The Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us the familiar and powerful parable from Matthew's Gospel about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed, having made the best use of them.

We remember the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, and the Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs.

In this next to the last week of the Liturgical Year, we read from the First Book of Maccabees. These books are about the revolt against Jewish persecution a little over a century before Christ. The Maccabees are presented as a family that is faithful to the law in the midst of this persecution. Their witness is inspiring today.

We have wonderful stories from Luke’s Gospel this week as Jesus moves toward and enters Jerusalem for the end of his ministry. Jesus heals the blind beggar near Jericho. The man immediately “followed him, giving glory to God.” Then Jesus meets Zacchaeus who is up in a tree - because he was short, but probably also because he’s a tax collector and was nervous about being caught in a zealous crowd. Jesus transforms him by inviting himself to Zacchaeus’ house for dinner. Near Jerusalem, Jesus tells a parable of a rejected king and servants who use the gifts given them faithfully. In Jerusalem, Jesus weeps over the city, foreseeing the destruction that is coming, “because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” Entering the temple, Jesus drives out the old way of doing business and begins his ministry. He silences the Sadducees, over their doubt about resurrection from the dead.

Sunday is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

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Thank you!
On behalf of all women who build peace in their communities, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your continued commitment. Together, we have the power to change things! Join a dynamic pan-Canadian movement that takes action for peace and justice – become a member of Development and Peace. Without your action, there’s no change, no justice! For more information, please go to devp.org/membership.
Shepherds’ Trust Collection

This weekend is The Shepherds’ Trust collection in all parishes in the Archdiocese. Please use Shepherds’ Trust Envelopes to make your donations.

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our Archdiocese, we honour the men who have been instruments of the “Foundations of our Faith”. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds’ Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 19
10:00 am  † Raymond Fernandes
   Req. Family
† Cresencia Balanon
† Marcial Hugo Balanon
   Req. Arcelie Balanon

Monday, November 20
9:00 am  † Maria Madalena
   Req. Alfredo Costa

Tuesday, November 21
9:00 am  Souls in Purgatory
   Req. Jenny Lee

Wednesday, November 22
7:00 pm  † Luz Lloren Blanco
   Req. Nicolas Blanco

Thursday, November 23
9:00 am  † Fr. Manuel Gedes
   Req. Alfredo Costa

Friday, November 24
7:00 pm  Holy Souls in Purgatory
   Req. Jenny Lee

Saturday, November 25
5:00 pm  † Pedro Luciano
   Req. Scholastica Medeiros

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Food Donation…Starting November, we will be sending our food to Mustard Seed. Please bring only non-perishable items. Please do not bring perishable or frozen food items. Thank you for your generosity.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING…

As the year 2017 comes to an end soon it is time for new envelopes. I would encourage you to consider pre-authorized giving. It’s easy and convenient both for the donor and parish. For more information please talk to Fr. Francis.

Sacrament of Confirmation…St. Joseph parish will be beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparation will be beginning on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30 pm with the Introduction and Registration meeting. If you know anyone in grade 7 and/or not confirmed, please ask them to call the parish office for more details.

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