

**November 17th, 2019**  
**Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

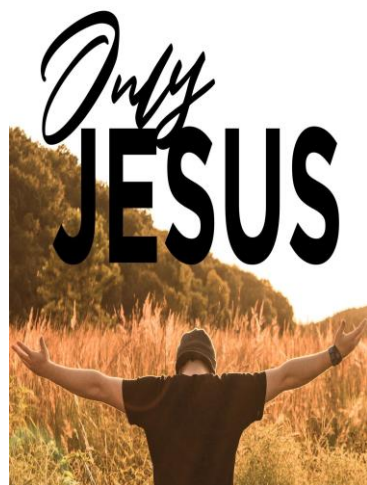
Travelers in Europe can visit the great Cathedrals of England, France, Germany, and other countries. Stone, metal, and glass create soaring structures that embody our prayers and what we perceive of God's grandeur. Some of these impressive shrines of Christianity were destroyed in World War II and later rebuilt.

The Jews of Jesus' time had the temple in Jerusalem which was the physical heart of their religion. It symbolized God's presence and was a powerful sign of their belief. Read some of the psalms to get a sense of how these ancient people of faith felt about the temple. A great tragedy befell them when the temple was destroyed in the year 70 by the Romans. This event had already happened by the time Luke wrote his *Gospel* account. And in today's passage Jesus predicts the temple's destruction, and other troubling events that will happen to his followers.

The purpose of his words, and of Luke's recollection of them, was reassurance. Jesus wanted his followers to draw strength from his continuing presence with them—a presence that would be assured in the Church through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

In our troubling times as we witness destruction and upheaval at least as disturbing as those in today's *Gospel*, we need that reassuring presence more than ever. Let our faith be strengthened by Jesus' words.

Father Greg Friedman, O. F. M.



**Seniors Christmas Luncheon**  
**Noon December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**To all parishioners:** If you would like to help by offering some Christmas baking or sandwiches, please contact Tonya Kruger at 250-964-2939 or email [tkruger@cispg.ca](mailto:tkruger@cispg.ca) We had a wonderful turnout last year, and so donation of sandwiches and baking and your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

**Any Immaculate Conception School Alumni** that would like to help serve lunch, please contact Kate Schenk at [kschenk@cispg.ca](mailto:kschenk@cispg.ca)



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**St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich**  
**Preparation at Immaculate Conception**  
**Church**

**Tuesday at 9:40 am** preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

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**Immaculate Conception School News**  
**School Expansion**

Year after year, Immaculate Conception School has been expanding the supports and programming it offers to our students. All available space has been maximized and converted to a learning centre. We now need to look at options to create more space for learning. If you have expertise, interests or connections in this area, we would love for you to join our expansion committee. Please contact Arleta Lucarelli, our School Council Chair, [arleta.lucarelli@gmail.com](mailto:arleta.lucarelli@gmail.com) or Kathleen Barth, our principal, [kbarth@cispg.ca](mailto:kbarth@cispg.ca)

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## **Diocesan Annual Appeal – “Called Together”**

“Called Together – Giving, Sharing, and Serving” which supports the mission of our local Church across our diocese.

**Our Parish Goal is: \$39,599**

**Received to Date: \$47,120**

*# of contributors: 123*

***All contributions beyond our goal comes back to the Church.***

***Thank you for your generosity.***

Please make cheques payable to:

**RCEC – Diocesan Appeal**

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### **Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019, 10:00 AM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by a simple reception.

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### **Catholicism Series – The Pivotal Players**

**Bishop Robert Barron**

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - G.K. Chesterton**  
**from 12:00 – 1:30 pm at St. Mary’s Church**

**Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Michelangelo**

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### **St. Mary’s Youth Group**

St. Mary’s Youth group seeks to empower young people to live as disciples of Christ by sharing leadership roles in outreach projects, social gatherings, spiritual enrichment, and recreational fun. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm** in the St. Mary’s Gym.

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**TAIZE PRAYER:** Please mark your calendars. St. Mary’s Parish will be hosting an evening of prayer in Taize style on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the St. Eugene Room.

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### **Christmas Kettle Campaign**

Volunteers are needed for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. For more information go to [sapg.ca](http://sapg.ca) or call 250-596-HOPE

*please give generously*



*this Christmas*

## **Advent Reconciliation Services**

The dates for our Penitential Services are:

**Christ Our Savior Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm**

**St. Mary’s PG Dec. 15 at 2:30 pm**

**Immaculate Conception Dec. 20 at 7:00 pm**

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### **Saint George’s Ukrainian Catholic Parish**

We are invited to a prayer service and blessing with the first-class relics of Saint Mother Teresa. Mass is at **10 am, Sat. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** followed at **10:45 am** with a prayer service and blessings with the relics.

Come and pray for graces, including greater abandonment to God’s will, healing and the conversion of souls.

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### **Support Our Sponsors**

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

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### **Wills**

*Please remember Immaculate Church and School in your will. Thank you.*

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### **Wanted**

We are collection stamps with ½” border and postcards. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to provide cancer dressings to those patients in need, free of charge. Please place your items in the small black basket on the table in the church foyer.

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If you ever feel distressed during your day - call upon our Lady - just say this simple prayer: “Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.” I must admit - this prayer has never failed me.

St. Teresa of Calcutta