

## November 4, 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Which is the first of all the commandments?”

“The first is this: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these . . .

“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Mark 12: 28-34

“Building God’s kingdom, house by house . . .”

At a construction site outside of South Bend, Indiana, a group of volunteers are building a house. Working with them is Cleora Taylor, the 36-year-old single mother of four. This will be her house, a Habitat for Humanity project.

Working in a corner of the site, a 93-year-old carpenter is bent over a table saw, cutting lengths of wood for the patio. His 91-year-old wife works at a table nearby, painting finials for the porch posts. In his blue hard hat, the red bandana tied around his neck, and his skill working the machinery, you would not immediately recognize the 39th President of the United States.

Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter have been building Habitat for Humanity houses for 35 years. These projects have taken them to 14 countries and 21 states. His gait is a little stiff, his back a bit stooped; he doesn’t swing a hammer as he once did, preferring to work the table saw. Jimmy Carter beat cancer in 2015, and Rosalynn Carter has walked with a cane since she had surgery earlier this year, but they say they’ll keep doing this work as long as they can.

Home is a powerful thing to the former President and his wife. They still live in the two-bedroom ranch house they built in 1961 in Plains, Georgia. President Carter explains that their work on Habitat for Humanity houses like this one is an expression of their Christian faith.

“This gives us a chance to put our religious beliefs into practical projects,” the former President says in his soft country drawl. “That’s a very difficult thing for wealthy people to do, like we are — to cross the great barrier between us and people who have never had a place to live.”

At lunch, the Carters eat with the other volunteers in the mess tent. They sit at a makeshift table, covered with a blue tarp. Mr. Carter looks around at these volunteers who are giving their time and toil for others and is convinced that we are not as divided as we sometimes seem.

“I think Americans are inherently oriented toward equality and harmony. We’ll change. I have great confidence in the future of our country . . .

He’s asked what he would like his legacy to be.

“People ask me what I want to be remembered for, and I generally say peace and human rights. I think it’s a basic right of a human being to have a home that’s decent in which to raise children, and to have an adequate amount of health care and to have an adequate amount of education to take advantage of whatever talent God may have given them.”

And then, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter go back to work, so that one more family will know the meaning of home. [TIME Magazine, September 24, 2018.]

**For Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, the kingdom of God is not some theoretical, future existence. It is now. It is created one house at a time. It embraces every family of every race and creed and culture. God’s kingdom, Jesus says, “is not far” — it’s as close as our homes, it is lived in our love for our families and friends. God’s kingdom is realized in every act of compassionate charity and selfless sacrifice, when our humanity most resembles God; it is built of the respect and honor we afford to all God’s sons and daughters, for in our love and care for them, we most sincerely praise God. In the two-fold “great commandment,” we discover a purpose to our lives much greater and larger than ourselves and our own needs, interests, prejudices and biases; in the loving embrace of God and our loving embrace of one another, we create, here and now, the kingdom of God.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

## Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am  
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

**Marriages:** Six months’ notice is required. A year’s notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



**RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Oct 28, 2018)**

Regular Collection	1,510.85
Votive Candles	46.75
Mass Stipends	40.00
World Mission Sunday	40
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00
All Souls Collection	50.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, Nov 5	No Mass
Tues, Nov 6	Late Bill & Betty McCarthy
Wed, Nov 7	No Intention
Thur, Nov 8	No Intention
Fri, Nov 9	No Intention
Sat, Nov 10	No Intention
Sun, Nov 11	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>November 10</b>	
Basil English Art Hall	Donna Mitchell Joan Penney John Carroll
<b>November 11</b>	
Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks	Hedy Kenny Donna Eldridge Don Gallant
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	
Tony Griffin	

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses to remember departed family members and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Please call the parish office to schedule masses.

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to the family of Mary Regina Gullage, her funeral was celebrated October 24, 2018. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to the family of Theresa E. Hunt, her funeral was celebrated November 1, 2018. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** Our annual Memorial Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Family members of persons whose funerals we have celebrated since November last year will be contacted and offered special roles in the mass of that day. If you have had family members / friends who have died within this last year, and whose funeral / burial has taken place outside this parish, please contact the parish office if you want their names included at that mass.

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS AT DUSK ON NOVEMBER 11TH:** Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the First World War. As a way of marking this anniversary and of encouraging all Canadians to reflect on the loss of life and the sacrifices made by soldiers and their families, the Royal Canadian Legion has invited all churches and houses of worship to ring their bells at sunset on this day.

Please join with us in praying that this ringing of our church bells on November 11th may be a sign both of our remembrance of those who have suffered the horrors of war and of our desire for justice and peace for all. The ringing will begin at approximately 6 pm. Anyone interested in helping ring the bell please be at the church for this time.

**MARY’S KITCHEN:** Our Parish is responsible for **NOVEMBER**. We are still in need of volunteers for desserts and serving. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

**PARISH BINGO:** Bingo will be held on **November 4 at 2:00 pm**. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes last names beginning with N-Z. Please support this important fundraiser.

**LADIES GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Dec. 1: 12-2 pm. Bake/Craft Sale  
Dec. 2: 2 pm. Monthly Bingo

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next parish council meeting will take place Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church meeting room.

**4YOUTH:** November 3 is the feast day of St. Martin de Porres. Martin spent his life doing as Jesus taught - caring for the sick, the poor, and the slaves in Peru. His life provides us with an example of social justice. Catholic Social Teaching - rooted both in the Hebrew prophets who announced God’s special love for the poor as well as in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ - helps us understand who we are and how we are called to live in community with one another. The Church’s social doctrines touch upon seven core themes: life and dignity of the human person; call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities; option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God’s creation. There’s a good video on You Tube called *The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching* that explains each theme. Why not think about what you can do to live each of these themes as you watch the video?

**BINGO THANKS:** It is only with the support of parishioners that our Parish Bingos can be the success that they are. This is fundraising that is vital to our ongoing operations as a Parish. Thank you to Don Gallant, Mary Gallant, Alvina George, Maureen George, Sheila George, Thomas George, Isabel Gillis, Annie Griffin, Jackie Griffin, Brenda Griffin, Tony Griffin, Julia Myles Hackett, John Hancock, Patsy Hall, Diane Hearn, Joan Hutchings, Kay Hynes, Doreen Jones, Pat Jones, Hedy Kenny, Florence King, Mike Leonard, Edith Leonard, Gail Leggo, Elaine Lynch, Lori Lynn Lyver, Margie McCarthy, Helen McCarthy, Edmund McCarthy, Shirley McGrath, Ann McHugh, Linda McIssac, Eileen Moore, Victoria Murphy, Kay Musseau, Mary Perrett, Kim Preston, Debbie Allen, Fr. Don Leonard, Mary Louise Cashin, Linda Tarbett, and John Hayes.

**HUMOUR:** Jim, Scott and Alex are tired after traveling all day and check into a hotel. When they get to reception, they find out they'll have to walk 75 flights of stairs to get to their room because the elevator is out of order. Jim suggests that they do something interesting to pass time while they walk the 75 flights. Jim will tell jokes, Scott will sing songs, and Alex will tell sad stories. So, Jim tells jokes for 25 flights, Scott sings songs for 25 flights and Alex tells sad stories for 24 flights. When they reach the 75th floor, Alex says to them, “and now I have the saddest story of all guys, I left our room key at reception.”

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday November 6, 2018 at 7:45 pm. This meeting will take place after 7:00 pm mass at All Hallows. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.