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EUCHARISTIC 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

Emidio De Carolis, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Scot Diamond, Winston Redman.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 November 2014

The Parable of the Talents

The parable of the talents, makes us think about the relationship between how we use the gifts we have received from God and his return, when he will ask us what use we made of them (cf. Mt 25:14-30). We are well acquainted with the parable: before his departure the master gives a few talents to each of his servants to ensure that they will be put to good use during his absence. He gives five to the first servant, two to the second one and one to the third. In the period of their master's absence, the first two servants increase their talents — these are ancient coins — whereas the third servant prefers to bury his and to return it to his master as it was.

On his return, the master judges what they have done: he praises the first two while he throws the third one out into the outer darkness because, through fear, he had hidden his talent, withdrawing into himself. A Christian who withdraws into himself, who hides everything that the Lord has given him, is a Christian who... he is not a Christian! He is a Christian who does not thank God for everything God has given him!

This tells us that the expectation of the Lord's return is the time of action — we are in the time of action — the time in which we should bring God's gifts to fruition, not for ourselves but for him, for the Church, for others. The time to seek to increase goodness in the world always; and in particular, in this period of crisis, today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us, but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others.

In the square I have seen that there are many young people here: it is true, isn't it? Are there many young people? Where are they? I ask you who are just setting out on your journey through life: have you thought about the talents that God has given you? Have you thought of how you can put them at the service of others? Do not bury your talents! Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn. Dear young people, have a deep spirit! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

Dear brothers and sisters, may looking at the Last Judgment never frighten us: rather, may it impel us to live the present better. God offers us this time with mercy and patience so that we may learn every day to recognize him in the poor and in the lowly. Let us strive for goodness and be watchful in prayer and in love. May the Lord, at the end of our life and at the end of history, be able to recognize us as good and faithful servants. Many thanks!

Pope Francis
General Audience
Saint Peter's Square
Wednesday, 24 April 2013
(abridged)



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 vocations: To those who have, much will be given. Count your blessings. Give them away. (Matthew 25:14-30)

PARISH ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SUPPER: The Parish Advent/Christmas Supper will take place in the Social Hall on Saturday, December 6th, following the 5:00PM Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and children 12 years and older and \$5.00 for children from 5 to 11 years of age. Children under 5 will need a ticket but there will be no charge. Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses. Tickets will also be sold at the Parish Office during office hours beginning November 18th. Table reservations are required and can be made at the time of purchase by one person representing the group. This traditional community event would not be possible without the efforts of hard-working volunteers. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are posted at the main entrance of the church. On the evening of the supper, please do not forget to bring a gift for the young or the elderly.

GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO ELECT WARDENS: A General Meeting of Parishioners for the Purpose of Electing New Wardens will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 a.m. Two wardens will be elected to serve a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2015. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. For information on the role of the warden or to propose a nominee, please contact the parish office.

2015 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: Boxes of envelopes for 2015 are currently being prepared. Using envelopes for your donations allows us to provide you with a tax receipt at the end of the year. Donation records are confidential. If you are not currently an envelope user, please call the parish office. We would be happy to provide you with envelopes.

MULTICAF'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: MultiCaf needs drivers to accompany and supervise high school students as they go door to door in TMR to pick up non-perishable food donations for the local food bank. The food drive will take place on Saturday, December 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested but want to know more or if you want to confirm your participation, please contact Katy at MultiCaf at 514.733.0554 (ext. 206) or by e-mail at info@multicaf.org

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND: Through the generosity of our English-speaking Catholics, the Pillars Trust Fund provides financial support for over twenty organizations and projects that benefit and provide service to all members of our English-speaking Catholic community. Pillars is fortunate to have had a great legacy of donors who have been consistently supporting us with time, talent and treasure since Pillars was founded over forty-two years ago. Our ability to maintain support for our beneficiaries is dependent on the continued revitalization of our donor group. We are most grateful to have you with us on this journey of helping others. *“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)*

WEEKDAY MASS: As weather conditions become increasingly uncertain, those attending weekday Mass are asked to enter by 71 Roosevelt Avenue beginning Tuesday, November 18th and continuing until Spring.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<u>Saturday, November 15 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
5:00PM	Ernie Rochon	Teresa Rochon & family
<u>Sunday, November 16 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Tuesday, November 18 – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul</u>		
8:30AM	Hagop Ohanessian	Sinnett Family
<u>Wednesday, November 19</u>		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
<u>Thursday, November 20</u>		
8:30AM	Evelyn McMenamain	The Estate
<u>Friday, November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>		
8:30AM	Coleman & McMenamain families	The Estate
<u>Saturday, November 22 – Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</u>		
5:00PM	Patsy Rochon	Teresa Rochon & family
<u>Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</u>		
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1405.00. Our second collection was \$665.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much...”- Matthew 25:21* God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

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 the Sinnett family.