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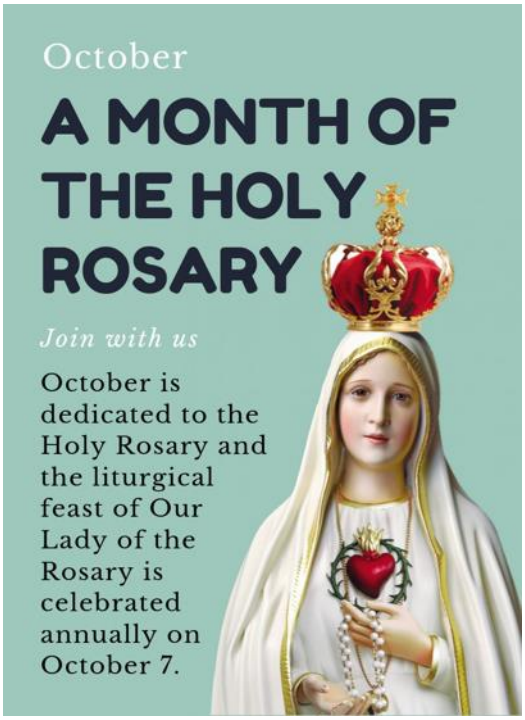

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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Please contact the office ahead of time for reservations.
As of October 5th, 33% capacity will be the maximum allowed.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

As circumstances permit, on Friday afternoons or by appointment

PARISH BULLETIN*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 3, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 10, 2021

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FAITH FORMATION:
Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information concerning catechism materials for lessons to take place in the home setting and/or at church during this time of COVID-19.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact our Pastoral Assistant 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.

19TH ANNUAL WORLDWIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

On Wednesday, October 13th, the anniversary of the October appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, we are invited to join EWTN's special broadcast to over 150 countries and territories as we celebrate the 19th Annual Worldwide Children and Youth Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour in reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **The prayers of the children of the world have the power to change the course of the history of nations in these critical times we are experiencing.**

CLERGY, TEACHERS, PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS: Our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, needs everyone to help the children and youth of the world to spiritually unite in a heartfelt "Cry to Heaven" to change this critical time in history, so that our petitions can be presented to her Divine Son Jesus to hasten the time of the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart! **The live broadcast on EWTN will begin at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on October 13, 2021.** For some the live broadcast may be too early. Please consider downloading the broadcast for later viewing participation in your homes.

For various videos (including links to livestreams and on demand telecasts) and suitable prayer resources for the day, go online to www.childrenoftheeucharist.org

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Gospel Weeklies
Pflaum FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2021 – 2022

Once again we are utilizing the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* liturgically-based faith formation program that provides weekly handouts with a short description of the Sunday Gospel plus suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level. As many will recall, this faith formation program has materials divided into the following age groups: SEEDS (Preschool), PROMISE (Kindergarten-Grade 1), GOOD NEWS (Grades 2-3), VENTURE (GRADES 4-6) and VISIONS (Junior-Senior High).

We will hold some in person group catechetical sessions in the parish hall sporadically throughout the school year on designated dates. Our first GROUP CATECHETICAL SESSION in the parish hall was held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass. We have catechetical materials on hand for distribution. Most

regular weekly catechetical lessons will be sent home and completed in the home setting. As our Archdiocesan Synod reminded us, the *domestic church* (i.e. the family/home) is the place where faith is lived and passed on to the next generation. Nevertheless, as circumstances permit, sessions for older students (VISIONS) will be held at the church on a more regular basis.

Those who would like their children to take part in our catechism program are asked to submit a completed REGISTRATION FORM for each child as soon as possible.

Proximate preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist will involve a mixture of sessions at church and at home. Details will be announced later this fall. In the meantime, the older students looking ahead to prepare for Confirmation are urged to register and participate in the VISIONS sessions.

Registrations forms are available from the parish office. The designated registration fee helps defray some of the costs of running our catechetical program. Given continued required protocols due to COVID-19 and increased costs for materials, we continue to request a registration fee for each child participating in our catechetical program. Nevertheless, requested fees should in no way be considered a reason to refrain from enrolling children for whose parents the fee would impose an undue hardship. **We are in need of volunteers to assist in providing occasional sessions at the church. If you are willing to help in any way, please advise Sharon Camier (our Pastoral Assistant) as soon as possible. Thank you.**

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE!

