31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4th, 2018

Prayers for November

The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, **Christmas** approaches, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us.

How appropriate, then, that the **Catholic Church** offers us November, which begins with **All Saints Day and All Souls Day**, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory—those who have died in grace, yet who failed in this life to make satisfaction for all of their sins.

In recent years, perhaps no Catholic doctrine has been more misunderstood by Catholics themselves than the doctrine of Purgatory. Consequently, we tend to downplay it, even seem a little embarrassed by it, and it is the Holy Souls who suffer because of our discomfort with the doctrine.

Purgatory is not, as many people think, one last trial; all of those who make it to Purgatory will one day be in Heaven. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the ***temporal punishments*** resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. A soul in Purgatory may suffer, but he has the assurance that he will ultimately enter Heaven when his punishment is complete. Catholics believe Purgatory is an expression of God's love, His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and **charity** requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. In their time in Purgatory, they can pray for us, and we should **pray for the faithful departed** that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven.

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us—our **mother** and **father**, for instance—but we should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us after they have been released from Purgatory. If we live Christian lives, we too will likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month of November, to offer our prayers for the Holy Souls.

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

This Week at St. Ann's

Mom's & Tots **Monday mornings from *9:00 to 10:30am*** in St. Monica's lounge.

Mass will be celebrated at Bevan Village on ***Tuesday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m.***

Mass will be celebrated at the Mayfair Seniors Home on ***Thursday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m.***

RCIA Classes: ***Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m.*** in Monica Lounge.

One Body in Christ Praise & Worship Meeting: ***Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.*** in St. Joachim room.

Mass will be celebrated at Maplewood House on ***Friday, November 9th at 4:00 p.m.***

Hispanic Mass will be celebrated on ***Saturday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.*** Reception to follow in Parish Centre.

Pancake Breakfast is cancelled this month as it is Remberance Day . Ceremonies begin at 11:00 am. at Cenetaph between City Hall and Clearbrook Library.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Vespers on ***Sunday, November 11th at 3:00 p.m.*** in the Sacred Space at Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

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Attention all seniors: You are cordially invited to **St. John Brebeuf** Seniors' Tea on ***Thursday, November 8th.*** We will begin in the gym with a Remembrance Day Service at **10:30 a.m.** This will be followed by a light lunch in the library from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Please R.S.V.P.** to SJB at (604) 855-0571 by **November 6**. We look forward to seeing you all.

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CWL Ladies: A **note of gratitude** to our members who baked the amazing desserts for our sale at the Christmas Market. Your efforts helped to make one of our biggest annual fundraisers another success. Please remember to mark your calendar for ***Sunday, November 11th*** if you wish to join us in the Remembrance Day Procession. We will be wearing our blue scarves and will meet at the Galaxy Bowling Parking lot at **10:30am**. We hope to see you there!

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Thank you! to our coordinators Juana & Angela Veters for all their time and effort spent in making this Christmas Market an event that our parish and community enjoy coming to, for shopping , eating and socializing. We would like to thank Darlene and others who collected generous donations for our Silent Auction and gift baskets, the many donors to this event, our decorators who made it a Christmas wonderland, to Mena & K of C men who cooked up delicious Dinner, Breakfast & Luncheon entrees for our Cafe, to all our parish bakers for their delicious treats, to all our volunteers for their time, our shoppers and everyone who contributed to this year's fundraiser.

Mass Intentions for Nov 5th to Nov 11th, 2018

Monday
8:00am Dec. mem. Turra/Sartor Fam.

Tuesday
7:00pm Dec. mem. Macdonald Fam.

Wednesday
8:00am Aubrey Blake, rip.

Thursday
8:00am Marina Pacio, rip.

Friday
8:00am Dennis Loeppky, rip.

Saturday
9:00am Joanne Arts, rip.
5:00pm Martin Perdue, rip.

Sunday
8:00am Danuta Mlodzikowska, rip.
10:00am Intentions for the Parish
Noon Steven Streiling, rip.

Feast Days & Readings Nov 5th to Nov 11th, 2018

Monday
Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday
Philippians 2:12-18 Luke 14:25-33

Thursday
Philippians 3:3-8a++; Like 15:1-10

Friday-Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; John 2:13-22

Saturday-St. Leo
Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday–32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24 -28; Mark 12:38-44

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Youth Alpha **(Grades 5-12)*: continues on Saturday evenings, 6-8pm after 5:00 p.m. Mass.*** Dinner is provided and there is no cost to attend! There is still room available so please join and feel free to bring your friends! Let me know if you have any questions or if you haven't been and will be joining so I am able to have enough food prepared.

On ***November 16th-17th*** we will be having our overnight **Youth Alpha Retreat**! It will start at ***7pm Friday evening*** and end with the 5pm Mass on Saturday night. There will be games, food, praise and worship, and so much more! I highly encourage you to attend.

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St. Ann's Meals for Moms program: If you are an expectant mother please contact: MothersatSt.Ann@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Family Bowling

Sunday, November 18th

1:30 –3:30 pm

At Galaxy Bowl on Simon Avenue; Bowling & shoe rental is free. **RSVP** to John Galay at 604-853-0746 by ***November 15th***. **Limited space so reserve early.** Please bring a non perishable food item for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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If you or a family member would like a **visit or to receive the sacraments while in the hospital or at home**, please contact the Parish Office at 604-852-5602. We have 3 lay people and a deacon who visit the hospital on Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. each week.

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St. Ann's Catholic Community welcomes Caitlin Fraser who was received into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 28th, 2018.

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St. James Parish– 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner on ***Saturday, November 17, held here at St. Ann's.*** His Grace, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will be in attendance. Tables for 8 people can be reserved but only if a FULL table is purchased – part tables cannot be reserved. **Tickets are $25.00pp from St. James parish office –** telephone 604-864-8800.

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"Counselling services were being offered for students and others in the gym at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church just across the street." (CBC news Nov. 2/16)

Students Paying it Forward

On Thursday, we had the privilege of having close to 40 students from Abbotsford Senior High School come over in the pouring rain to the parish centre and volunteered their time to help with our Christmas Market preparations by decorating the windows, making posters, doing prep work in the kitchen and dividing up bulbs as one of their acts of kindness to our community. We also received a beautiful wooden planter made in the wood working class filled with plants and a thank you card with monetary donations collected from the students in another class. We certainly appreciated their offer of help. It took a big load from our volunteers. That is what community spirit is all about, neighbors helping neighbours when in need. **AbbeyStrong**

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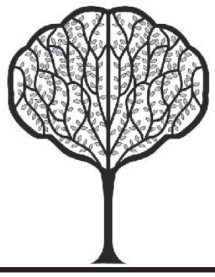

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