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Give thanks
to the Jord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11th, 2015



grew up in a house where I always knew that I was loved. I know that is a great blessing, and that many others in this world did not have that same experience.

I also grew up in a house that was poor. I never realized quite how poor we were. For me, it was normal to go with my dad out back behind the supermarket, and rejoice at the boxes of vegetables, etc., that were sitting on the ground near the dumpster. Sure, some of them had blemishes and rotten spots that my mom would cut out, but there was always such a great bounty to be had. Maybe that's why I am so happy with the work that Tim and all his volunteers do with Forgotten Harvest, and the food our parish distributes every Friday. Maybe that's part of why I like to shop at places like the St. Vincent de Paul shop, and other second-hand stores. It's great to find a treasure in what somebody else has cast off.

Yet at the same time, there is another part of me that wants only the finest: the latest iPhone, the best computer, and the nicest new car. I think that somehow these things can give me security and comfort—and of course, make my life simpler, more effective, more able to serve others, etc., etc. The truth, though, is that there is a part of me that wants to be rich, even when I openly proclaim my desire to be poor and to rely on God.

In this weekend's second reading, the author to the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword, ... able to judge the intentions of the heart." I invite you to allow God's word to penetrate you this week, and to allow it to expose the intentions of your heart to you. I imagine you will find many beautiful things there, much beauty and goodness—and you will find a few places of duplicity and blemish. Allow God to work there, to heal and polish.

As we as a country celebrate Thanksgiving, may we all be cognizant of and grateful for the many, many gifts that each of us has. In gratitude, we come to realize the immensity of God's gifts.



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Whether you are a baptized Christian, a non-Christian, or a baptized Catholic wanting to be confirmed, this program is for you. Come and deepen your relationship with Jesus and with the Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins Sunday October 18th after the 11am Mass.

If you are an adult and would like to receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation, please join us or contact Sr. Lise.



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY OCTOBER 12th, 2015 ROSARY CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE 8AM MASS NO ADORATION ON THIS DAY ONLY



Altar servers

Liturgical ministers are members of a faith community called to serve the community's worship in various ways.

Being a server means serving God and God's people at mass by helping the priest and all those worshiping to praise God as best they can. That includes setting the pace and showing the rest of the congregation ways they can participate: when to stand, kneel and sit, for example. The reverence and prayerful attitude of the servers on the altar lead those in the pews to do the same. Speaking to altar servers Pope Francis said "Being close to Jesus and knowing him in the Eucharist through your service at the altar enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them." Pope St. John Paul II said "Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honour, a genuine holy service."

<u>Requirements:</u> Children grade 3 or above who have received 1st communion.

There will be training on <u>Saturday October 17 at 10:30am</u> Call the rectory to sign up and leave their name, age, and phone number.

Adults are welcome to be servers too.

-Kevin Mannara C.S.B.

Blessing of Pets

Many dogs, some cats and even a rabbit were on the lawn of Rosary Chapel for a blessing last Sunday, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The furry family members and their human companions received a blessing from Fr. Jim, then all enjoyed some treats. Even the media joined our celebration!

Thank-you to all who assisted!!



Our Parish Welcomed On Sunday October 4th, 2015



Kamso Uchendu-Oraukwu son of Ikechukwu and Ebele

Sophia Buxton daughter of Daniel and Stephanie

Celebrate the 98th. Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima

Tuesday October 13th, 2015 Corpus Christi Church 1400 Cabana Road West

7pm – Outdoor rosary procession from the church. Rosary recited in the church for those who cannot walk in procession. 7:30pm – Mass with Bishop Eugene LaRocque presiding.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

All are welcome –Priests are welcome to concelebrate



Throughout the month of October the 7:30pm Mass choir will be celebrating 20 years of service.

On October 18th, a special Mass and reception to follow, will mark the occasion.

FREE copies of their newest CD "EVOLution" will be available at all Masses, which highlights some of their earlier favourites with freshly recorded and mastered sound tracks.



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Saturday November 14th, 2015 Dinner 6:15pm

Larger Taster \$2.50, Small Taster \$1.00

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Thursday, October 15th, 2015 from 1pm to 4pm

Conscious Aging: A Life Review-This workshop will examine doing a review of your life, its major events, and their impact. The intent is to appreciate your strengths, identify coping strategies that you used in the past that you might now apply to facing the aging process as well as to consider unattended painful issues and relationships. Guidelines for the "how to" will be offered for you to proceed on your own. Because of the time limitation the workshop it is not designed to deal with personal issues. Prayerful reflection and honouring your life's journey is integral to the experience.

Facilitator: Ruth Ann Wilhelm

Suggested offering: \$15 includes refreshments.

Please pre-register by phone or email



Why Catholic? small groups will begin meeting the week of October 18th.

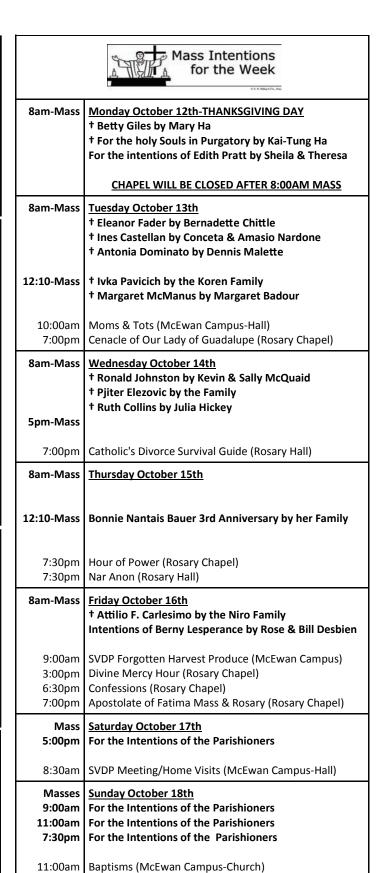
All parishioners are invited to be in solidarity with those in small groups by praying this Disciple's Prayer every day

A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

Loving God and Father, help us to be people of prayer, committed to the person and message of Jesus your Son. Help us to grasp the integrity and beauty of the truths of our and the transforming power of your grace. Nourish and strengthen us as people of faith, disciples of Jesus, committed to the mission of the church and eager to share the gospel without restraint. Let our hearts burn within us as we catch glimpses of your heart in Jesus, for through him, we know your loving plan for us. We ask this through Jesus the Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit in one loving Trinity. Amen

It is not too late to sign-up for a small group.

You can fill out a form at the back of the church or contact Anne Shore at 519-972-0589 or ashore@bell.net



SUNDAY COLLECTION

RCIA (McEwan Campus-Hall)

12:00pm

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