Fall Workshop on national campaign: October 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Are you interested in safeguarding human rights and keeping corporations accountable for their actions in the Global South? Would you like to learn more about the close links between social justice and the protection the environment? Then come join Development and Peace supporters and newcomers for a workshop on the new campaign, People and Planet First! You will learn all about the campaign's theme, message, and ways to get involved and take action. For more info and to register, please email animator Jason Cegayle jcegayle@devp.org For a link to a YouTube video introducing the workshop, go online to our parish website homepage or directly to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olpjyCWdV2U&t=21s

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 3 – 17, 2021

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

Sunday, October 3	**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
3:30 pm Saturday	**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (livestreamed)**
4:00 pm Saturday	**MASS (livestreamed)** – *"Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners*
9:00 am	**MASS** – *Fr. André Sylvestre+, requested by Claude and Pat Precourt*
10:15 am	**Catechism Gathering** *(in the parish hall with masks and social distancing)*
11:45 am	**MASS** – *"Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners*
1:30 pm	**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – Louis Joseph Knockaert**
Monday, October 4	**MEMORIAL: SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**
	Mass (offered in private) – *Joanne Bingham (heart health), requested by Mona Harper*
4:30 pm	*Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a St. Paul's High School Board of Directors meeting*
Tuesday, October 5	**FERIAL**
	Fr. Robert is scheduled to participate in the annual Clergy Study Days
	Mass (offered in private) – *Remy Tongol and parents+, requested by Vicky and Conrad Tualla*
Wednesday, October 6	**FERIAL**
	Fr. Robert is scheduled to participate in the annual Clergy Study Days
	Mass (offered in private) – *In thanksgiving, requested by Maria Cordova*
6:45 pm	**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**
7:00 pm	**LITURGY OF THE WORD with the distribution of Holy Communion**
Thursday, October 7	**MEMORIAL: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**
	Fr. Robert is scheduled to participate in the annual Clergy Study Days
6:45 pm	**RECITATION OF THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**
7:10 pm	**MASS** – *Intentions of Nina Turner (pain relief), requested by Henrietta Zhanel*
Friday, October 8	**FERIAL**
12:00 pm	Praying of the "Angelus"
12:10 pm	**MASS** – *Dominador and Laurita Lopez+, requested by Marietta and Alfred Gendive*
3:00 pm	**Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** – ring door buzzer for access
Saturday, October 9	**FERIAL**
3:30 pm	**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (livestreamed)**
4:00 pm	**MASS (livestreamed)** – *"Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners*
Sunday, October 10	**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am	**MASS** – *"Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners*
11:45 am	**MASS** – *Lourdes Atay+, requested by Joy Sigue*
Monday, October 11	**SOLEMNITY IN THE PARISH (TITULAR FEAST DAY): SAINT JOHN XXIII, Pope**
	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
	Mass (offered in private) – *Special intention, requested by a parishioner*
Tuesday, October 12	**FERIAL**
12:00 pm	Praying of the "Angelus"
12:10 pm	**MASS** – *Exequiel Santillan+, requested by Blaquera family*
Wednesday, October 13	**FERIAL**
6:45 pm	**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**
7:00 pm	**MASS** – *Special intention, requested by a parishioner*
Thursday, October 14	**FERIAL**
	Mass (offered in private) – *In thanksgiving, requested by Blaquera family*
1:15 pm	*Fr. Robert and Sharon are scheduled to participate in a Central Winnipeg Deanery meeting*

Friday, October 15	**MEMORIAL: SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin, Doctor**
12:00 pm	Praying of the "Angelus"
12:10 pm	**MASS** – *Bill Michalchuk+ (27th anniv. Oct. 16th), requested by Wanda Michalchuk*
3:00 pm	**Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** – ring door buzzer for access
6:30 pm	**Rehearsal and Review for First Communion** *(in the main worship space)*
Saturday, October 16	**MEMORIAL: SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, Religious**
3:30 pm	**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (livestreamed)**
4:00 pm	**MASS (livestreamed)** – *"Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners*
Sunday, October 17	**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am	**MASS** – *"Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners*
	9:00 a.m. Mass includes first reception of the Holy Eucharist by children of the parish
11:45 am	**MASS** – *Luningning Angeles+, requested by the Blaquera family*

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(As of October 12th, Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms will be limited to 25 people or 25% capacity, whichever is lower.)

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Otherwise, you may come and register at the door if capacity limits permit.

