

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

The Lord who will come in glory is a tender, compassionate shepherd who calls us into the reign of God.

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.

SUNDAY MISSALS – The 2018 Sunday Missals will be sold after the masses this weekends. The cost is \$7.00. Copies are also available to be purchased at the office.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES – Campaign Life will be selling Christmas Cakes the weekends of November 26/26 & December 9/10 in the gathering space.

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 Baillot at gs-respmin@bellnet.ca or call the parish office at 613-824-4394.

Stairwell Caroller's 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>

Employment Opportunity at St. Patrick Basilica: A part-time bookkeeper is being sought by Saint Patrick Basilica Parish. The job description is available on the parish website basilica.ca. Interested candidates are asked to send their resume and two work-related references by email to the Parish Office info@basilica.ca.

Offering for November 19, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1539.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 522.00
Total Collection:	\$ 4721.00

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

Dcn. Dan's Corner

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and today somehow sums up all that we have been hearing in the Sunday Gospels. The Jesus we have watched moving through the towns of Galilee, Samaria and Judea; the Jesus we watched teaching, healing, consoling, liberating - is our Lord and King. He is the visible presence of God in our midst.

Jesus sees himself as the Good Shepherd: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out My sheep."

But there are others who will not be so well treated. "The fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed my sheep with justice." God is biased against those who exploit the weaker and poorer members in society. Justice for God is based on an equitable sharing, and access to resources available and necessary for a life of dignity and self-respect.

And that's precisely the point in the Gospel reading for today. The scene is the final judgement. There will be two kinds of people coming for judgement, described respectively as 'sheep' and 'goats' (the good guys, and the bad guys). And how are the good and the bad guys to be distinguished from each other? It's obvious that both groups are very surprised at the criteria that Jesus presents.

Speaking first to the sheep, Jesus says: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then turning to the goats, whom he calls "accursed", He condemns them for not recognizing Jesus in their brothers and sisters. Jesus is saying that, if we wish to be counted among the sheep, then we must actively love people - irrespective of the response we get to that love.

This is the way God loves us. It's not enough just to fulfil obligations - religious or otherwise. It won't do to say, "I'm a good enough Catholic". No, we are expected to go out of our way, reaching out in love - especially to those in need: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the poor and naked, the sick and those in prison.

This is the King we are called to serve. And the way He wants to be served is for us to be filled with care and compassion for brothers and sisters everywhere - and especially for those who are furthest from Him, and those who are not experiencing the abundance that He has filled this world with. We all serve by loving those who are materially, socially, psychologically, morally and spiritually poor. Amen.

INTENTIONS

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
†Vera Urbanova req by the Pereira 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
†Oscar Leger req by Joe & Elaine MacDonell

Monday, November 27

9:00 am Intention of Rebecca Walker req by Vince & Annmarie Costello

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 am Mass of Special Intention

Thursday, November 30 – **Feast, St. Andrew, Apostle**

9:00 am †Happy Repose of Fidelis Ifedi req by the family and the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 1

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews & Grace Loney req by Myrna Andrews

Saturday, December 2

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews & Herb Lalonde req by Myrna Andrews

Saturday, December 2– First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am †George Timko req by Bobbi Timko
†Brenda MacDonald req by Bobbi Timko
†Elizabeth Anne MacDonald req by Johanne Brady
11:15 am †Gerard Gaudet req by Jean Gaudet & family
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

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

Let us pray that in Christ, the King of Justice and Life, the evils of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia may be eliminated from our midst. On this day when we celebrate Christ the King, Jesus instructs us that when the Son of Man comes in glory, "all nations" will come before Him while He separates the sheep (the righteous) from the goats (the accursed). The criteria by which the King will judge us is the way in which we take care of others, thereby reflecting how we recognize and treat the King Himself. Jesus's message could not be clearer: At the final judgment, the Son of Man will examine our response to our needy brothers and sisters, and these especially include those who perhaps don't "look" like they even possess dignity. Taken from Priests for Life Canada