

Parish Bulletin for 17 November 2024, Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat Nov 16 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - RIP Desiderio & Maria, Giorgio & Pascual Marinelli,
req. by Marinelli family

Sun. Nov 17 - **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – RIP Alojzija Rakar, req. by OLL Ladies Auxiliary

11:00am SA – RIP Karen Rose Hapko, req. by Rene & Gloria Vicente

Mon. Nov 18 - NO MASS

Tue. Nov 19 - 5:00pm SA - Special intention, req. by Norma Salas and family

Wed. Nov 20 - 10:00am OL - **RIP Angela Bedernjak [Funeral Mass]**

Thu. Nov 21 - 9:00am SA - RIP Michael McLoughlin, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Fri. Nov 22 - 10:00am OL - RIP Frank Podkrižnik, req. by Frank & Ivanka Remic

Sat Nov 23 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - Thanksgiving, req. by Robert & Evelyn Thordarson

Sun. Nov 24 - **Christ the King Sunday**

9:30am OL – RIP Lojzka Slejko, req. by Andrej & Albina Kostanjevic

11:00am SA – RIP Maria Mararet & Deceased Bizják Family Members, req. by Jolán Bizják family

Please note: Mass schedules may be subject to change.

Thank you for your donations last weekend:

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$1,457.30

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) RC Church - \$1,412.00

Thank you for the flowers donated to beautify the sanctuary. We appreciate your kindness in enhancing our church celebrations.

Confessions / Advent Penitential Services:

December 6, Friday, 6:30pm St. Anthony of Padua Church.

December 19, Thursday, 6:30pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Sharing God's Gifts Appeal

Dear Parishioners, I write to you with an update on our 2024 Sharing God's Gifts Annual Appeal. Great news about Sharing God's Gift progress, to date:

- \$662,253 raised to date; 55.2% toward the \$1.2 million goal;
- This represents a \$128,392.03 increase from this same time last year,

On behalf of our 2 parishes, I thank everyone who has given so generously and who has prayed for the success of the Appeal and the ministries it makes possible.

If our parish achieves our goal, we will receive 100% of funds raised over goal as a rebate.

It is not only important that we work to achieve our goal, but also that we achieve a high rate of participation. We truly encourage every family to give in whatever way they are able to consider. If you are one of the families who has not yet given, there is still time! Please visit <https://archwinnipeg.ca/donate> to make your gift today or complete a pledge envelope at Mass this weekend. Again, please accept my sincere gratitude for your prayerful stewardship.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Dado

Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Auxiliary – Our annual St. Nicholas Luncheon will take place on Sunday, December 8th, following 9:30 a.m. Mass. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20.00 pp - children 12 and under are free. This year's luncheon will, once again, feature a delicious hot meal, wonderful raffle prizes, 50/50 draw, and a visit from St. Nick. Pre-registration is required and reserved seating will be provided. Please RSVP by Monday, December 2nd to ollparishcouncil@gmail.com or to any member of the Executive (Nina Vrsnik, Sonia Stubler, Vera Slejko, Mary Sobocan and Vladka Mohoric). We are also collecting NEW items for the raffle (toys, household items, gift cards, etc.). Should you wish to donate to the raffle, please contact Irene Lozar at 204-955-3413. We will also graciously accept monetary donations to purchase prizes. These can be e-transferred to ninatony@shaw.ca or given to any member of the Executive.

The coming of the Lord: A 200-seater amphitheatre, costing 20,000 pounds, was built overlooking the Sydney Harbour, Australia, in 1925, for the second coming of Christ. Members of "The Order of the Star of the East," led by a mystic Krishnamurti, believed that Christ would soon return to earth in human form and walk across the Pacific Ocean to the amphitheatre. When Jesus did not arrive in 1929, the group dissolved, and a block of flats [apartments] now occupies the site. May we be aware of the signs of His coming and always be prepared! (Mark 13.24-32). [Anonymous; quoted by Fr. Botelho].



