafede at 519-942-2841 or tbuonafede@look.ca

See <http://www.serrainternational.org> for more details



CWL News

Catholic Women's League will be Selling Christmas Bazaar items in the Sullivan Room, after all Masses. Come and see us, you may just find that unique Christmas gift.

Executive Meeting: Wednesday November 22 at 7:30 p.m. lower level.

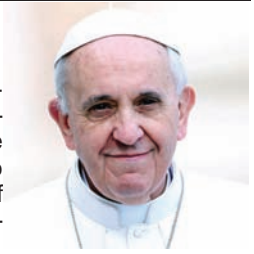


MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 November 2017

Let us love, not with words but with deeds



We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true *encounter* with the poor and a *sharing* that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing.

We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.

We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!

Tragically, in our own time, even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society throughout our world. Faced with this scenario, we cannot remain passive, much less resigned. There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favours. There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive. To all these forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society.

6. At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a *World Day of the Poor*, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, which are already a tradition in the life of our communities, I wish to add this one, which adds to them an exquisitely evangelical fullness, that is, Jesus' preferential love for the poor.

I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This *Day* is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter.

At the heart of all the many concrete initiatives carried out on this day should always be *prayer*. Let us not forget that the *Our Father* is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties and the lack of what they need. This new *World Day*, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

*From the Vatican, 13 June 2017
Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua*

Francis



All masses during the month of November are celebrated for all our deceased brothers & sisters.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday - November 20

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Tuesday - November 21

Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday - November 22

St. Cecilia

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday - November 23

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Friday - November 24

Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

9:00 a.m. - Mass

6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Saturday - November 25

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass


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