

# Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, November 25th, 2017, 5:00PM

For the Intentions of Jason Ordoná by Jocelyn Ordoná  
For the Intentions of Jesus "Jojo" Nicolas

Sunday, November 26th, 2017, 10:30 AM

†Cecilia Thompson by Linda Thompson  
Blessings for Mary Oviedo

Tuesday, November 28th, 2017, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, November 29th, 2017, 7:00PM

Healing mass for the intentions of John Rolland Gerard Murphy by the Murphy Family

Thursday, November 30th, 2017, 9:00AM

†Domingo Garlando by Cora Garlando and Family..

Friday, December 1st, 2017, 9:00AM

Basilia Reyes and Cecilia Ordoná By Jocelyn & Oscar Ordoná..

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017, 5:00PM

†Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, November 26th, 2017, 10:30 AM

The deceased members of the Doyle Family by Adeline Doyle

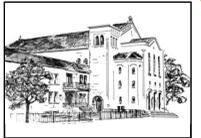
## **We pray for the healing and peace of all our sick**

Flo Davies, Adeline Doyle, Adrienne Coombs, Sterling Smith, Joe Brisindi, Dan Boyer, Rita Riley, Beverly Fender, Marie-Paul, Rickie Walsh, Muriel Boutin, Joey Walsh, Johnny Palisoc, Myrna Bolofer Go, Jennifer Parsons, Gordon Parsons, Carmen Al Fudhaili. Temperence Miriam Browning, Bernard Fournier, John & Wendy Keating, Peggy & Eddy Wargachuk, Carmen Lapello, Eddie Rodgers, Terry & Liz McHugh, Dale Flood, Isabel McKeever, Virginia Feledick, Brenda McCambridge, Maureen O'Brien, Polly Storey, Justin Occhionero, Hugo Diaz, Teresita Rosales, Evelyn and Arthur Gilchrist Sr.

**God is with you always.**

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**November 26th, 2017**  
**Thirty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

## REFLECTION

It is both the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, and our celebration of Christ as some kind of king. In our First Reading, the Prophet Ezekiel speaks the word of the Lord to the kings and leaders of Israel. They have fattened themselves on the finest lambs, but have neglected the hunger of the Lord's flock. They have found themselves rich and comfortable while the flock has strayed. Enough is enough, and the Lord declares that he himself will be the shepherd and send them a leader who will guide and care for all the people of Israel. Those who belong to the Lord will find rest by being found, and those judged to be not of the flock will be separated.

The Gospel reading for today is referred to often as "The Last Judgement." The Shepherd-King sits in his glory and is pictured as a judge. His glory is not so much that he has the power to separate sheep from goats, but that he has been seen embodied in the lives of those in jail, in the hospitals, on the streets of the homeless and in the straits of need.

This is not so much the final judgement as the climax of the incarnational drama. Jesus began the rising action with his simple entrance into human flesh and that in the secrecy of poverty. Interest is sustained as he more and more identifies himself with the sick, the needy and the unpretentious. Jesus has been creating scenes of conflict with those who were the "shepherds" of God's holy people. He has confronted their inattentiveness to those "little ones." This final scene has two important parts. Jesus indwells in the blessedness of the poor. Those who are true followers of Jesus care for Jesus in their caring for the poor.

The Incarnation is more than Jesus' having taken human flesh once in a historical moment, but that he continues to take flesh in the thirsty, hungry, homeless, imprisoned and lost. For Matthew, the glory is not as judge, but as a real presence in the unsuspected, unexpected, unattractive to the pretences. Kings parade with great publicity; Jesus picks his way through hospital wards, prison walls and knocks on doors to see if anybody can recognize him and tend him.

There is in Christian spirituality a certain privacy or self-perfectionism which revolves around keeping the Ten Commandments and doing those little things which make us feel good about ourselves. Self-involvement we might call it. The lambs who enter the kingdom of today's Gospel are not so lily-white, unblemished and bouncy. They have the nicks and dents of human interaction. They have the dirt and smell of the streets as well as the stains of trying and not succeeding.

The goats have cared well for themselves and see Jesus now for the first time and him as judge only. The King became poorer than was acceptable. The drama has had several surprises. Jesus was born in a most unkingly manner. How he remains is equally surprising, because he chooses the unlikely people to take for his kingdom. For us who want to also be of his kingdom on earth, for us who want to be "in that number" when the lambs go marching in, we have to have a deeper sight-in. If we celebrate Jesus' presence in the Word and in the Eucharist, then we also are invited to see him where he has taken up his throne, "among the poorest, the lowliest and the lost."

*"The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace." Psalm 29*

*Daily Reflection November 24th, 2002 by Larry Gillick, S.J. Deglman Center for Ignatian Spirituality*

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez  
Office Staff  
Anastasia Wargachuk  
Administration  
Oct 14-15, 2017—  
\$1,000.05  
Second Collection for  
Mexican Community—  
\$502.10  
Oct 21-22, 2017 —\$809.15  
Oct 28-29, 2017 —\$709.85  
Triduum—\$214.45  
Bowl-a-thon—\$  
Flea Market—\$2,324.00  
Nov 4-5, 2017—\$1,256.35  
Nov 11-12, 2017—\$811.85  
Nov 18-19, 2017—  
\$1,201.75

Mass Schedule  
Saturday @ 5:00 pm  
Sunday @ 10:30 am  
(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)  
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)  
Wed @ 7:00 pm  
Thursday & Friday  
@ 9:00 am  
Adoration Fridays  
9:30am to 11:30am

Birthday/Anniversary  
Blessings to  
all Parishioners who are  
celebrating this week.  
Happy Birthday to  
Stephen R  
and to Flora Lim  
Thank You to  
◇Mike, Ann, Cora, Merly,  
Judith and all the  
volunteers who worked in  
the rectory and in the  
Church.  
◇Bernard for initiating the  
donation of furniture  
◇Pedro & Bong for helping  
with the pick up of the  
donation.

