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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday Vigil: 17:00
Sunday: 10:00
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday to Friday: 8:30

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 16:15-16:45; Sunday 9:15-9:45, or anytime on request.
MARRIAGE: Contact the office before setting the wedding date. Marriage preparation course and meetings with Fr. Robert are required.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is ill at home or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

WARDENS

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 October 2014

It is love that has explained everything to me

In today's Gospel, Jesus draws us to the very heart of God, Who is Love. Love is more than a feeling. It is a sharing in divine life, a gift intrinsic to our very being, bestowed upon us when God knit us in our mother's womb. We are called to live the love of God and neighbor as He does: "with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul." A recent example of living this commandment to the full can be found in St. John Paul the Second, whose feast day the Church celebrated last Wednesday.

It is his profound surrender to Love that enabled this pope, then a young priest Karol Wojtyla, to confess: "It is love that has explained everything to me." What a radical way to live! In St. John Paul, there is no deception, no hypocrisy. He lived his life in harmony with Love, conformed to the image and likeness of God, through Whom he was created. Being conformed to the hand of Christ, he could share in His humility and follow Jesus' more difficult teachings:

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Be merciful, therefore, as your heavenly Father is merciful. (cf. Mt 6: 44, 46, 48)

At the Heart of Jesus lies mercy and forgiveness. This is what poured out of His side as He hung on the cross. Love made Him cry out: "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." He calls on us to do the same, to shower those who hurt us with His merciful Love. In this way, we will be made perfect, fulfilling the greatest commandment in humility and gentility.

Jesus even provides practical help on how to love our enemy: "Pray for those who persecute you." In our daily lives, persecution takes on the form of rude emails from co-workers and clients, finding an empty milk carton in the fridge or being cut off for the third time while driving the kids to school. A quick prayer, commending the offender and ourselves to the Lord's care, will always improve our subsequent response. Prayer is a means of love.

As we come to receive the fullness of Christ today in the Holy Eucharist, let us open our hearts, minds and souls to His tender mercy so that we too may exclaim: "It is love that has explained everything to me."

Mary Ohanessian
Assistant to the Director of Religious Education



PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, Madeleine Coté, Madeline Cummings, Patricia Lemieux, Maria da Luz Madeira, Carmel MacDonald, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Jacques Viau

For those who have died: Bino Giambattistini, Paul Waters

For vocations: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* It's a big world, in need of lots of neighborly people. Extend your hand today, tomorrow, for the rest of your life... (Matthew 22:15-21)

BOOK OF THE RESURRECTION: November is the month of All Souls and it is our custom to place a book with the names of our departed family and friends in the sanctuary, to remember them at all the masses during the month. We will carry forward the names from last year, however, if you have names you would like to add, please email Regina or call the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS: With November approaching, it is a good time to remember the practice of having masses said for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one. Your donation of \$15 helps support priests by providing them a stipend and allows you to designate the primary intention for the Mass to be celebrated. Consider reserving a Mass during November, for an anniversary of birth or death, or any day you are thinking of someone dear to you. Call or stop by the parish office for more information.

ADVENT CHOIR: The Choir would like to invite you to join us temporarily during masses in Advent. The attendance of temporary members is required for rehearsals on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm as of November 6th until December 18th (7 in total), and as of 9:20 on Sundays in Advent, November 30th to December 21st. For more information, please speak with Sandra D'Angelo after mass or email her at sandra.dangelo@hec.ca.

COFFEE SUNDAY: Next Sunday is Coffee Sunday. Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for coffee, sweets, and conversation.

CATHOLIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION: The Association is renowned for representing Catholic parents on social and educational issues, and for offering workshops and information for parents on various topics that concern our families. We will discuss and explore together the needs of parents, how we can guide our children in a secular world, how we can better understand and defend our parental rights, our faith, and other pertinent issues that affect our families. Join us for a meeting of information and exchange: **October 29, 2014 at 7:30 pm** at Our-Lady-of-Consolata Parish, 1700 Jean-Talon Est, facing Fabre metro station (door to right of main entrance). Please call Gina Petrozza 514-702-9542 or Sandra Secondo 514-812-4342 to confirm your presence or email: apcq.englishsection@gmail.com.

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND: For over forty-two years, English Catholics have placed their “trust” in the Pillars Trust fund. Pillars remains focused on its three original priorities, the support of: the Diocesan Priesthood Guild and Vocation Office; the Newman Association and Youth Ministry projects; and Adult Religious Education Services. The Pillars Trust Fund welcomes any contributions that help us support our beneficiaries who continue good works. Thank you!

JINGLE BELL FAIR: The Auxiliary of St. Mary’s Hospital Center is holding its annual Fall Fair on **Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** in the hospital auditorium. Start your shopping early... there is something for everyone on your list! Lunch will be served in the Tea Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. Funds raised go to enhance patient care and to purchase specialized medical equipment. For more information please call 514-345-3411, ext. 3247.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 26, 2014 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM	Madeleine Blanchandin Blais	Mireille Normandeau
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 – Saints Simon and Jude

8:30AM	Coleman & McMenamin families	The Estate
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Wednesday, October 29, 2014

8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
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Thursday, October 30, 2014

8:30AM	Giovanni de Stefani	Anastasia de Stefani
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Friday, October 31, 2014

8:30AM	Evelyn McMenamin	The Estate
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Sunday, November 2, 2014 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1822. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *“Whoever sacrifices to any god, save to the Lord only, shall be utterly destroyed.” – Exodus 22:20* Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? If so, you may want to pay attention to the scripture reading because you are not going to like the outcome. The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in your life.

SANCTUARY LAMP:



The sanctuary lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the sanctuary lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$20.00. Please call the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for a special intention, requested by a parishioner.