

NOVEMBER 18, 2018
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Corner

In recent times the Roman Catholic Church has been rocked by a series of new scandals involving the sexual abuse of minors by its clergy. While these terrible things took place in the local church of Pennsylvania these sins have hurt the Church as a whole because she is one as we profess in the Nicene Creed. While it can seem, as members of the Church, that we live in the worst of times because these are *our* times the truth is that in every age and in every place the Church has undergone trials and challenges and suffered scandals and schisms that threatened her very existence. Through all of this she has survived. In the midst of our current scandals the faithful generally pose two questions: 1) "Are the truths of my faith still valid?" and 2) "What is to be done to better the Church?"

The emotional and irrational reaction to scandals in the Church is the drastic view that the Church and its truths cannot be legitimate when members of the hierarchy live contrary to these truths. From this point of view the Church and its doctrine is to be entirely discarded. However, to equate human behavior with the validity or invalidity of the Church and its teachings is a mistake. If the Church was founded by humans, then this argument might have some weight, but the reality is that the Church was divinely instituted by Jesus Christ Himself and all its teachings are His. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. While human beings can fail and disappoint us Jesus never does. A Christian must never take his gaze off of the Person of Christ. The moment he does is the moment he begins to sink as Peter did when he walked on the water.

In moments of crisis which engender fear, suspicion, confusion, and discord it can become easy to point the finger of blame looking for a scapegoat upon whom to heap the blame. It is clear that blame falls upon the perpetrators of these horrible crimes, but this does not answer the question, "What can be done to better the Church?" The true answer to this question could be found if our question could be reworded to ask, "What am I doing to better live my own faith?" If we desire the Church to be holier, we ourselves must become holier – this is simply the bottom line. This quest for holiness must always begin with our personal encounter with Christ. In this encounter we recognize that we are also sinners in need of being saved. If we honestly examine our own lives does it really surprise us that other members of the Church are also sinners? Pope Francis has repeatedly stated that "The church is not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners," like "a field hospital after battle" where the wounds of sinners are healed. The true answer to scandals in the Church has been the same in every age – men and women who were saints. As we live through these difficult times in the life of the Church let us again set our gaze firmly on Christ, the Head of the Church who never lets us down and accept His invitation to become saints.

In Christ,
 Fr. Alessandro

ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED ENVELOPES (All Souls) can be found in your envelope package or in the foyer of the church. You can drop off your envelopes in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the office during office hours. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the whole month of November.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL). Upcoming monthly meeting **Wednesday November 21 at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. Our meetings will now be held on Wednesday evenings. All women 16 years and older are welcomed. Come for fellowship and deepen your faith journey.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS for the 2019/2020 school year are now being accepted at the school office. Please submit your child's original birth and baptism certificate with your application. Application forms may be printed from our website www.sthelensschool.ca or picked up at the school office.

FIAT, the women's vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver is getting ready for another year of events. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. Poster with activities dates is placed in the Church foyer. For more information please contact Sr. Mary Sabina DeMuth, 604-443-3254 or e-mail womensvocations@rcav.org



HOST AND WINE donated for this weekend Masses
 in loving memory of **Steve Olynyk**,
 Gift of Mary

If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine memory of a dear one please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

CHURCH CLEANING – NOVEMBER –TEAM 3 - Christine, 604-436-0169

COFFEE HOUR–Nov. 25–PANCAKE BREAKFAST–KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK. Please support **FORTUNA BAKERY**, one of the sponsors who bring to you this weekly Parish Bulletin!

SUNDAY COLLECTION (Weekly goal \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
November 11	\$ 5,597.00	\$ 637.00	\$ 6,234.00
Thank you for your generosity!			

We Pray For

Saturday, November 17 [St. Elizabeth of Hun; Religious]

9:00 am - Special Intention for Patricia Fung, † Mattias Kim
 4:00 pm - † Margaret, Mary, Agnes & Joseph Wong, † Dec. of Nigro Fam.
 † Steve Olynyk, † Maria & Pietro Casale, † Nicola Scalera
 † Anthony Grippo

Sunday, November 18 [33RD Sunday in Ordinary Time]

8:30 am - Spec. Intention for recovery, Spec. Int. For David Rezmer
 Spec. Int. For Lena & Luciano Pastega
 † Nicola & Angela Borzillo, † Pina Benedet, † Robert Nakashima
 † Ernesto & Domenica Cioffi, † Francesco & Eleonora Marchetti
 10:00 am - † Diego Rizzuto, † Nina Luongo, † Dec. of Settimio & Filippo Briglio
 † Alessandro Peretto, † Liborio & Laura Mainella, † Mike Barile
 † Dec. of Testani & Bracaglia Fam., † Antonio DeMarchi
 † Bruno Piccoli, † Giuseppe & Lucia Palazzo, † Marcella Carniel
 † Dec. of Cusinato & Campagnolo Fam.
 11:30 am - † Purificacion Sunico, † Stephen Olynyk, † Minerva Larawan
 † Igmedio L. Tale, Sr., † Elpedia C. Tale, † Chow Kar Chun
 † Modesto & Carmela Mastromonaco, † Osvaldo & Nico Strazzullo
 † Dora & Michele Amoroso