**What are the origins of popular devotions?**

Unlike the sacraments themselves, popular devotions cannot be traced directly back to the ministry of Jesus and the practice of the Apostles. Most developed gradually over the years and even centuries as people sought ways of living out their faith. The origins of the more ancient devotions are often rather obscure. Some devotions, such as the rosary and scapulars, have come down to us as adaptations of the practices of religious orders. A few, such as devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Miraculous Medal, are considered to have their origin in a private revelation, that is, some vision or message given to one of the faithful.

**What is the relationship between popular devotions and the liturgy?**

Since the liturgy is the center of the life of the Church, popular devotions should never be portrayed as equal to the liturgy, nor can they adequately substitute for the liturgy.<sup>10</sup> What is crucial is that popular devotions be in harmony with the liturgy, drawing inspiration from it and ultimately leading back to it. "These devotions should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some fashion derived from it, and lead the people to it, since, in fact, the liturgy by its very nature far surpasses any of them."<sup>11</sup> While the liturgy always remains the primary reference point, "the liturgy and popular piety are two forms of worship which are in mutual and fruitful relationship with each other."<sup>12</sup> Personal and family prayer and devotions should flow from and lead to a fuller participation in the liturgy.

As Pope Paul VI recognized, maintaining the proper balance may not always be easy and may require patient and persistent effort.<sup>13</sup> He indicated that there are two extreme attitudes to be avoided. On the one hand, he rejected the position of those "who scorn, *a priori*, devotions of piety which, in their correct forms, have been recommended by the Magisterium, who leave them aside and in this way create a vacuum which they do not fill. They forget that the Council has said that devotions of piety should harmonize with the liturgy, not be suppressed."<sup>14</sup> On the other hand, he likewise did not accept the position of those who, without wholesome liturgical and pastoral criteria, mix practices of piety and liturgical acts in hybrid celebrations. It sometimes happens that novenas or similar practices are inserted into the very celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. This creates the danger that the Lord's Memorial Rite, instead of being the culmination of the meeting of the Christian community, becomes the occasion, as it were, for devotional practices.<sup>15</sup> Here Pope Paul VI admonished us that "exercises of piety should be harmonized with the liturgy, not merged into it."<sup>16</sup>

**What is the relationship between popular devotions and the Bible?**

As the Bible stands at the core of what God has revealed to the Church, sound popular devotions should naturally be strongly imbued with biblical themes, language, and imagery. Pope Paul VI explained, "Today it is recognized as a general need of Christian piety that every form of worship should have a biblical imprint."<sup>17</sup> He applied this in particular to the example of Marian devotions: "What is needed is that texts of prayers and chants should draw their inspiration and their wording from the Bible, and above all that devotion to the Virgin should be imbued with the great themes of the Christian message."<sup>18</sup> In speaking of the rosary, Pope John Paul II insisted that it is not a substitute for the reading of the Bible: "on the contrary, it presupposes and promotes" prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures.<sup>19</sup> While the mysteries of the rosary "do no more than outline the fundamental elements of the life of Christ, they easily draw the mind to a more expansive reflection on the rest of the Gospel, especially when the Rosary is prayed in a setting of prolonged recollection."<sup>20</sup>

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/popular-devotional-practices-basic-questions-and-answers.cfm>

Raffle Tickets!!! As the draw date, December 9, 2017, approaches, there are still tickets left to be sold. We are asking for your assistance in selling the remaining tickets. Spread the word, encourage your friends, family and coworkers to purchase a booklet of tickets. Tickets can be picked up after mass or at the rectory. The proceeds from this fundraising event will go towards supporting our outreach programs such as Christmas Baskets, Soup Kitchen and emergency food bags

**Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people**  
**Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism** Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM  
**Lectors and Lay Ministers Meeting:** Sunday, Nov 26, 2017, following the 10:30am Mass.  
**Faith in the family:** The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, Dec 10, 2017, at 9:00AM  
**Advent Retreat:** Saturday, Dec 9, 2017, at St Joseph's Oratory... details to follow



**Dates to Remember**  
**Flea Market:** Saturday, Dec 2, 2017, 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
**Volunteer/ Parishioners Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 6:30 PM  
**Simbanggabi:** Dec 15 through 24, 2017 \*\*  
**Christmas Bake Sale:** Saturday, Dec 16, 2017, in the Church basement, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

**Simbanggabi**  
The dates for this special Christmas Novena will be December 15, 2017 to December 24, 2017  
\*\*Please note that the Mass scheduled on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 7:00 PM will be celebrated at the Catholic Filipino Mission of Montreal, located at 8500 Saint Laurent Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec H2P 2M8

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Christmas Carols 7:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30 pm
Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Solemn Mass, 10:30 am
Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	Mass 7:00 pm
Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018	Solemn Mass 10:30 am



**PUBLIC LECTURE BY DR. REGINALD BIBBY**  
The English Speaking Catholic Council (ESCC) and the Office for English Pastoral Services (OEPS) invite everyone for an evening with noted sociologist of religion Reginald Bibby, who will deliver a public lecture entitled, *Being Pro-Religious, Low Religious, and No Religious in Montreal: A Mirror of Canada & the World*. This event will take place **this Thursday, November 30**, 7 p.m. at Loyola High School (2477 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 1R2) followed by a wine and cheese reception. Please R.S.V.P. by Monday November 27 at [escc@bellnet.ca](mailto:escc@bellnet.ca) or 514-937-2301, ext. 252

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.  
**BAPTISM** Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.  
**MARRIAGE** Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.