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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Check the bulletin or website for the current schedule

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Friday 3:15 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.

and/or as announced or by appointment

PARISH BULLETIN FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH AND TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME October 2, 2016 and October 9, 2016

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FAITH FORMATION: Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions are offered for adults. Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and/or to register.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact the parish office for further information.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

October 2, 2016

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Destruction and violence are the backdrop of the prophet's generation.

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9

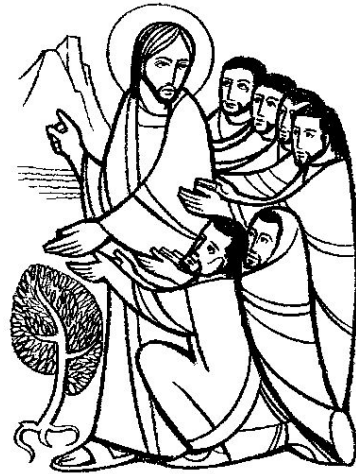
Hardened hearts will miss the invitation to divine joy and rescue.

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Holy leadership overcomes cowardice and embraces power, love, and self-control.

Luke 17:5-10

Faith only increases in its exercise.



FAITH YOU CAN RELY ON

Faith is a word many believers misunderstand. It isn't concerned with whether God exists. Faith means we're confident that God is reliable. Faith, then, is not about reciting doctrines like a checklist of orthodoxy to be signed with our intellectual assent. Frankly it doesn't matter what we accept as true if it doesn't affect the way we live. If we have faith in God's reliability, then we depend on God like gravity. We take every step confident in the force of God's love to hold onto us.

In the Old Testament faith in God is expressed in terms of love, trust, and obedience. After all, if you have confidence in someone who is always "there" for you, wouldn't you love that person, trust them with your life, and embrace their advice as being in your best interest? Many of the saints extol the virtue of obedience as the most important in their quest for union with God. The more closely they listen to God speaking in word and sacrament, in the silence of contemplation and the noise of everyday activities, the better they can serve and love.

The more cerebral idea we have about faith—that it means accepting something as true—comes from the Greek word used in the New Testament, which originally had a secular meaning. Accepting Jesus, his words and deeds and his identity as Son of God, became the grounding of faith for Christians. And it still is. But in building any structure, the ground is only where you begin. It has to be firm and it has to be sure, which is exactly what Christ is for us. Once we put our confidence in the reliability of Jesus, of course, we can't simply rest there. It's time to actually follow him.

If we think of faith in its passive, intellectual sense compared with the more active Hebrew meaning, we see both are encouraged in the Pastoral Letters. "Testimony to our Lord" is vital, but we're also obliged to "bear [our] share of hardship for the gospel." It's confession-on-the-lips vs. the embrace of the heart all over again. What we think about God must be demonstrated by our relationship with God: a relationship lived out most tangibly in our relationship to our neighbor. If we have faith, if we embrace God as reliable, then we'll find ourselves willing to be compliant to the divine will in ways big and small. That's obedience in a nutshell! And we'll say, as the servants in the parable do, "No big deal: we obey because that's our job." It's also, we might add, our joy and pleasure. God's way is always the surest and best possible route.

— Alice Camille

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"Faith is the art of holding on to things in spite of your changing moods and circumstances."

— C. S. Lewis

"The separation of faith and love is always a consequence of a deterioration of religion."

— Paul Tillich, *Dynamics of Faith*

OUR PARISH IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR:

1. Weekly Altar Linens Laundry: Each person will have one week of laundry linens to wash and press. Instructions on "how to" will be given and with help to start you off. **2. Weekly Church Cleaning:** Schedule is made on a monthly basis. Cleaning instructions will be made available to you with help to start you off. **The more volunteers, the better for all!** We welcome any group or individuals who wish to contribute to these important and necessary tasks to keep Our Lord's house neat and tidy! If you are interested, please call either **Ann McMurdie 204-889-6606** or **Colette Mozol 204-885-6031**.

October 9, 2016

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17

A foreign leprosy sufferer is healed by Israel's God and pledges his allegiance.

Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

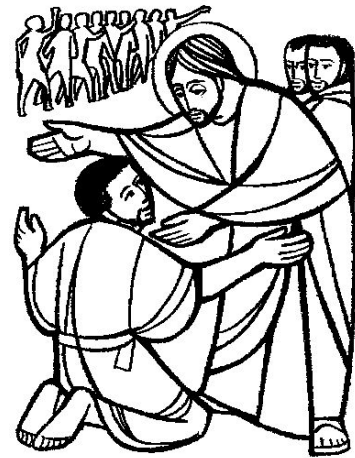
In the sight of all nations God's justice is made real.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Fidelity to Christ will bear us up even in crisis and distress.