7:30 pm - † Our Parishioners

Monday, November 19 [Weekday]

7:45 am - † Francesco, Maria & Anna Anselmo, † Isidro & Saturnina Roxas

Tuesday, November 20 [Weekday]

7:45 am - † Saverio, Carmela & Caterina Marrello, † Isidro & Saturnina Roxas

Wednesday, November 21 [The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary]

7:45 am - † Sister Mary Alice Danaher

Thursday, November 22 [St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr]

7:45 am - † Dec. of Zanatta Family

Friday, November 23 [St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr]

7:45 am - † Claudia Valeria De Assumpcao

Saturday, November 24 [St. Andrew Ding-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs]

9:00 am - † Sun-Keun Lee, † Dec. members of Cerantola Fam.
 4:00 pm - † Agnes & Joseph Wong, † Italo Nigro, † Dan, Carmel & Anthony Grippo
 † Salvatore Chirico, † Rachela & Giuseppe Esposito

Sunday, November 25 [CHRIST THE KING]

8:30 am - † Marija Vlastelic, † Romeo Basso & Family
 10:00 am - † Francesco & Angela Mainella, † Angelo & Rina Tatto, † Giuseppe Luca
 † Antonio Macera, † Nicola & Maria Misceo, † Fortunato & Mark Pietramala
 † Pietro & Maria Carelli, † Dec. of Mastroianni & Calella Fam.
 † Pina Benedet, † Pietro & Elena Grossi, † Sante Fedele, † Antonia Zuzolo
 † Marcella Carniel, † Antonio & Lisa Cenedese & Fam., † Elio & Sergio Infanti
 11:30 am - † Giuseppe Marrone, † Maria Sansalone, † Minerva Larawan,
 † Maria Vlastelic, † Robyn Curan Kram † Ignacije Borovic
 7:30 pm - † Our Parishioners

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XXXIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

«VEDRANNO IL FIGLIO DELL'UOMO VENIRE SULLE NUBI»
 In cammino con la Chiesa verso il Regno, tutti noi cristiani possiamo sperimentare, nella liturgia, l'approssimarsi di un cammino che si conclude, che coincide con il termine dell'anno liturgico ormai prossimo. In questo concludersi siamo invitati a leggere non una fine da temere, ma una realizzazione in Dio nella quale possiamo cogliere, specialmente in questa domenica, motivi di gioia e di speranza. Le letture bibliche ce li presentano, ognuna dalla sua angolazione specifica. Il profeta Daniele, guardando al futuro con positività e fiducia esclama: «Allora si salverà il tuo popolo, tutti gli iscritti nel libro» (I Lettura). Gesù stesso, in quello che nel Vangelo di Marco viene definito «discorso escatologico», dichiara solennemente il compiersi delle profezie dell'Antico Testamento per il popolo eletto che ora si attuano nella Chiesa: «Il Figlio dell'uomo... riunirà dai quattro venti gli eletti, dall'estremo della terra fino all'estremo del cielo» (Vangelo). L'autore della lettera agli Ebrei descrive il Cristo seduto alla destra di Dio, definitivamente vittorioso su tutti i suoi nemici posti come sgabello sotto i suoi piedi (II Lettura). Non c'è spazio per la paura.

Don Guido Colombo, ssp

SANTE MESSE PER I FAMILIARI DEFUNTI. Una busta speciale per questo fine e inserita nel pacchetto delle buste. Ci sono altre buste disponibili all'entrata della chiesa. Indicate i nomi dei vostri cari. Le buste possono essere lasciate nell'cestino di raccolta di Domenica o si può portarle in ufficio durante le ore di ufficio. Le buste saranno collocate sull'altare durante tutto il mese di novembre.

LE DONNE CATTOLICHE (CWL). Prossima riunione mensile **mercoledì 21 Novembre alle 19:00** nella sala sotto la chiesa. Tutte le donne dai 16 anni in su sono benvenute.

PROJECT ADVANCE donazioni si accetano fino 31 Dicembre. Invitiamo tutte le nostre famiglie di partecipare in questa campagna di raccolta di fondi per le opere del evangelizzazione. Grazie per il vostro sostegno.

PANELLO DELLA FEDE é una opportunità per fare un dono memorabile per i nostri cari defunti. L'offerta fatta può essere dichiarata nelle tasse. Se la famiglia del defunto, per occasione della Messa di Funerale, richiede ai partecipanti "donazione a S. Elena" al posto di fiori, allora il nome del deceduto verrà aggiunto al Pannello della Fede. Pannello è preminentemente installato all'entrata della Chiesa. Per informazioni o offerte chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

"I loro nomi sono scritti nei cieli"



SE VOLETE OFFRIRE IL PANE E IL VINO da usare durante tutte le Sante Messe della settimana a ricordo dei propri cari, per favore chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.