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HEART, MIND AND SOUL

We humans are complex creatures. Our flesh (our physical existence), our mind (our intellect and reasoning faculties), and our soul (the affections, passions, and emotional attitudes which we hold dear), combine to make us who we are. Though each of these areas impacts the others, it is easy for us to live a life of dichotomy, disassociating one area of our life from the others. For example, though we may know something to be true we often have an emotional response which is contrary to what we know. We can possess a young mind in an aging body, or vice versa. We can express real rage while driving home from a meaningful time of devout worship. We are complex, frequently behaving in ways that contradict each other, and our lives are often unmanageable mysteries.



Therefore, to make sense of our mysteriously complex lives it is important to know how Jesus answered the simple question that appears in this week's Gospel reading; "What is the greatest commandment?" He does not simply say to love God, but qualifies his response by saying we are to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul, thus recognizing the possibility of living a life of dichotomy. To Jesus, a half-hearted, unreasoned, lukewarm response to God is unacceptable, and a contrary response to what the greatest commandment calls forth. Jesus' explanation calls forth from us a complete abandonment to God in love, a total giving of ourselves, heart, mind and soul.

For all of us, this total giving of ourselves in love is a constant challenge, for both our nature and the world offer alternatives for our affections. At every turn, our minds are confronted with supposedly enlightened knowledge that purports to refute the wisdom of God. Additionally, our physical beings resist the discipline of dedication and cry out for the comfort of complacency. Invariably we must periodically renew our vow of love and commitment, through major acts of devotion, lest we discover that our love has grown cold. The seasons of the liturgical year call forth and provide opportunities for the renewal of our love. In addition, these vows of love and commitment to God need to be nourished daily by quiet acts of devotion like Scripture reading and prayer. When either major or quiet acts of devotion is abandoned for any length of time our love for God may quietly, steadily grow dormant.

Francis De Sales, writing in the days of mechanical clocks, truly captures the essence of spiritual maintenance: "There is no clock, no matter how good it may be, that doesn't need resetting and rewinding twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. In addition, at least once a year it must be taken apart to remove the dirt clogging it, straighten out bent parts, and repair those worn out. In like manner, every morning and evening a man who really takes care of his heart must rewind it for God's service . . . Finally, at least once a year he must take it apart and examine every piece in detail, that is every affection and passion in order to repair what ever defect there may be." (From Introduction to the Devout Life)

Now is a good time for your soul's annual spiritual check-up and maintenance, as we approach the end of the liturgical year.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese

Most Reverend Gerard P.Bergie, D.D.

Pastor

Father Christopher Gerard Gillen

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.

Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

To be rescheduled

Reconciliation/Confessions

Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism

Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage

Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

Please call the office.

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Ministry Schedule - Nov 4/5

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tony Zanni & Tom Shields

9:00 am - Alfons & Bea Blokhuis

11:00 am - Andy & Pat Wirth

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed

9:00 am - Needed

11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Jennifer Noseworthy

Next Hospitality Sunday

November 5

Oct 29, 2017

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

All your heart,

All your soul,

All your mind.

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields

#2 - Nick Shields

9:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger

#2 - Maeve Devlin

11:00 am #1 - Mary Pikula

#2 - Heather Tomascin

Ministers of Communion

5:00 pm - Tom & Yolanda

9:00 am - Vern & Bea

11:00 am - Mike & Mary

Counting

Lisa Poort & Cathy Cartaginese

October 29, 2017

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



*Lord, may the request of your people
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	Oct 30	****CLERGY STUDY DAYS****	
Tuesday	Oct 31	****CLERGY STUDY DAYS****	
Wednesday	Nov 1	All Saints Day 6:30 pm For the health and healing of Derek Hare	by Joan and Bob Hignett
Thursday	Nov 2	All Souls Day 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Jose Martins 6:30pm +In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker, Olga Mous and Winnie Stadelbauer (Benefactors) And All Souls. (Envelopes)	by Maria Martins and family by St. Martin's Parish
Friday	Nov 3	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Reg and Betty Hartley	by Sherry & Darren O'Keefe
Saturday	Nov 4	9:00 am +For the health and healing of Robert Schnaar	by John & Riky Mulder
Saturday	Nov 4	The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Jacinto & Escolastic Melo	by the Melo family
Sunday	Nov 5	9:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 11:00 am For God's blessings upon Anita Duggan	by Heather Belmont

CWL CORNER

The next CWL meeting has changed to Thursday November 9 due to Confirmation on Wednesday Nov 8.

The CWL are still selling Giant Tiger Gift Cards in the following denominations: \$10, \$25 and \$50. All the proceeds will go our parish CWL. There will be a CWL member at each of the Masses selling these cards.