Physical distancing of at least two metres and the use of facemasks continue to be requirements for all indoor public gatherings.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE RULES OF GOOD HYGIENE
INCLUDING HAND WASHING/SANITIZING AND COUGH ETIQUETTE.

Stay home when sick. Follow current public health guidance on travel and self-isolation.
Vulnerable people, such as seniors, are encouraged to exercise additional caution.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24
The first man finds no solace among the animals
but only in the company of the woman.

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Family life is among the highest blessings the faithful can know.

Hebrews 2:9-11
Jesus descends below the angels
in order to bring many children to glory.

Mark 10:2-16
Jesus teaches the significance
of the faithful marriage bond and loving family life.

Note re EXPLORING THE WORD for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: The full reflection by Alice Camille was published in the original edition of this parish bulletin issued and posted online for the weekend of October 3, 2021.

APPLYING THE WORD

"Let the children come to me"

Jesus wasn't setting a tender trap when he came down hard on the separation of husbands and wives. It is instructive that Mark segues immediately into Jesus welcoming the children, which is for church and society the fruit of marriage: to create a welcoming, nurturing environment for the next generation. Modern life (and its conventions and chemistry) has separated the institution of marriage from that of family. Marriage is now largely regarded as a matter of romance. Family is too often

described in terms of choice, vanity, or affordability. Which catapults us into a generation in which we now find ourselves arguing the very definition of marriage.

Somewhere in all this, the church is calling us to consider not gay bashing or a war on single moms, but the idea that matrimony is consecrated because life is sacred, and matrimony is the basket around which the next generation is woven. If we could all start there, we might get somewhere really good. *– Alice Camille*

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11
The one who prays for wisdom receives all good things in its wake.

Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Wisdom of heart comes from remembering our mortality.

Hebrews 4:12-13
The word of God is wiser and shrewder than the deceit in people.

Mark 10:17-30
Wisdom involves not only keeping the rules but also following Jesus.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The price of admission

Nobody's perfect. Or almost nobody: It seems we have to make exceptions for folks like Saint Paul, who as a Pharisee insists that he kept the law perfectly. And then there's this fellow who falls at the feet of Jesus—a little theatrical, perhaps, but not strictly disallowed—and claims to have kept all the commandments since his youth. I'm not aware of other places in the Bible where someone makes a profession of perfection rather than a confession of personal sinfulness (David, Isaiah, and Peter were good for the latter). But declarations of relative perfection and protestations of virtual innocence abound in Catholic confessionals and reconciliation rooms, so I'm told.

This fellow on his knees before Jesus makes a lot of tactical errors in his presentation, which is far less perfect than his moral performance allegedly is. If the excessively pious posture weren't enough—Jesus never invited anyone to get down on their knees—his address, "Good teacher," seems to irritate Jesus, who redirects the descriptor to God. The man's question also betrays his self-interest. He doesn't ask, "What must I do to give honor to God?" but "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" It's not just that he wants a reward for being a moral person. That word *inherit* suggests an expectation that borders on a birthright: God will owe him eternal life if he does the right things!

This may explain why Jesus is pretty rote in his reply. You know the commandments, Jesus says. He lists a few, not chronologically but in descending order of their spectacular character. He seems to read this guy as a spiritual ringmaster interested in the greatest show on Earth: his own immaculate record. "Teacher," the man replies without adjective this time—a fast learner—I've already done all this. It's as if he's saying: Tell me something I don't know! So Jesus does. And the fellow doesn't like it.

How hard it is to enter the Kingdom

The preferential option for the poor is sometimes criticized as a secret campaign against the affluent. Why would God love poor people more than rich ones? Is the church suggesting that disadvantaged folk are automatically more moral than wealthy ones? I get letters scolding me for my bias toward the needy, and many of you hear complaints after Mass, I'm sure, from well-heeled parishioners. Rich people need spiritual help, too, they insist. So they do, and scripture regularly dishes it out.

But like the man who goes away sad because he had many things, many of us reject the spiritual guidance offered to the highly advantaged because it's not what we want to hear. We are the most privileged people on the planet, and every one of us is invited to consider what the inherent responsibility of those privileges might be. Just when you think you've done everything strictly needful, Jesus invites you to do more. Because there's always more that needs doing, and more that you and I can do.

For the record: God doesn't love poor people more or the rich less. The church invites us to give the place of prominence to the poor in our decisions and deliberations, that's all. That's a lot, if we would actually do it. Think of the impact on the lowliest person first, then choose a course of action. Imagine how such a practice would influence family life, the neighborhood, the parish, the nation, and the international scene!