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for you do not
know the day
or the hour



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Sharing God's Gifts – Our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal

This weekend, November 16 and 17 is Commitment Weekend of the Sharing God's Gifts Annual Appeal. Our annual appeal in support of our Archdiocesan pastoral services is truly about sharing the gifts God has entrusted to you and an opportunity for you to give witness to the joy of the Gospel in Manitoba. As people of faith, we are called to joyfully share the Good News of Christ with those who most need to feel His love as we continue His work on earth as faithful disciples. SGG makes possible the many good works around the pillars of *Indigenous Community Support, Vocations, Social Needs and Social Justice, and Catholic Education and Faith Formation. The fruits of SGG are borne out everywhere in our parishes and schools, as well as our seminaries, St. Charles Retreat Center, on-reserve, in our neighborhoods, and our homes.*

Together we can bring hope that can change lives. Thank you for your prayerful generosity!

Candlelight Memorial Service: at Crofo Funeral Chapel, 1442 Main Street, on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 2:00pm.
All are welcome.

The End-time St. Francis of Assisi, (1181-1226) Saint of Nature, was hoeing his garden one day. A philosopher friend approached him and asked, "What would you do if you learned you would die before the sun sets?" St. Francis reflected for a moment and replied, "I would finish hoeing my garden. I would be faithful to what I am doing now."

"Then comes the dawn:" Years ago an old municipal lamplighter, engaged in putting out his lights one by one, was met by a reporter who asked him if he never grew tired of his work in the cold dark night of labour. "Never am I cheerless," said the old man, "for there is always a light ahead of me to lead me on." "But what would you have to cheer you when you have put out the last one?" asked the writer. "Then comes the dawn." said the lamplighter.

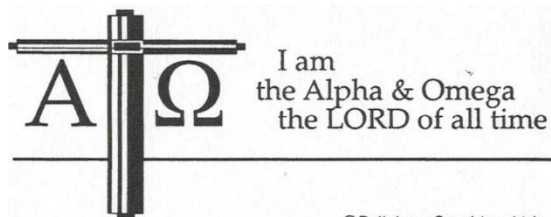
A man of the world might have asked Jesus the same question. One light after another did Jesus put out: the lamp of popular acclaim, the lamp of patriotic approval, the lamp of pharisaical observances - all for the sake of God's love which burned in Jesus' heart and showed Jesus a better way. At last even the light of Jesus' life was to flicker out on the hill called Calvary. What then? We hear Jesus' voice, "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit," (Luke 23.46) and then the dawn came. [Carl Knudsen in *The Living One*; quoted by Fr. Botelho.]

"Ready or not, here I come." One of the most memorable games from my childhood days is the game of hide-and-seek. On many occasions throughout the year, the family would gather at my grandparents' home. The children would usually start a game of hide-and-seek. When the game started, someone was chosen to be "it". A spot was chosen to be "base". Whoever was "it" would stand at "base" with closed eyes and count to 100. The other players ran and hid. Then it was "it's" job to find them before they could return to "base". The game ended when everyone made it back to "base", or when "it" found someone who was hiding. In the next game, the person who was caught became "it". The part of that game that still echoes in my mind is what "it" would say before he or she came looking for those who were hiding. "It" would always say, "Ready or not, here I come." When "it" said that, you had better be ready, or you were going to be in trouble. — When I read the Mark 13.24-32 verses, that old childhood game came back to my memory. Jesus is telling His disciples that there will be a day when He will come again. That day will arrive whether people are ready or not. [Fr. Kadavil]

The end time predictions. *Hippolytus*, one of the early philosophers, predicted Christ would return in AD 500. In 960, German theologian, *Bernard of Thuringia*, calculated the end of the world would come in 992. Some were so sure the world was going to end in 1000 A.D. that they did not bother to plant crops. French "prophet" and astrologer *Nostradamus* (1503-1566), foretold that the world would end when Easter fell on April 25. This happened in 1666, 1734, 1886 and 1943; it will occur again in 2038.

In 1874, *Charles Russell*, concluded that Christ had already returned, but people would have another forty years of grace. In 1914 he was forced to revise its timetable. *Herbert W Armstrong* set the date for the end of the world as January 7, 1972.

Hence, today's readings (Daniel 12.1-3; Mark 13.24-32) remind us that we should be well prepared and always ready to meet Jesus at any time, daily in our brothers and sisters, and at His Final coming for us — at the end of our lives or the end of the world, whichever comes first. (Fr. Anthony K)



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