

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.



Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the story — commonly known as the Parable of the Talents — of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to “entrust his possessions to them.”

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money (“talent”) commensurate with that servant’s abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they “immediately” put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master’s talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response! This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talents and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: “Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master’s joy.”

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, November 16

8:30 a.m. - All Souls †

Tuesday, November 17

8:30 a.m. - All Souls †

7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 a.m. - All Souls †

Thursday, November 19

No Mass

Friday, November 20

8:30 a.m. - All Souls †

Saturday, November 21

5:00 p.m. - All Souls †

Sunday, November 22

9:00 a.m. - All Souls †

11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”

How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

ONGOING FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for *“Prayer - Prayer Life / Catholic Prayers & Practices”* at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 17th in our parish hall.

Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord, and let light
perpetual shine upon them,
may they rest in peace,
and rise in glory.



CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

With the original Cathedral Renovation target completion date of November 25, 2020, you may be asking, "In the midst of all that has taken place this year, is the renovation work still on track to be completed?" The answer is a most pleasant yes. When so many things shut down, quite remarkably, and perhaps with the intercession of St. Catherine herself, the work was able to continue inside the Cathedral with a limited number of skilled workers. These were not just workers, but skilled masters of their trades and artists that played a role in the magnificent transformation of the mother church of our diocese. Most beautifully, they each took great pride in their work and the results will leave all who enter in awe. Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal and consider making a donation today as we, a diocesan family, work to bring this renovation and appeal to its completion.



Thank you so much for your generous contributions to Caritas Canada-Development and Peace, which will increase the quality of life and human dignity of the most impoverished and contribute directly to building a more just world. Pope Francis has encouraged us "to find within ourselves the necessary antibodies of justice, charity and solidarity." You have risen to that challenge. devp.org



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St. Vincent's, St Vincent de Paul Store in Niagara Falls, is looking for more volunteers. Duties including sorting and pricing of merchandise, stocking our shelves, manning the cash register, helping customers, etc. We have taken measures to provide a Covid safe environment. If you can spare 3-4 hours per week and enjoy helping others, this is an opportunity to serve in a friendly place for a worthwhile cause. If you need to do Community Service for school or other reasons, we can provide you with the hours you need. We are located at 5970 Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. If you are interested or have any questions, drop by, call us at (289)296-3807 or email vincentstorenf@gmail.com. Our manager, Andrea, would be happy to hear from you.



Join retreat facilitator, Terri Pauco from the Family and Youth Office, from the comfort of your own home, for **A Virtual Advent Retreat for Busy Catholic Women** being held through ZOOM on **December 12, 2020 from 9:00am to 11:30am**. Women of all ages are invited to join online to pray and explore the idea of finding peace in the seasonal preparations and busyness of life complicated by the pandemic. Bishop Bergie will lead a portion of this sacred time. This event is free. Register by December 9th using the link found on the diocesan website, www.saintcd.com. For more information, call 905-684-0154.

MINISTRY FOCUS

We are very blessed at St. Julia to have so many dedicated volunteers who work in the many ministries within our parish. Perhaps you feel called to assist in one of these ministries such as Monday morning collection counters, weekend ushers, COVID-19 counters and cleaners. So many possibilities of serving here at St. Julia - a caring Roman Catholic Community. Please contact the office or see Fr. Greg.

ST. JULIA PASTA NIGHT RETURNS

Take Out Only

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

*Includes: Penne Pasta & Sauce,
Meatballs, Caesar Salad,
Roll & Butter*

Cost: \$10.00



Advance Ticket Sales Only

Ends: 12:00 noon, Monday, November 23rd

*Tickets will be sold before/after all weekend Masses
and can also be purchased from the office.*

Pick up times (must be selected at time of sale):

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