Second, are disadvantaged people more moral than the rich? Only in the movies. In real life, nobody's perfect—not even and especially those who claim to be. Poor doesn't make you better—it also doesn't make you worse, as any perusal of white-collar crime stories will attest. The size of your wallet merely determines the theatre in which your present morality will operate.

Wisdom and wealth

Scripture often promotes the idea that wisdom is more to be desired than riches. But in some passages, there's more than a suggestion that with wisdom, you'll get all good things besides. This prayer-of-Jabez spirituality is showcased in the more telling prayer of Solomon, who asks only for wisdom and is promised a kingdom as well. The Solomon-effect trickles down into blessing theologies that insist in a necessary correlation between good living and living well. But if so, it is not be because of wealth; rather, because of the choices about how to use it.

Prosper the work of our hands! the psalmist declares. This is not simply a prayer of: Make me rich, Lord! More like: Make my efforts fruitful! If the man with the perfect record had prayed this prayer regularly, he might have worried less about keeping his slate clean and his eternal reward in sight, and more about whether his efforts were in cooperation with the will of God and bearing fruit for the Kingdom. All those possessions of his wouldn't have been such a deal-breaker. He would have tapped into them routinely in order to serve his neighbor as needed.

APPLYING THE WORD

The two-edged sword

As usual, Peter is the first to react to this terribly challenging instruction of Jesus. His response is regretfully like that of the man with the perfect record: Lord, we've already done that. We've given up everything and followed you. He seems to have missed the part where Jesus says salvation by human efforts is not possible. We don't "inherit" eternal life by deserving it, having the right answer, or doing the right thing. Salvation is only possible because God wills it. This does nothing for our spiritual vanity, but it is the great Christian truth.

Here we experience once again the penetrating laser of God's word piercing through our pious defenses, looking past our sturdy collection of good deeds, religious practices, and moral obedience to what holds it all together at the center. Is God our God, really and truly, and will we let God save us or not? If we're still trying to inherit eternal life, we're not there yet.

– Alice Camille

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"Your Son went down from the heights of his divinity to the depths of our humanity. Can anyone's heart remain closed and hardened after this?" — Saint Catherine of Siena

Please pray for those of our community in need of healing and comfort:

Darrell Aucoin, Dora Auger, Gladys Barton, Annette and Maynard Bates, Catherine Blaquera, Freda Broughton, Bill Camier, Harold Cook, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, Ray Fleury, John Foucart, Marina Foucart, René Gobeil, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Rosario Jequinto, Tracy Kingsland, Amanda Klaasen, Angela Krassie, Brett Lawrence, Violet Lebedeff, Marie Mangin, Norman Mangin, Tim Mangin, Trudy Martin, Yvonne Mason, Frances Mijker, Susan Murphy, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Owen Robertson, Ernesto (Ernie) Samiana, Janice Skene, Jerome Strachan, Nina Turner, Joe Wallack and Helen Yankoski.

TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

October 3 – 9, 2021 **Tillie and Alex Lavallée+, requested by Mona Harper**
October 10 – 16, 2021 **For the conversion of sinners by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, requested by a parishioner**

If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office. Call or email for assistance. The offering to cover one week (from Sunday through Saturday) is $25.00.

"All through our life Christ is calling us. He called us first in Baptism, but afterwards also, whether we obey his voice or not, he graciously calls us still. If we fall from our Baptism, he calls us to repent; if we are striving to fulfill our calling, he calls us on from grace to grace, and from holiness to holiness, while life is given us." *— Saint John Henry Newman*

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Your assistance is very much appreciated – every gift, great or small, helps!

PARISH OFFERINGS: You may place your offering envelopes in the OFFERING BOX which is located on the table in the narthex near the main aisle. Or you may mail your contribution to the parish via CANADA POST. Or you may leave a message with the parish office to make arrangements with one of our parish staff to drop off your offertory donations at a safe drop off location. For donations to the parish, please make cheques payable to "St. John XXIII Parish".

PAD OPTION: Alternatively, we encourage you to consider being an "intentional giver" by registering for PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT. Please leave a message at the parish office and someone will contact you and assist you.

ONLINE OPTION: If you wish to donate to the parish ONLINE, a link to CanadaHelps.org can be found on our website. Go to www.johnxxiii.ca and click on the DONATE NOW tab at the top of the *Links* column on the home page.

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