The CWL Memberships are now due for 2018. It would be appreciated if you can please drop the \$20.00 membership into the collection basket marked for the CWL.

The CWL will be hosting a Paint Party on Wed. Nov 22 @ 7pm - Dragon Flies and Cattails . The cost is \$30 per person. You must preregister and prepay. More information will be in a flyer in next weeks bulletin or contact Elaine Parry at 905-957-0673

MASS INTENTIONS

The Parish has available dates over the next weeks and months. Please fill out the **Mass Intentions** envelope located at the entrance of the church and place them in the collection baskets. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

November 22, 2017, 9:00am-6:00pm

DIOCESAN PRIESTS STUDY DAYS AT MOUNT CARMEL

Sunday, October 29th to Tuesday, October 31, at Noon.
No Weekday Masses Monday and Tuesday.

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

November is a privileged month that the church all over the world unites in "Prayers for the Repose of the Souls" for our loved ones who have passed on. If you wish to have your loved one's name written in the **Book of Remembrance**, which will be kept at the altar for daily prayers and Masses throughout November, please fill out an **All Souls Offertory Envelope** and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office before the end of October. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, November 8th, at 7:00pm
Registration Forms are now to be returned.
Grade Eight are presently being prepared.

Music Ministry, Parish Ushers, and Altar Servers are required for this celebration. There's a parish cost for this celebration, so a special collection is required. We look forward to the cooperation of one and all. Please remember our dear young people in your prayers.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH AT 2AM
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT NOVEMBER 2

Parish hall 9:45am to 2:00pm
Confirmation Interviews November 3/6 (school).
Rehearsal November 7, 1:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, November 29th at 10:00am.
First Meetings with parents and children,
Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30pm (church).
Retreat for Grade 2, Wednesday, November 22,
at school beginning at 10:00am.

POINSETTIA SALE

The Parish Events Group (PEG) will again be taking orders for Poinsettias. Payment must accompany your order. Cost of plants is \$10.00 for 6" and \$20.00 for 8". Choice of colours will be Red, White or Marble.

This year you may pick up your order at the Parish Coffee social/bake sale on Sun Dec. 3 after masses or at Vineland Watering Can. from Nov 13 to Dec.15, 2017. Orders will be taken after masses on Nov.4/5 & Nov.11/12 by a PEG Committee member.

Both the parish and school are selling Poinsettias and are offering the same product at the same price at the same locations. The school profits are for the school and the PEG's profits are for the parish. PEG thanks you for supporting our Annual Parish Poinsettia Sale Event.

PARISH DINNER DANCE

The St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus welcome you to join in celebrating our Patron Saint's Day St. Martin of Tours on Saturday Nov 11, 2017. We will have a wonderful dinner with plenty to eat followed by great music by JAH Werks DJ services to dance the night away.

Doors open at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Tickets will be available after each Mass, by email: KOC.16421@gmail.com or call Paul Chiarcos at 905-975-0364 or Pierre Paradis at 905-957-4591. The deadline for tickets will be Sunday November 5th. No tickets will be sold at the door.
Tickets \$25.00 ea. Licence LLBO

THANK YOU

We appreciate those who have recently signed up for Ministry. We are following the Diocesan Guidelines for Responsible Faith Ministry. We thank you for serving others in ministry as we build each other up by our caring and compassion.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Offering October 8, 2017
\$1,075.00 - Envelopes (59)
\$150.00 - Loose

World Mission Sunday Offering
\$832.50 - Envelopes (44)
\$32.25 - Loose

*Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.*

REGENERATE(D) 2017

Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, **Regenerate(d) 2017** will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls on Saturday, November 18th. This year's theme is based upon one of the most important questions of our time, "*What is Truth?*" and how and where do we find it?

In a culture that promotes that truth is relative how do we as Catholics respond? Keynote speakers: Jennifer Fulwiler, Trent Horn, Dr. David Anders and Steve Weidenkopf will address atheism, relativism, the divisions in Christianity bringing Protestantism and how to discuss this with family and friends.

For the first time **Regenerate(d) Youth 2017** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18 years.

Early-bird tickets are available now! To purchase tickets and more information about these conferences visit www.branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

RETRouvaille

A Lifeline for Marriages – So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille has helped countless marriages and the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and restore a loving relationship in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **November 3, 2017**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamilton-retrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Mike Hornak – Oct 29
Russell & Ryan Sharp – Nov 2
Margie Fuller/Tyler Belmont – Nov 4

Anniversaries:

Winston & Maria Mallia – Oct 29