Luke 17:11-19

Ten lepers, 10 healings, one thankful heart.
There's a gratitude shortage.



HALF THE CIRCLE IS MISSING

My new best friend in commentary Martin Lang (author of *Luke: My Spirit Rejoices!*) calls supplication half the circle described by faith. The other half, he posits, is gratitude. Today's tale of lepers gives us a useful if fanciful statistic: One out of every 10 people who ask God for what they need remember to thank God for what they get. If an actual poll were taken, this percentage might prove to be optimistic.

Why is gratitude hard to muster? Need compels us to seek resolution. Once resolved, urgency is dispelled. Yet the capacity to be grateful is viewed by psychologists as a sign of mental wellness. Those who can't summon up a thank you for anything inhabit the dark valley of illness. Does imbalance follow ingratitude, or does illness shut off this key half of the circle? Either way, the exercise of thanksgiving is a necessary aspect of spiritual wholeness.

The saints are prime examples of how to be grateful, for beginners at the task. Francis de Sales understood that we're to be glad first of all for our existence: "How much do I owe to thee," he prayed, "since out of my nothingness thou has made me what I am?" Ascetic Joseph Cafasso identified the prayer of thanks as the best preparation for death as well, citing the existence of others—parents, friends, and companions—among what we should be grateful for in the final hour.

If gratitude comes first and last, it shouldn't be absent in the middle. "Wicked though I am," Teresa of Avila noted, gratitude motivated her more naturally toward God than any imagined torments of hell. Fellow Doctor of the church Ambrose outlined how thankfulness should accompany us through the day: when we wake, eat, and return to our beds. Saint Patrick argued that thanks to God are due not just routinely but under every condition: whether things go well or badly, as proof of unwavering faith. In this he had verification from Alphonsus Liguori. In a sermon, Liguori allowed that God "accepts" our thanks in times that are agreeable to us. But God is especially pleased when we cheerfully give thanks for "what is repugnant to our inclinations." So: Dinner is burned, thanks be to God!

Mystic Faustina Kowalska, who received the grace of the radiant vision of Divine Mercy, admitted that such spiritual benefits as hers made it impossible not to be "steeped in adoration and thanksgiving," counting her blessings for a whole hour. She reflected: "All that this year contained has gone into the abyss of eternity. Nothing is lost. I am glad that nothing gets lost." For every blessing eternity has held and will hold for us, we give thanks. — *Alice Camille*

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"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough." — Meister Eckhart

"Just like there's always time for pain, there's always time for healing." — Jennifer Brown, *Hate List*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT:

Darrell Aucoin, David Carlyle, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Felix Gonzalez, Angela Kalichak, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Jacob Trudel, Antonio F. Viegas, Maria Helena Viegas, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski.

Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to serve on a new parish stewardship committee and on a new parish fundraising committee. As we move forward in faith as a parish community, we are looking to enlist and engage parishioners with appropriate gifts and talents to become involved in the establishment of both a new Parish Stewardship Committee and a new Parish Fundraising Committee. **Those interested in becoming involved in either or both of these proposed committees are encouraged to speak with members of the parish staff and/or members of our Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee. Thank you for your kind consideration.**

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS/GREETERS): We are looking for new volunteers to help serve in the Ministry of Hospitality as Greeters/Ushers at all weekend Sunday liturgies. Parishioners interested in assisting may get more information by speaking with a current usher or by contacting Richard Carlyle @ 204-889-0238. We also ask those currently serving in the Ministry of Hospitality to help in seeking out new Ministers of Hospitality by approaching prospective volunteers in a personal way at your own weekend Mass times.

PRIEST, PROPHET, KING STUDY PROGRAM: We are holding sessions on designated **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 15)** and on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Nov. 16)**. For more information, please contact our pastoral assistant, Sharon. Depending on circumstances and interest from parishioners not able to participate in the program at this time, it is possible that we might repeat the program sometime in the New Year.

KNITTING GROUP: The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Wednesday, October 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** downstairs in Room 10. All women and men who can knit or crochet are invited to participate. We can provide materials and even teach you, if you wish. We create "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by Villa Rosa or Pregnancy and Family Support Services and sometimes for other worthwhile causes. We greatly appreciate donations of yarn and other sewing materials. For the 2016-2017 term, our group will be meeting on alternating Wednesday afternoons. For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net

RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Rummage Sale Committee will hold a meeting this coming **Tuesday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m. downstairs in room 10.** Report from Rummage Sale held on September 23, 2016: \$600.70 deposited, less reimbursed expenses of \$157.25 = net profit of \$443.45.



