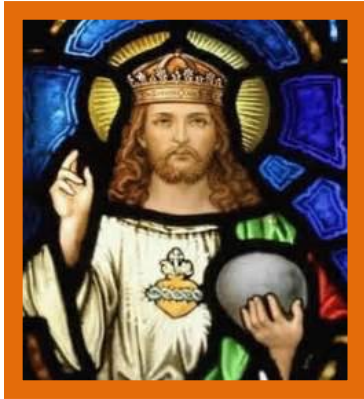


Seventh Sunday of the Most Holy Cross
Sunday of Christ the King
October 29, 2017



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Saint John XXIII, Pope

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.
- Confessions:** One half-hour before weekend Liturgies and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** *Parents* should refer to the website and then contact the parish through the parish e-mail address.
- Marriage:** Please refer to the parish website and contact the parish a **minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.
- Mass Intentions:** For specific dates requested, please submit **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends:
weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
- Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Ruth Lunn, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Elizabeth Wilson **Ex-officio council members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: St. Matthew 25; 31-46

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left.

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of

the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me. I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.”

Then the righteous will answer Him, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You? And the King will answer them, “Amen, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.”

Then He will say to those at His left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me."

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?"

Then He will answer them, "Amen, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me."

And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Death, a supported departure Part II

We all clean. We all *have to* clean so often, in fact, that it becomes tedious. As often as he clean, things still become soiled once again. Alas, it all seems endless, and sometimes purposeless at times. We all have to clean: physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually.

A treasure was discovered recently as cleaning continues in the rectory. In the attic was found a framed document dating from 1948 and the pontificate of Pope Pius XII. This document records that the pope granted to all the members of the parish in 1948 a plenary indulgence at the moment of their deaths. This is an extraordinary gift. The frame and document have been cleaned up as best possible (there was no glass covering it) and it now hangs in the front office of the rectory.

Noting the date, it was granted at a time of full vigor in the parish and a couple years before the consecration of the church building itself. While it is a seventy-year-old document it is worth noting as there are still faithful among us who were young or children in this parish in 1948. This grace from the supreme pontiff is still valid for all these members of the parish. So what is granted?

Every Catholic priest has by delegation the ability to grant what is called the "apostolic blessing" to any member of the faithful at the last moments of his life. This is a blessing that is done in the name of the pope and brings with it a plenary indulgence granted to the individual at the moment of his death. Nothing is required on the part of the dying person other than to have contrition for his sins and to call upon the mercy of Our Lord, invoking the Holy Name of "Jesus" (even if only mentally).

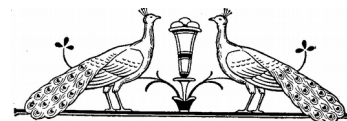
As can be imagined, the priest is not always present in these last moments often due to the suddenness of death or inadvertence of those assisting the dying person. This document of Pius XII then is precious in that it grants this indulgence to each person who was a member of the parish in 1948 – with or without a priest being present before this person's death – as a personal gift from the pope.

The wording of the grant (dated June 3, 1948) is as follows:

"... a plenary indulgence to be gained at the hour of death, on condition that, being truly sorry for their sins, even though unable to confess them and to receive the holy Viaticum, they shall at least invoke with their lips or heart the Holy Name of Jesus."

Among mankind, at any given time, there are more of us dead than alive. There may be billions of people alive on earth at this moment, but there have been many billions more who have preceded us in death. It is a departure that each of us must make at some point.

Next week, in part three, we will consider another support at death, for the weak, sick and the old, one that is perhaps better known: the strengthening and purification that takes place in the *Holy Rozo* (Mystery/Sacrament) *of Anointing*.



Between **November 1-8th**, each day one may gain a *plenary indulgence for the dead* by visiting a cemetery and praying for their repose, even if only mentally.

In addition, on **All Souls Day**, November 2nd, an *additional plenary indulgence* can be gained for the dead by way of suffrage by visiting any parish church or public oratory and there praying for the dead by the *Our Father* and the *Apostles' Creed*.

