

November 17, 2019 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“ . . . the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down . . .*

*“ . . . I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.”*  
*Luke 21: 5-19*

Goodbyes and letting go

A physician, an expert in palliative care, was giving a presentation on the process of preparing to die.

He began by asking participants to make three lists: First, they were to write down five possessions that gave them pleasure; second, five activities that gave them joy; and third, the five people they loved most in the world.

After the audience completed their lists, the doctor began talking about a hypothetical patient, a woman whose days were filled with the usual routines, jobs and stresses of everyday life. But after she discovered a lump in her body, there came a cascade of medical interventions: first, a biopsy, then surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. After a year, it became clear that the treatments weren't working, and the oncologist told her to get her affairs in order. She entered hospice care, and gradually her world shrank to the size of her bedroom.

And throughout the story, the doctor periodically paused to ask participants to cross an item of their lists.

The possessions and activities went first, of course. Each was a choice: *Which would I have to give up more, my laptop or my car? Biking or walking?* Then it came time to start crossing off people, each decision an agonizing, Sophie's Choice dilemma. By now it was clear where this exercise was heading and most participants, even the men, were borrowing tissues from the women who were organized enough to keep a packet in their purses. By the time the physician's hypothetical patient died, everyone has gone through a similar shedding of what they held dearest, leaving the audience the emotional equivalent of wet noodles. [From "We need to talk about death" by Lori Erickson, The Christian Century, August 28, 2019.]

***This stripping away of possessions, status, and relationships happens to everyone as they die — and will one day happen to each one of us. Even though we believe that death is not the ultimate end, we can't deny that, in the short term, there's plenty of sadness to go around. Jesus makes clear in today's Gospel that our entire lives are a series of "deaths": of letting go, of changing, of adapting to a new set of circumstances. But we believe that every "death" can result in some form of resurrection: a new understanding, a new insight, a new appreciation. Today's Gospel should not terrify us or deflate our sense of hope, but make us aware of the things of the world that will one day be gone and the lasting things of God that are the means of peace and joy as we journey from this world to the next.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.  
First Fridays -2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

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

**Marriages:** Six months' notice 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**

November 10, 2019

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| Regular Collection   | \$1467.45 |
| Building Fund        | 15.00     |
| Votive Candles       | 65.50     |
| Sunday Missals       | 70.00     |
| Mass Stipends        | 80.00     |
| World Mission Sunday | 10.00     |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| Tues, 7 p.m.   | Special Intention           |
| Wed, 10 a.m.   | Late Patrick Joyce          |
| Thur, 7 p.m.   | Mass of Thanksgiving        |
| Fri, 10 a.m.   | Late Thomas & Edith Hackett |
| Sat, 4:30 p.m. | Late Mary Park              |
| Sun, 11 a.m.   | Parish Community            |

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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| <b>November 23</b>                     |  |
| Carol Reid<br>Joan Penney              | Mona Specker<br>Marie Byrne<br>Art Hall            |
| <b>November 24</b>                     |  |
| Patricia Payne<br>Calvin Gillis        | Brian Sparkes<br>Elizabeth Carew<br>Donna Eldridge |
| <b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b> |  |
| Tony Griffin                           |  |

**WORKBOOK FOR READERS:** Is available for our readers please take your copy.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** The new missals are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from Eugene and Evelyn Beales.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:** Adoration and Benediction is this Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Adoration at 2 p.m., Benediction at 3 pm.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Reading material from Development and Peace is now available at the back of the church. This year’s theme is *“For Our Common Home”*. The focus is on the Amazon Region of South America. It is important that we become aware of its importance and what we can do to ensure its sustainability.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for our annual Memorial Mass held on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great celebration and remembrance of those who died this past year.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** The society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to add new hats mitts, gloves, scarves, and socks to their Christmas hamper. They are looking for donations of same for this year’s hampers. A collection box is placed at the back of our church. Please be generous.

**SHEPHERDS’ FUND FOUNDATION:** The Shepherds’ Fund will be taking up a second collection on the weekend of **Nov. 23-24**. If you are not able to make your contribution at that time, envelopes will continue to be available and donations will be accepted at any time. Envelopes are found in your box of Church Envelopes and also at the back of the church. Please see attached letter from Bishop Hundt concerning the Shepherds’ Fund. The Board of the Shepherds’ Fund Foundation extends sincere appreciation for your kind support.

**4YOUTH:** On November 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrate the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a feast which has been celebrated in the universal Church since the sixteenth century. Tradition holds that Mary, like all young Jewish girls, would have been left in the care of the Temple for a period of time, during which she would have been educated. On this feast day we celebrate the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way and that Mary placed her entire self at the service of God. Perhaps a good way for us to honour Mary on this feast day would be to spend some extra time in prayer. Did you know you can participate in prayers online, and that some of them even give you the words? Visit [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org) and you can either join the world-wide prayer or pray on your own.

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** On Sunday, November 17, Roman Catholics will observe the third annual World Day of the Poor, instituted by Pope Francis in June 2017, and observed annually on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme this year is “The hope of the poor shall not perish forever (Ps 9:19). The CCCB released a document in October in anticipation of this World Day of the Poor, entitled “Poverty in Canada: Ensuring Safe, Secure and Affordable Housing”. The celebration of this day is an excellent opportunity for us to support our local St. Vincent de Paul and/or local Food Bank. To read either the Pope’s message in its entirety or the CCCB document, go to [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com)

**HUMOR:** What has four wheels and flies? A garbage truck!

**CRAFT AND BAKE SALE, NOV 30<sup>th</sup>:** The Ladies Group are asking for your generosity once again with donations of hand made items and/or preserves or baked goods. Items can be dropped off at the school at 11 am on Nov 30<sup>th</sup> or given to a member of our ladies group beforehand. Sale will start at 1 pm (no early birds please) and finish at 3 pm. Your support is greatly needed to make this fundraiser a success.

**HAM/TURKEY BINGO:** Our Ladies Group will be holding their Ham/Turkey Bingo at 2 pm on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Prizes for this game will be a ham or turkey. Again, we are relying on your generosity. If you are able to donate a ham or turkey, please sign your name on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Monetary donations are also welcome as we may need to purchase some prizes. Thank you everyone.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 624 will be meeting at All Hallows’ Parish Humber Road on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 P.M. There will be an installation of officers at that meeting. This will be done by the Master. Could Sir Knights please try to attend.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** The Society will be holding its registration for Christmas Hampers on the following days: Wednesday, Nov. 20, Friday, Nov. 22, Wednesday, Nov. 27, Friday, Nov. 29. Registration will take place in the entrance to the Cathedral. Hours are from 10 AM to 12 PM, and from 1 PM to 3:30 PM each day. MCP numbers are required for all registrants.