

Sacred Heart Church

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule Monday to Friday

Rosary 11:40 am
Angelus 12:00 noon
Mass 12:05 pm
Wednesday 10:30 am Mt. Royal Care Center

Friday Exposition follows the 12:05 pm Mass

Adoration for Vocations 1:30 pm
Benediction 2:45 pm

Morning Prayer Sunday, 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm. (Confessions may also be arranged by request).

Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9 am - 3 pm
Closed 12 noon to 12:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. (Mark 12:44)



Both widows in today's readings trusted enough in the Lord to hand over their livelihood and thereby their lives. What is it to give out of our poverty if not the gift of our very selves?

SIMPLE GIFTS

The widow's mite: "She gave not from her surplus but from what she had to live on!" Elijah asked for his life and, in return, more than enough was given. The Lord Jesus, word of God, looked at those who were giving. He judged on quality, not quantity. What quality of gifts do we offer to God and to our neighbours? God's living word is given freely for each of us to unchain ourselves from sin. When he returns he will reward with salvation those who are waiting. Let us wait in his line.



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*We are a welcoming and caring community dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
helping each other discover who God is calling us to be."*

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Musings & Meditations

Fr. Colin O'Rourke

A Life Lived for God

Sacrifice is a concept that is central to the life of the Church and to the very notion of discipleship, yet we often misunderstand the true nature of sacrifice and, as a result, we often become resentful at the thought of living the life of sacrifice to which we have been called. We may, in the end, plod along, our heads hung low, bearing the burdens of sacrifice because we are supposed to, but we never truly embrace the concept because all we focus on is our loss and our resentment. This stems from seeing sacrifice primarily in terms of loss, as a giving up of something that we enjoy or desire. Sacrifice in this respect is not something we embrace, but rather something we begrudgingly accept.

Sacrifice in scripture, however, is quite the opposite, especially as it relates to our relationship with God and, through this, our relationship with other people. We read in the psalms: "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High." (50:14) Thanksgiving, particularly when accompanied by a broken and contrite heart (Psalm 51), is the natural expression of a life lived in the knowledge and love of God, lived in complete trust in His providence and abandonment to His will. This is the life of sacrifice; it is not a life lived in resentment, but rather a life fully and joyously offered up unto God. The widows that we encounter in the readings today exemplify just such a life. They give of themselves without a sense of resentment or begrudging resignation. They do not wear their sacrifices as a burden for all to see, like the scribes in their long robes seeking salutations, or like those who disfigure their faces to show everyone that they are fasting (Matt 6:16-18). Rather they show in their actions and attitudes the joy of a life lived in complete abandonment to God. Such a joy is expressed in their compassion and mercy.

Acts of compassion and mercy are acts of true sacrifice because, in performing them, we truly give of ourselves for others as a natural expression of our love for God. As such, they contradict the typical understanding of sacrifice as a regrettable loss. We can't be resentfully compassionate or begrudgingly merciful. If we see sacrifice as a giving up or as a loss of something, if we view it as a burden that must be carried, then we have defined sacrifice solely in terms of ourselves, in terms of something that is at odds with our own desires, which is why we resist embracing it as a way of life. Only when we come to see sacrifice as a complete living for God can we then walk in confidence and trust in His love for us, and express that in works of compassion and mercy that flow naturally from such a faith.

WELCOME! Registration as well as volunteer forms are available at the Hospitality Desk or online. Have them completed and placed in the collection basket. Donation envelopes are also available at the Hospitality Desk.

BAPTISMS are celebrated outside of Mass every fourth Sunday at 12:15 pm and during Mass on other weekends, that, first Sunday at 9:00 am, second Sunday at 11:00 am and third weekend on Saturday at 5:00 pm, Baptisms are discouraged during the Lenten season. The next Baptism Preparation Class will be on January 16 2016 at 9:00 am. Please call the office to set up an appointment to register.

WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS are arranged only after an initial interview with a Priest or Deacon.

THE PASTORAL HEALTH CARE TEAM welcomes the opportunity to visit and bring the Eucharist to our housebound parishioners. Please call the Parish office to schedule visits.