A plenary indulgence is able to be gained under the usual conditions:

- 1.) receive **Holy Communion**,
- 2.) **confession of one's sins** made up to eight days before or after the date on which one prays; and,
- 3.) to pray for the **intentions of the Holy Father** (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

VOCATION ICON

"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest." St. Matthew 9:38

Sun	October 29	Mary Joe Hodgkin
Sat	November 4	Lenore Boles
Sat	November 11	Audrey Yotides
Sun	November 19	Greg Gillespie
Sun	November 26	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Sun	December 3	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	December 10	Jodi Veilleux

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection: \$1,365.00

World Mission Day: \$238.00

Blessed be the Hidden One Who gives us the ability to sustain the apostolate of our Savior

THIRD PRAYER FROM WEDNESDAY SAFRO

○ Lord, grant peace to the world.
 May wars and battles cease throughout the earth,
 protect the churches and monasteries;
 unite them in the unity of the true Faith.
 Support and care for the people You have acquired
 through Your precious blood.
 Thus, strengthened by Your calm and peace,
 we shall render glory and thanksgiving to You, now and
 forever.
 Amen

Readers' Schedule

Seventh Sunday after Holy Cross

Ro 12; 9-21	St. Matthew 25; 31-46
October 29	Ruth Lunn

Consecration of the Church

Heb 9; 1-12	St. Matthew 16; 13-20
November 5	Lenore Boles

INTENTIONS FOR THE OURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	28	†Peter Joseph <i>(Alfred Joseph)</i>
Sun	29	†Buddy & Eva Mitchell <i>(Larry & Paula Mitchell)</i> †Prinella Mitchell <i>(Susan Mitchell)</i>
Mon	30	-----
Tue	31	†Alfred Joseph <i>(Dan & Pam Casavant)</i>
Wed	1	9:00 †Lester Giguere <i>(Ann Giguere)</i> 6:00 For the Parish Members †Jeannette Marie Sleiman <i>(John Sleiman)</i>
Thu	2	†Reggie Fortin <i>(Dan & Pam Casavant)</i> -- Catholic Extension & Donors
Fri	3	†Jeannette Marie Sleiman <i>(John Sleiman)</i> -- Catholic Extension & Donors
Sat	4	†Andrea Nasr, Fortieth Day <i>(Saliem Nasr)</i>
Sun	5	For the Parish Members †Darrell Mitchell, Fortieth Day <i>(Donna-Jo Mitchell)</i>

Liturgical notes: † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints

A Holy Day of Obligation

-- to be observed as one does any Sunday --

Masses will be offered at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Bazaar

Saturday, November 4

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

→ White-elephant objects for sale

→ Arts and Crafts

→ *American Doll* Clothes

→ Baked goods and food

We pray for the sick:

*Grant them health, and raise them up from their illness
and make them to have perfect health of body and soul
and strengthen them in spirit;*

*for Thou art the Savior and Benefactor, the Lord of
lords and Weaver of crowns,*

Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen

Those for whom we pray: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette, Rebecca Bernard and Paul Mitchell

COFFEE SCHEDULE 2017-2018

Oct 29	Rosanna Joseph & Paula Mitchell
Nov 5	Mary Jo Hodgkin & Lauraine Mansur
Nov 12	Marie McMahan & Betty Michaud
Nov 19	April Mitchell & Mary Nader
Nov 26	Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant

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Seventh Sunday of the Holy Cross

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Lighting of the Church: SB* p 21 #135/LB p 5
Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB p 606
Lord, Your Cross was Taken from the Tree

Glory: SB p 1 #1 Glory (English)

Qolo/Hymn: LB p 611 Your Cross, O Lord

Creed p 748

Pre-Anaphora:

Transfer of Gifts: LB p 750 The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *Ikbal*

Anaphora:

Saint Mark, the Evangelist: LB p 835

Sign of Peace: SB p 40 #176 *Tooba Lisa*

Communion: SB p 19 # 130 I am the Vine

Recessional: SB p 18 #128 I Am the Bread of Life

**LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book*

WORK SCHEDULE FOR THE BAZAAR

we need your help!

Wed, Nov 1: make fatayir 4:00

Thu, Nov 2: cook cabbage, 10:00; make apple pies,
1:00; spinach s'feha, 5:00; set up, 6:00

Fri, Nov 3: roll cabbage, 10:30

If you can assist with any or all of the above
it would truly be appreciated.

This is a team effort and cannot be done
by a few people.