

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2017

*We are children of the light and of the day, vigilant for the
Lord's return.*

Thank you and Farewell to Fr. Greg Murray, S.C.J., Associate Pastor

To give all parishioners the opportunity to bid farewell to Fr. Greg Murray and to properly thank him for his gift of service here at Good Shepherd Parish, your Pastoral Council is organizing a couple of social events: on Saturday 16 December following the 5:00 pm Mass we will have a Parish Potluck; and on Sunday 17 December, following each of the two morning Masses there will be a coffee time. These events are taking place on the weekend of the Third Sunday of Advent which is also known as Gaudete Sunday, where we celebrate in joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming. We will take these occasions to honour and give thanks for the time we had with Fr. Greg, journeying in faith together. Please mark that weekend to attend one or both events. Please contact Sarah MacDonald-McLean @ smacdo03@gmail.com if you can assist with organizing the potluck. More info to follow in the weeks ahead.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ADVENT RETREAT - Christian meditation Advent retreat with Denis Paquette, a contemplative and graduate of Spiritual Mentorship at Saint Paul University. **Sat., Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m. - noon.** Good Shepherd Church, 3092 Innes Rd. Goodwill offering. Info-registration: cmadventretreat@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend.

MASS OF CONSOLATION & REMEMBRANCE - The Pastoral Care team will be hosting a Mass for "Consolation and Remembrance" on **Tuesday evening November 21st at 7.00PM** here at Good Shepherd Parish. Anyone having experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, child or spouse is invited to attend. As well those experiencing loss of independence due to ill health or the loss of a job are also most welcome to attend. All pastoral Care members will be in attendance as well as a member of the Widows, Widowers Group. There will be a small reception after the Mass. Loss has no time frame so be it 1 year, 10 years, or more, please join us for this Mass.

SUNDAY MISSALS – The 2018 Sunday Missals will be sold after the masses the weekends of **November 18/19 and 25/26**. The cost is \$7.00. Copies are also available to be purchased at the office.

Baptismal Preparation Ministry

We are currently seeking new members to join the team to assist families prepare for the reception of this Sacrament for their child and loved ones. Baptisms are held the last Saturday of the month (2:00-4:00 pm) and one or two preparation sessions are held at the church (usually) between 10:00-11:00 am on Sundays prior to the day of the celebration.

Volunteers to this ministry could assist at the Baptism ceremony itself, or with the preparation sessions... no one is expected to do it all and the commitment is flexible to your schedule. Training will be provided and students requiring volunteer hours are welcomed. Please consider stepping forward to this very rewarding ministry – it is a way to share your gifts with the families of your parish. Please contact Magda Baillet at gs-respmin@bellnet.ca or call the parish office at 613-824-4394.

Offering for November 12, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2465.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 777.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5902.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Father Greg's Corner

The capable wife, from the Book of Proverbs, is really an image of the ideal believer. And look at the things this woman is praised for, simple, commonplace actions and attitudes: she's trustworthy, hard-working, she has inner strength, she's prudent, charitable, wise, and most important of all she fears God. She doesn't try to take God's place. She knows what's pleasing to God and those around her, and she does it.

St. Paul tells us that we are to keep awake and be sober. We're not to believe that humanity can solve all its own problems; peace and security are an illusion if they're not built on the knowledge of God's sovereignty. We're to live peaceably with all people, but in the knowledge that this peace will be disturbed eventually and a far greater peace take its place, a peace not based on human ingenuity but on God's grace. We are to live simply in trust before God; we are to do everything for the honour and glory of God and trust His promises. We're not to let the complexity of the world around us cause us to doubt, or allow it to paralyze us.

Jesus puts the same kind of program before us in the gospel of Matthew: feed the hungry, shelter the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and the prisoner. Straightforward acts of love and compassion; no problems to solve, no world to save, just things that all of us are capable of doing. We're not to worry about when the Son of Man is coming, rather we're told to live and act as though he were already here, because in a very real sense he already is. Do your duty, as you've been asked to do. I think the third slave failed to do the master's will because he thought about it too much. He looked at all the angles, tried to figure out what his master would do, what kind of man he was, how he would judge, that he ended up making the problem too complex. And in the end his failure came in doing nothing, in allowing complexity to paralyze him.

We can and should try to avoid this trap, which is so easy in our day and age to fall into. Let us be like the other two slaves who used what they had been given to do God's will, by simply doing what they had been asked to do. The heavenly master wants us to develop our lives by living simply, and simply doing as He asks of us; for He will refuse us if we simply hand back to Him what He has given to us: a life which has not been transformed by His love.

God bless you all. Fr. Greg

Stairwell Carollers Christmas Concert Fundraiser: Saint Joseph Church, Orléans, 2757 St. Joseph Blvd., **Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.** 40th anniversary Gala Concert and first time in Orleans, the Stairwell Carollers will be singing in many languages. Theme: **A Canadian Christmas**. Benefits to the financial campaign to renovate the Church, a historical landmark. Tickets at parish office or at concert, if space available. Cost: \$20; children under 12 free. Info: 613-824-7983; paroisse_stjoseph@bellnet.ca; campaign <http://stjosephorleanscampaign.ca>

INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18– Thirty-Third Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Ken Kennedy req by the family
†Gene & Vivian Lusignan req by Dr. G.M. Lusignan
†Margaret-Ann Nelson-Cole req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
†Paddy & Teresa Hyland req by the Sharf family
†Arthur & Ellen Sharf req by the Sharf family
Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, November 19 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Roger Goulet req by Rick & Maureen Boulianne
†Emerson Algan req by the family
Deceased members of the McNeely & Hall families' req by Jean Hall

Monday, November 20 – Thirty-Third Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Ken Knightley req by Sheila & Michael

Tuesday, November 21 – Memorial, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass of Special Intention

Thursday, November 23 – Thirty-Third Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Henriette Rooke req by the family
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

Friday, November 24 – Memorial, St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 am †Cecilia Ferreira req by the Ferreira family
In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

Saturday, November 25– Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 Deceased members of the Alphonse, Gallion & Saltibus families req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
Deceased members of the Hyland, & Donovan families' req by the Sharf family
Deceased members of the Sharf & Sampson families' req by the Sharf family
Deceased members of the CWL
Intention of George & Darlene Keable req by Gail Lussier
Intention of Pat & Henry Struble req by Dr. G.M. Lusignan

Sunday, November 26 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Steve Als req by Hilary Als

Please pray for our sick;, June Cheverie, Antoinette Tissaaratchy, Joe MacDonell, June Cheverie, Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Mercy triumphs over judgment! May all children who have died by miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion be carried to the joys of heaven. November is National Adoption Awareness month visit www.adoptionincanada.ca We must never be fooled into thinking that "Medically-assisted dying" or "end of life health care" is anything but euthanasia. "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to human life. It is morally unacceptable." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2277). "I confirm that euthanasia is a grave violation of God's law, as it is a deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person." (St John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, No. 65).