SACRAMENTAL PREP DATES: All classes held Sundays 12:00 noon, in Housey Hall. First Reconciliation 2015: Nov 16 - Dec 13 Celebration Dec 16th. Confirmation 2016: Feb 14-Mar 13 Celebration Mar 20, First Holy Eucharist 2016: May 1-May 22 Celebration May 29. Register at office.

OUR WEBSITE. www.sacredheartcalgary.ca is our domain name. Check it out and forward your comments. For more information, please call the Parish during office hours (9:00 am - 3:00 pm).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Program runs from September through May at the 9:00 & 11:00 am Mass. (11 am Summer Songs Program). Please call the office for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to all Catholic men over age 18. We meet in the Columbus room the first Tuesday of the month.

NEW LIFE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY holds Worship & Praise Service every Sunday, 2-4 pm, in the church. For details, call Joseph Gingco at (403) 390-0724.

CWL (Catholic Women's League) invites all ladies of the parish over 16 years of age to join them. For details, contact Anna Marinelli at 403-245-1654.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is offered year-round for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or completing sacraments of initiation. Please call Karen at 244-2741 ex.234.



Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre - A Day Away

November 12, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This month's theme is Remembering. The day includes a prayerful reflection on the focus of the day, celebration of the Eucharist and a home-cooked lunch. Please call or email ahead to register. Come after 8:30 to enjoy a coffee or tea and muffins before we begin the program. Suggested contribution is \$30.00 or \$40.00 with a private room. Phone 403-932-2012; email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca



"Holy Land" Religious Articles will once again be on Sale is Nov 22, 2015 in the Narthex after masses. Credit Card, Cheques & Cash accepted.



Fire in the Rose.

Dating Abuse - Dating can be fun and exciting, but sometimes your relationship can turn into something you aren't comfortable with. Abuse **can** happen between people who are dating. Dating abuse can include:

- 1) Name-calling, hurtful words and other forms of verbal and emotional abuse;
 - 2) Hitting, punching, kicking and other forms of physical abuse;
 - 3) Telling you who you can spend time with or how much time you can spend with other people;
 - 4) Controlling behaviours - deciding what you wear, how you can style your hair, etc.;
 - 5) Threatening to hurt you, destroying your things, and other intimidation tactics;
 - or 6) Touching you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, not listening when you say "no" or other forms of sexual abuse.
- If you are being abused, help is available. Talk to a family member, close friend, teacher or counsellor you trust. *If you have interest in joining Fire in the Rose, or want more information, contact Jane Oxenbury at 403-255-7004/ jmoxenbury@shaw.ca*



CWL BAKE SALE - The 10th Annual CWL Fall Bake Sale in support of our Foster Child Campaign will take place after all masses (except Sunday 7:30 am and 5 pm) on the weekend of November 28th & 29th. We ask parishioners donating baking to please take it to the Narthex kitchen before mass and then return after mass and purchase fresh baking for dinner! We will also be renewing CWL memberships and gladly accept new members (minimum 16 years old) for as little as \$25 per year. For more info, please contact Anna Marinelli at 403.245.1654.



"We hosted another successful Inn from the Cold on Monday. Thanks to everyone who volunteered or donated to support our homeless outreach. Our next Inn is on Monday December 7. To help please contact me at mikeswansonQC@gmail.com."



Our Lady Queen of Peace Annual Christmas Party is a heartwarming and joyful event for hundreds of needy Children and their families and for the volunteers who are there to make it a very special day. Nov. 7th: 9-12 (Initial Gift Wrapping); Nov. 21st: 10-3 (Sorting and Wrapping) – Lunch served to volunteers; Dec. 5th: CHRISTMAS PARTY – 9am-4pm (help with kitchen/busing/serving, treat stations, gift corral, activity tent, horses, mascots, etc.). All events are at the Ranch near Bragg Creek. It will takes hundreds of volunteers to make this event happen—so please invite friends and family to help out. **To volunteer** call 403-949-2044 or email bookings@ourladyqueenofpeaceranch.com or check the posters on Narthex bulletin board for more information.

How are we doing financially?

