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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

World Day of the Poor

When the World comes crashing in ...



A new carport was not envisioned in the renovations ... too soon for a joke? Thank you, Mother Mary, the young man who rammed into the place of welcome ran away uninjured. It is in the hands of the police. What are we to do? How powerful it was for me to hear that the coffee and cookie visits saw our "teen/tween" girls decide to start a Rosary Guild, and to offer this first week of rosaries for the very man who did this. This is the Victory of Christ the King whose Solemnity we celebrate next week. So, our men stepped up to cover the damage while we await complete repairs ... and as a parish we will offer our Novena to Christ the King with the special intention of this driver.

Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7)

Pope Francis has chosen this simple passage from the Book of Tobit to anchor his beautiful reflection of our call to witness to the Father's Mercy by serving the poor. Such a busy distracted life we have! Do we see the face of the poor? One of them was in our church last week, he struck me but I have been thinking about how beat up this young man has been to be in such a state.

Virtual reality is overtaking real life, and increasingly the two worlds blend into one. The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. Haste, by now the daily companion of our lives, prevents us from stopping to help care for others. The parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.

The Pope calls us to be *personally involved*. The final blessing of the couple at their wedding always strikes me: **"May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and the needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully in to the eternal dwelling of God."** Powerful: Baptism is a passport to heaven, it is stamped by the poor and afflicted. Ours is to be "Gospel realism" of meeting people's concrete needs, says the Pope. He gives us the model of St. Thérèse of Lisieux whose 150th birthday is this year:

"I have come to realize that perfect charity means putting up with other people's faults, not being at all taken aback by their faults, being edified by the smallest acts of virtue that we see practiced. But above all, I have come to realize that charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart: 'No one', Jesus says, 'lights a candle to put it under a bushel basket, but puts it on a candle-stand, so that it can give light to everyone in the house'. For me, that candle represents the charity that must give light and bring joy not only to those dearest to me, but to everyone in the house, with the exception of none" (Ms C, 12r°).

For the full text of the Pope's short Message for World Day of the Poor see our Website.

MONDAY, November 20, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Paul Charlebois*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Faith Study

TUESDAY, November 21 2023

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Deceased of the GSCS*)
7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2023

St. Cecilia (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Israel & Melodina Japon*)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, November 23, 2023

St. Clement I & St. Columban (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Pat Kalyniuk*)
7:00 pm - CCO Men's Night
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 24, 2023

St. Andrew DUNG-LAC & Companions (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Elena, Antonio & Carol*)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Faces of Abortion Tour

SATURDAY, November 25, 2023

St. Catherine of Alexandria (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Souls in purgatory*)
1:00 pm - Pro-Life Conversation Skills
7:00 pm - Men's Night

SUNDAY, November 26, 2023

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ the King

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Please join us next Sunday, **November 26**, for the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** following the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses



All men of good will are invited for a proper **Men's Night Saturday, November 25 at 7:00pm** at St. Paul's, featuring Holy Fellowship with food, drinks, cigars and cards. Bringing food and beverage to share is encouraged, all men 19+ are welcome.

St. Paul's will be hosting one night of **Lector/ Welcomer** training **Thursday, November 30 at 7:00pm**. If you have signed up for either of these ministries, please plan to attend.

CCBR's "Faces of Abortion" - Presentation focused on shifting the abortion conversation from statistics and legislation to the precious girls, boys and families most impacted by this injustice **November 24 at 7pm** at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. Contact Cam at ccote@endthekilling.ca for more information. Plus, join Cam Côté **November 25** from **1-3pm** at St. Paul's for an interactive workshop to learn how to change hearts and minds on abortion.

The **St. Paul's Children's Choir** is happy to present an **Advent Concert** with the **Melodia Singers**. **Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 pm** at St. Paul's.

Sr Peter Mary will be starting visits to homebound parishioners. If you know of a parishioner who would benefit from a home visit, please email **Sr. Peter** at srpetermary@stpaulcocathedral.ca or call the parish office at (306) 652-0033

OFFERING for November 12, 2023

	Weekly Collection	Monthly Total
Cash Donations	\$1,108.40	\$2,388.40
Envelopes	\$2,365.00	\$4,789.00
PAG		\$4,905.00
E-transfers	\$894.25	\$1,363.65
		\$13,446.05
Less: Monthly goal		\$40,000.00
	Net:	-\$26,553.95
Renovations	\$705.00	\$2,890.00