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS IN OUR PARISH

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help are held each Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

FILM SCREENING AND MEET THE DIRECTOR "THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION": Canada has just enacted some of the most liberal laws on euthanasia/assisted suicide in the world. Former Winnipeg filmmaker Kevin Dunn has recently returned from filming in Brussels, Belgium where 15 years ago, similar laws legalizing euthanasia were passed. He's collected a number of first-hand testimonials from family members, doctors, lawyers and religious from both Belgium and Canada in an effort to show the rest of the world what this ideology can do to a culture over time. Please join us for a free screening of the film THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION and presentation by Kevin Dunn on **Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Winnipeg.** Watch the trailer for the film at **www.VulnerableFilm.com.** Produced by The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition in association with DunnMedia. The event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Charleswood Council 7523.

SERENA NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Serena teaches a comprehensive two-hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method of natural family planning. The next class is **Saturday, November 26, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email mbs Serena@gmail.com or see our website www.serenamb.com

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION: The Central Winnipeg Deanery Listening Session with Archbishop Richard Gagnon will be held on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Avenue.** Synod Listening Sessions have been scheduled with Archbishop Richard Gagnon in all deaneries so that the voices of the people of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will be heard and added to the discussion about our local church today and our hopes for our local church in the coming years. *For list of listening sessions, please check the information posted on the church bulletin board or go to the archdiocesan website www.archwinnipeg.ca*

SERRA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER: The Serra Club will host its annual fundraising dinner supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Thursday evening, October 20, 2016.** The dinner will be held at the Caboto Centre, 1050 Wilkes Avenue. The guest speaker will be Sister Lesley Sacouman, SNJM, House of Peace. **Tickets are available from the parish office at a cost of \$90 each** or from Guy Coughlin 204-953-4600 or Irene Kirouac 204-487-7934. Income Tax Receipts will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.

For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE PARISH BULLETIN

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016 and October 9, 2016



Patronal Feast: Parish Fiesta!

and first 50th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Solemn Mass for the Feast of Saint John XXIII

including Commissioning of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Reception immediately following Mass in the parish hall

HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE A SIMPLE “PARISH FIESTA” RECEPTION: We are looking for help to prepare fruit and dainties, coffee and tea, and various *ethic finger food dishes* for the reception to be held after Mass on October 11th. Many of our newer parishioners come from various countries where the celebration of a parish’s patronal feast is done with great fervour as a great “fiesta” celebration! Some have indicated the desire to help by way of providing their ethic dishes. By all means, we would love to include and celebrate the diversity that is coming to our parish. Nevertheless, we urge everyone to “keep things simple” and to bring only such food items that are not prone to spoil and do not need cooking on site, i.e. “finger food” dishes. It is important that we follow proper food handling procedures for the safety and enjoyment of all. **For further information, those wishing to assist may contact Ann McMurdie at 204-889-6606 or Vicky Tualla at 204-837-1078 or Gemma Minerva at 204-291-5320.**

HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE PICTURES, PHOTOS, ETC.: We are looking for pictures of various events and groups associated with the parish which you can loan so that these may be scanned into a pictorial history to mark the 50th anniversary of the beginnings of our parish community. **We are hoping to prepare an appropriate looped video presentation to play throughout the reception following Mass on October 11th.** Please bring suitable pictures to the parish office as soon as possible and/or contact Sharon, phone 204-832-7206 or email sharon@johnxxiii.ca to make arrangements for the loan of your photographs. Photographs will be returned to you after they have been scanned. Alternatively, if you have photographs already in a current digital format you may email them directly to sharon@johnxxiii.ca. Thank you for your help in this project.



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP): Couples for Christ Winnipeg West Chapter invites everyone to join us in our *Christian Life Program*. It is open to all adult (Single or Married) individuals. The first session began on September 25th. **Sessions are held Sunday afternoons at 1:15 p.m.** downstairs in the parish hall of Saint John XXIII Church. Families with little ones are most welcome as we offer baby-sitting during the program. Registration is FREE! For more information, please contact Ron/lanne Purisima 204-218-1515, 204-791-5691; Frank/Minda Aborde 204-881-3824, 204-952-1255; Ronnie/Josie Licsi 204-999-5660 or the Saint John XXIII Parish Office.



PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2016-2017: Catechism classes are held each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. Students and parents gather first downstairs in the parish hall after which students are dismissed with their catechists to go to their designated classrooms. **Those who would like their children to take part in catechism classes are asked to submit a completed REGISTRATION FORM for each child.** This year according to the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* program we are providing catechetical classes divided into the following age groups: SEEDS (Preschool), PROMISE (Kindergarten – Grade 1), GOOD NEWS (Grades 2-3), VENTURE (GRADES 4-6) and VISIONS (Grades 7-8). The lessons provided for the Sundays of long weekends and at Christmastime will be given out beforehand to the students so they may be utilized at home. **Please note that we have designated the lounge area downstairs as a place where parents may gather for coffee and refreshments while their children are in catechism classes. We welcome parents and guardians to join us there each Sunday morning for good company and fellowship!**

TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 2 – 16, 2016

As circumstances suggest, the schedule may be subject to change.

Sunday, October 2

5:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am
10:15 am
11:45 am
1:15 pm
1:15 pm

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS – William MacFarlane+, requested by Doug and Laurette Burch
MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
CATECHISM CLASSES (gather in parish hall and then go to classrooms)
MASS – Bob Gair+, requested by Dorothy Gair and family
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 2 – Couples for Christ – in the parish hall
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION 1 – downstairs in room 12

Monday, October 3

7:00 pm
7:00 pm

FERIAL

Office closed
Knights of Columbus General Meeting
Catholic Women’s League Executive Meeting

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
10:00 am
1:00 pm

MEMORIAL: SAINTS FRANCIS OF ASSISI

N.B.: No weekday Masses this week – Priests’ Study Days
Office open
PRIEST, PROPHET, KING Study Session (downstairs in room 10)
Rummage Sale Committee Meeting (downstairs in room 10)

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
10:30 am
1:00 – 3:00 pm
6:45 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm

FERIAL

Office open
LITURGY OF THE WORD – at Golden West Centennial Lodge, 811 School Road
Knitting Group (downstairs in room 10)
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS (in the church)
EVENING PRAYER from the Liturgy of the Hours
PRIEST, PROPHET, KING Study Session (downstairs in room 10)

Thursday, October 6

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

FERIAL

Office open

Friday, October 7

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
3:00 pm
7:00 pm

MEMORIAL: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Office open
Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR – 14th Worldwide Children’s Eucharistic Holy Hour
Children, youth and adults are invited to participate.
Bring your rosary if you have one.

Saturday, October 8

5:00 pm

FERIAL

MASS – Manuel Pereira+, requested by Maria Pereira

Sunday, October 9

9:00 am
11:45 am
1:15 pm
1:15 pm

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

N.B.: No Catechism Classes today – Thanksgiving long weekend
MASS – Liz Baziuk+, requested by Ray and Alice Fleury
MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Lucca Alexandre Freitas-Mancusi
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 3 – Couples for Christ (in the parish hall)

Monday, October 10

FERIAL

Office closed – Canadian Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 am
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
7:00 pm

SOLEMNITY (PATRONAL FEAST): SAINT JOHN XXIII, Pope

Recitation of the Rosary
Office open
MASS – For the intentions of parishioner past and present
Mass will include the commissioning of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
“PARISH FIESTA” – RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL

Following Mass:

Wednesday, October 12	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:30 am	Central Winnipeg Deanery Meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank <i>(in room 12)</i>
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS <i>(in the church)</i>
7:00 pm	MASS – Louise Lane, requested by Mona Harper
Thursday, October 13	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – For the intentions of José Barrera, requested in thanksgiving by friends
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
Friday, October 14	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Nell Ramsay+, requested by Helen Yankoski
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	MASS – at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy <i>(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)</i>
Saturday, October 15	MEMORIAL: SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Life's Vision Meeting <i>(downstairs in room 10)</i>
5:00 pm	MASS – Nell Ramsay+, requested by Bill and Irene O'Byrne
Sunday, October 16	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS – Eileen Hepple+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES <i>(gather in parish hall and then go to classrooms)</i>
11:45 am	MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
1:15 pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 4 – Couples for Christ
1:15 pm	CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION 2 – downstairs: room T.B.A.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: On **Sunday October 2nd at 1:15 p.m.** classes will begin for youth (and interested catholic adults not yet confirmed) who wish to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 to be conferred when the Archbishop comes to our parish sometime in the spring. A "Confirmation Commitment Ceremony" will tentatively take place during the 11:45 a.m. Sunday Mass on November 13, 2016. **Please contact Sharon Camier or Fr. Robert to register and to find out what the preparation program will entail.** We look forward to meeting our new confirmation candidates on October 2nd.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2016: Our Parish's appeal target for 2016 is \$50,670. As of September 30, 2016, \$15,002.00 has been received at the Archdiocese and through the parish office which represents 29.61% of our parish appeal target for 2016. Envelopes are available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance or in the parish office. Whether you submit your contribution to Sharing God's Gifts 2016 through the parish office or directly to the Archdiocese, **please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts"**. Pre-authorized debit and VISA options are also available – see information on the appeal envelopes. Thank you for your generous support.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: A special thank you to all those parishioners who participated in the retreat and workshops held recently for Communion Ministers. We are planning to commission our *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* in the appropriate liturgical rite by mandate of our Archbishop at a special Mass to be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** which will mark the Feast of Saint John XXIII, patron of our parish.

BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIRS NEEDED: As most of us know, we have a good building. However, at 49 years of age it is starting to need some major maintenance and repair. To maintain the integrity of the *building envelope* (i.e. its outer shell), we need to replace many broken and cracked bricks and re-point the brick and decorative masonry trim panels. The cost of this work will be approximately **\$12,500.00**. As of September 30th, a total of **\$8,520.00** has been donated. Although we would have liked to get the job done prior to another freeze season, the project will now be deferred until the spring of 2017. Monies already collected will be put aside for this purpose. For those still wishing to contribute towards this project, please make your cheque payable to "St. John XXIII Parish" and indicate that your donation is to be used towards "Building Envelope Repair". Thank you for your support.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Our sincere thanks to an anonymous donor who has made a very generous offering to cover the cost of the new Saint Killians Candle Burning System (votive candle stand) which is located under the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on the north side of the nave of the church. Now that both stands have been paid for, proceeds from the **\$2.00 offering per candle** will cover the ongoing cost of candles and towards other items to enhance our sacred space.



14th Annual

Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour

Archbishop Gagnon recently sent out a memorandum to Pastors and Catechetical Coordinators about the 14th Annual Worldwide Children's and Youth Eucharistic Holy Hour scheduled for October 7, 2016. Catholics in many countries are being encouraged to invite their children and youth to gather on this day to pray for peace in their families and in the world.

We are inviting our young people and all the members of their families and the parish at large to mark the special day by coming out for a Holy Hour which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7th at Saint John XXIII Church.

At Fatima in 1917, the "Angel of Peace" was sent as a **Teacher of Love** by our Blessed Mother to draw the three Little Shepherd Children into the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. He taught them **to adore Jesus, prayers to pray while in His Presence, and to make sacrifices for the conversion of the world.**

The Worldwide Eucharistic Holy Hour on October 7th is a call to clergy, Catholic educators, parents and the faithful at large to gather with children in their parish churches and chapels on the First Friday of October to spiritually unite their prayers as they are guided into the School of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Eucharistic adoration and reparation, entrustment to Mary and the Holy Rosary. This event lends the opportunity to **open the floodgates of graces and mercy** on our world, as millions throughout the world unite in prayer before the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus to console and make reparation to His Most Sacred and Eucharistic Heart. It gives us the unprecedented opportunity to pray for the needs of our own families and all the families of the world.

We all know how too many children of the world are wounded by the scourges of divorce, drugs, abuse, impurity – and the list goes on. Who is going to repair these wounded hearts? We must bring them into the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus to be **bathed in His love. He alone can "fan the flame of faith in the souls of our world's children, and through the children to their parents, thus reopening the places of faith of our time"** (Benedict XVI, Bressanone, Italy).

The fruit of this annual global Eucharistic event is untold graces that are shed upon the families of the world. **"Light a Candle – One Hour – One Million Children Praying – to change the world!"** Sisters and brothers, especially in this Year of Mercy, let us promote the Rosary and take an active part with our young people in this most worthwhile event. **If you have your own Rosary, please bring it with you. We look forward to seeing you on October 7th.**

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted."

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Spiritually Adopted Baby Program

On **October 1st and 2nd** the Knights of Columbus of St. James Council will be launching their Spiritually Adopted Baby Program. A Pro-Life display will be set up just inside the south church entrance along with lapel pins and mini-roses for donations if desired. Those who choose to Spiritually adopt will be asked to pray each day over the next nine months. On or around Mothers' Day 2017 all proceeds and donations will be taken to **Pregnancy and Family Support Services** to aid all the good work they do offering services which support women, pregnant women, men and children at all stages, and which cultivate family life, empower individuals and grow community. In conjunction with the Mothers' Day presentation, our Knitting Group is already hard at work making items for the layettes that also will be donated. **If you would like to learn more about the Spiritually Adopted Baby program, please contact Jeff Lutz of the Knights of Columbus at 204-888-0343.**



Spiritual Adoption