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Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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Sat. Nov 2	9-9:20am	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
	9:30am	Confessions
	4 -4:45pm	✠ Souls in Purgatory Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 3	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family) ✠ Lastovic & Rozic Families (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
	11:00am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Christine Meyo & Family) ✠ Martin, Maria & Ivan Plesko (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)
Mon. Nov 4	9:30am	Intentions of Miranda Grayson (Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Nov 5	9:30am	✠ Maria McMillan (Mary & Jim Smith) ✠ Roger & Paul Rosinski & Joanne O'Hara (Olga Rosinski)
Wed. Nov 6	9:30am	✠ Jaga & Ivan Lastovic (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic) ✠ Jean Miller & Gemmie Giesen (Tremeer Family)
Thurs. Nov 7	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario) ✠ Marion Mullin (Walters Family)
Fri. Nov 8	9:30am	Intentions of Courtney & Maverick (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Nov 9	9-10am	Confessions
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	Confirmation ✠ Stephen Bozik (Veronica & John Douglas)
Sun. Nov 10	9:30am	✠ Marty Marin (Mike & Anne Young) ✠ Martin Smith (Jim & Mary Smith)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." Zacchaeus was serious about following Jesus. Maybe at the start he was just curious when he ran ahead to scale that sycamore tree. But that curiosity developed into a life-changing experience when Jesus called him by name. At that moment, when the Lord chose Zacchaeus to be his host for the evening, the rich tax collector "came down quickly and received him with joy." And shortly thereafter came his promise of conversion and penance. Not only would he change his ways; he would make up for his former ones. And thus Jesus declared, "Today salvation has come to this house."



Penance isn't a popular concept in our modern era. We like to think about God's great mercy and forgiveness, but it's not so fun to think about the lingering effects of our sin. When Zacchaeus stole money, people suffered, especially the poor. His conversion to the ways of God wouldn't make up for the suffering he had inflicted on people. But his choice to go back and set things aright could make a difference. Sometimes, we are called to do something similar. Of course it is not always possible to go back and directly restore the relationships or situations that we have damaged through our sins. However, it IS always possible to offer a kind of sacrifice--often called "making reparation"--for our sin. We can do something virtuous and offer it to God as a kind of deposit in the universal "bank" of goodness to make up for the unjust withdrawals we have previously made. In this way, we too can show that we are serious about following the Lord.

Confirmation 2019: Next weekend on Saturday, November 9th, during the 5pm Mass, our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by His Excellency Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. Holy Spirit, strengthen our Confirmation candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Fortitude, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another to become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come. **PLEASE, NO PHOTOGRAPHY DURING MASS FOR CONFIRMATION.**

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of November 16/17, 2019. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the *Deo Gratias* collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use a plain envelope. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish." Thank you.

Offertory October 26th & 27th 2019

66 Envelopes	\$1, 575.00
Loose Collection	\$ 67.30
Total Offertory	\$1, 642.30
All Souls	\$ 120.00

Catholic Women's League
Our CWL Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 16th., 9am-1pm. Items are needed for gift baskets, gift table, silent auction and penny sale as well as produce to sell. Baked items can be dropped off on Friday, Nov. 15th during office hours or early Saturday morning. New this year....On Thursday, Nov. 14th, from 3-5pm, we invite the parents, children and staff of St. Ann School to attend the bazaar for children's games and an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Pierogies will also be available to purchase. This is a parish and community event and we hope many will respond to the invitation.

If you can help on the day of the bazaar, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

Mass for deceased members of CWL & Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 @ 7pm. Star of the Sea Parish, 34 Elgin St., St. Catharines. Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie. All are welcome. A social will follow in the parish hall.

CWL Memberships are now due. Please submit your envelope in the collection plate at Mass or to the church office no later than the end of November as all information and money must be sent to our national office. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 3rd, 2019 or you may use a plain envelope. FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment.

Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments. The Enthusiastic Steward

Have you ever been at a concert and rushed the stage to get closer to your favourite act? Has your favourite sports team won a championship, and you just wanted to celebrate for hours? For those of us who are parents, have you ever gone to great lengths to get the perfect photo at a First Communion, graduation, or some other ceremony in which your child was involved? When moments in our life are filled with enthusiasm, we can find ourselves overwhelmed and doing things we might not normally do. I bet Zacchaeus didn't have a regular habit of climbing trees. However, he climbed one so he could see Jesus more clearly. His enthusiasm led him up a tree, an action he probably would not normally do. Following Jesus Christ is not easy in this world of ours. Trying to do it without feeling any enthusiasm makes it doubly difficult. Enthusiasm is something that can be grown, but we must be the ones who foster it. When we see the fruits of our stewardship, enthusiasm grows. When we spend time in prayer and in God's Word getting to know Jesus better, enthusiasm grows. When we work to make Jesus the most important person in our life, enthusiasm grows. If we find ourselves too often with our feet on the ground and growing in apathy, perhaps it is time to do what it takes to bring on that desire to climb a tree.

Young Adults, ages 19-39, are invited to attend the next monthly **FEED YOUR FAITH FRIDAY** being held on **November 29, 2019** at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merritville Highway, Thorold beginning at 6:00 pm. Join us for supper, faithful discussions, and prayer. For more information, call Terri at 905-684-0154, #209 or check out the Diocesan Facebook page.

Cathedral Appeal: We thank you for prayerfully considering a financial contribution to this important project. Brochures and donation envelopes are at the church entrance. **Our own parish to date has donated \$5350.**

Parish Calendar

Nov 2nd/3rd...	2020 St. Joseph Missals available to purchase
Nov 3rd....	CWL Memberships are due
Nov 3rd.....	Move clocks back one hour
Nov 8th.....	Confirmation Rehearsal 2:15pm in church
Nov 9th.....	Confirmation 5pm
Nov 11th.....	Holy Hour Cancelled
Nov 11th-14th....	Weekday Masses cancelled
Nov 14th.....	Bingo cancelled
Nov 14th.....	3-5pm—CWL Bazaar open house for St. Ann School community
Nov 16th.....	CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 17th....	Special Collection— Deo Gratias
Nov 24th....	Christ the King
Nov 23/24....	2020 Offertory boxes available to pick up

First Sunday of Advent.....December 1st.
Youth Ministry Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.
Bingo every Thursday 7pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!

St. Joseph 2020 Missals— If you would like one for your personal use, they will be available to purchase **this weekend-** \$3 each. If you are a lector or musician, please take one at no cost.



On Saturday, November 23rd, join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You are Called". Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early bird" tickets or for more info about these conferences visit: **branchesoftheword.org** or call Branches at 905-685-7000

The Knights of Columbus Council 1394 will be hosting an all you can eat Breakfast on every Sunday this November from 9 AM-12 PM in their council hall at 235 Church St., St. Catharines. Adults eat for \$10.00 Children 12 and under eat for \$6.00.

Welland Knights of Columbus Council #2146 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in June 2020 and would appreciate it if anyone has any photos, memorabilia or stories they could share with their Council. Contact Patrick Rothwell, Grand Knight, Council #2146 Welland, 905-732-9475.

Kindergarten Open House and Online Registration 2019: November is Kindergarten Registration month across Niagara Catholic. Open House at St. Ann School will be **Wed., November 20th, 2019 from 9am-6pm. 905-892-3942.** Online registration is available throughout the school year and through the board website or by visiting the school.

November 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The pope is the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.

