

November 11th, 2018
Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary
Time

At my inner-city parish we do our Sunday offering a bit differently perhaps, than you might in your parish. Because our congregation is small—usually less than a hundred people—we don't pass baskets. Instead, we have a beautiful silver urn placed near the sanctuary. As the gifts are being prepared for the Eucharist, people come forward to place their offerings in this vessel.

Since many of our parishioners are not wealthy—in fact some are very poor—the scene at our Sunday liturgy is much like what Jesus witnesses in today's *Gospel*. There, rich and poor place offerings in the temple treasury. It's a poor widow who catches the Lord's eye—her gift carries greater value than all the rest since she gave from her poverty, not her surplus. Like the Old Testament story today of a suffering widow who shares with the prophet Elijah, both stories emphasize prioritizing—a "Kingdom theme" we find in these Scriptures near the end of the Church year.

I don't like to preach on money or beg for financial help in my ministry, but I have to do it sometimes. It's important for each of us in the community to share generously in order for our local Church—as well as the global Church—to do the work of the Kingdom. As you make your offering today, I invite you to reflect on Jesus' call to generosity.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



Preauthorized Debit

We are offering pre-authorized debit as a way to simplify your Mass donation on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up a pre-authorized sheet from the Church foyer (wall) and hand it in to the parish office with a **void cheque**.

Sunday Missals and Calendars

Next Sunday we will be selling 2019 Missals and Calendars after all Masses for \$5.

Mass Attendance Count

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sun. Oct. 28 - 430	Sun. Oct. 29 - 435
Sun. Nov. 4 - 503	Sun. Nov. 4 - 447

Senior's Christmas Luncheon

Noon Sunday, Dec. 2nd

You are cordially invited to our annual Christmas luncheon in the Church Hall. A time of fellowship and a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches and goodies. Invite someone you know who is in need of some Christmas cheer. More information coming in the next bulletin.

Support Our Sponsors.

Please support our sponsors who advertise in the back of the Bulletin.

Immaculate Conception School News

Darren Spyksma will be holding an evening presentation on the redesigned curriculum **Monday, Nov. 19th at 7 pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Job Opportunity

Immaculate Conception School is looking for a **part-time Educational Assistant**. Please submit your resume and any supporting documents to the Principal, Kathleen Barth email kbarth@cispg.ca

Immaculate Conception School
Craft Fair

Sat., Nov. 17th from 10 am – 4 pm
in the Church Hall and School Gym.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich
Preparation

Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 9:40 am preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday Nov. 21st at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast is **next Sunday**. Everyone is welcomed.

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday** at the Domano Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at **7:30 am** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8 am – 8 pm**.

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith by Bishop Robert Barron. This will take place at Monday from noon until 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in the St. Eugene Room located at 1088 Gillett St.

– **Episode 9: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit:** Prayer is the center of our Christian spirituality. Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and heart to God. In this episode, Bishop Barron explores the different types of prayer: contemplation, adoration, petition and intercession and demonstrates how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep spiritual commitment centered in Christ.

Job Opportunities

The Catholic Independent Schools needs a full time **Finance Officer** and a part-time **Payroll Clerk**. Please see the website www.cispg.ca for more details.

YOUTH GRADES 7-12

You are welcome to attend St. Mary's Youth Group on **Wednesday** from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the St. Mary's School Gym. The group seeks to empower youth to take leadership roles in outreach projects, social gatherings, spiritual enrichment, and recreational fun! It also strives to support parents through networking.

Young Adult Summit at Immaculate Conception Church.

On **Friday, Nov. 23rd** from **7 pm – 9 pm** is an adults, adoration and exposition of Blessed Sacrament night of reflection, testimonies from young, Confession, praise and worship, and fellowship.

Please remember the Church and School in your Will.

REMEMBRANCE DAY!



MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

On **Tues. Nov. 20th** at **5:30 pm**, there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Jensen and the priests of the diocese to remember and pray for all our deceased priests and religious who have served our diocese.

ARE YOU A YOUNG MAN WHO BELIEVES GOD IS CALLING YOU TO SERVE GOD?

If so, there will be Live-In weekend on **Nov. 16th-18th** at the Seminary of Christ the King. For more information call Fr. Terry Brock, Vocations Director at (250)624-3095 or go to <http://sck.ca/vocations/vocation-live-in/>

The Word Made Flesh: An Advent Retreat

Please mark your calendar to join us on retreat from **Fri. Nov. 30th to Sun., Dec. 2nd**, as we transition into Advent 2018! Fr. Basil Burns, Spiritual Director of the Domano Renewal Centre, will lead us in Mass, teaching, reflection and fellowship at the DRC throughout the weekend. More information to follow on our website and in upcoming bulletins. All are welcome!

Temple Grandin - Movie with Meaning

This movie will be shown on the St. Eugene Room at St. Mary's Parish on **Sun. Nov. 18th** from **1:30 pm – 4 pm**. Facilitators: Sr. Irene Baker and Sr. Dorothy Ryan. Suggested donation: \$5 – Popcorn and drinks are provided! This is about an autistic woman who overcame the limitations imposed on her by her condition to become a Ph.D., an expert in the field of animal husbandry.

Prince George Pregnancy Care Centre, in partnership with Advokate Life & Education Services, invites you to our inaugural Fundraising Banquet on **Thurs. Nov. 29th** at Hart Hall, featuring guest speaker Shawn Carney. *This event is to raise money to open a brand new pregnancy care centre in Prince George!* Table sponsorship starts at \$250. Individual General Seating is FREE! **RSVP** by **November 21st** via email: miar@hopeforwomen.ca; text: "Banquet" to 604 832 6311; or phone: 250-562-4464.