	YTD Budget	As of Oct. 18
Regular Collection	\$ 327,600	\$ 308,790
Building Fund	\$ 116,000	\$ 247,489
	2015 Target	As of Sept. 23
Together In Action	\$ 62,254	\$ 53,335



CWL Meeting - NEW TIME - The CWL at Sacred Heart Church would like to announce our **NEW DAY AND TIME** for our next meeting. In our attempt to make meeting attendance more convenient for our members and prospective members, our next meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov 22nd at 12noon in the upper hall, right after the 11 am mass. Please join us for light snacks, short meeting and prayer. For further info, please contact **Anna Marinelli 403-245-1654**



Knights of Columbus: We will be holding a **BBQ** for the parish in the Upper Hall on Sunday November 29 after all morning Masses. We invite all parishioners to attend this BBQ consisting of yammy homemade pancakes, sausage and more. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Confessions on Fridays, 11:00 am - 12 noon in preparation for the Year of Mercy, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated every Friday, from 11:00 am to 12 noon. There will no confessions during the noon Mass or after. This is in addition to the regular Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm confessions. Individual confessions can also be arranged by appointment.



First Reconciliation Program (Grade 4 & up) November 15, 2015 at Noon in Housey Hall with Fr. Colin O'Rourke. Registration forms are finalized and packages will be explained. Candidates as well as parents attend this meeting. The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place on December 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Celebrations & Intentions

Mon, Nov. 9	12:05 pm	Justin Anderson	RIP
Tues, Nov. 10	10:30 am	Shyni	RIP
	12:05 pm	Leon Sherger	RIP
Wed, Nov. 11	12:05 pm	Special Intention	SI
Thurs, Nov. 12	12:05 pm	William and Barbara Saruga	RIP
Fri, Nov. 13	12:05 pm	William and Barbara Saruga	RIP
Sat, Nov. 14	9:00 am	Ernie McCollough	RIP
	12:05 pm	John Dietrich	RIP
Sun, Nov. 15	7:30 am	William and Barbara Saruga	RIP
	9:00 am	Special Intention	SI
	11:00 am	Parishioners	SI
	5:00 pm	Cipriano Atienza	RIP
Mon, Nov. 16	12:05 pm	Eunice and Terrance Halpen	RIP



Sacred Heart Columbarium: Holy See and Holy Land Columbaria.

Open daily: 11 am to 6 pm - Holidays 11 am to 1 pm.

A reminder the next Columbarium Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m.**

Sacred Heart Columbarium Update: Our Holy Land Columbarium opened in May of 2011 and our Holy See Columbarium opened in June 2012. The Holy Land Columbarium can accommodate 3,500 urns. The Holy See Columbarium is located directly below our church and can accommodate 1,500 urns. Non-parishioners and non-Catholics are welcome. We do ask you to accept the by-laws of our Columbarium. These rules are meant to ensure the reverence, beauty, and uniformity of Sacred Heart Columbarium. We cannot accept wooden urns or paper photographs because both will “breakdown” and deteriorate over time. We do accept metal, stone and glass urns, which can be purchased from your local funeral director/home. Basically, only limited small items per urn is allowed in each niche. Items like crosses, rosaries and crucifixes are welcome. We maintain the right to refuse any item we feel is not suitable for this holy place. No advertising is allowed, including sports team logos. We ask that you make arrangements to get approval for any item before inurnment occurs.

SIZES AND PRICES Our niches come in the following sizes: Regular (holds one urn) - Family (holds up to two urns) -End Units (holds up to four urns). Niche prices vary in price, based on the section and row of the niche. Prices for a single urn begin at \$2,800 while the maximum price is \$12,510 for a four urn niche. These prices include: use of the niche space, contributions to the maintenance fund, interment fees and a metal memorial plate with name and years of birth and death. No further fees will be charged. There is no GST. There are no other or yearly fees charged. We accept cash, cheques, or VISA / MasterCard. The above prices do not include the urn or cremation. Contact your funeral home to assist you with these details. For more information, contact Deacon Paul Kennedy 403-244-2741 Ext 231 or busmgr@sacredheartcalgary.ca



Worldwide 50th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate - Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965. Hear the impact of

the Declaration and how Jews and Christians can continue to work together for a better world. Bishop Henry and the Rabbis of the city will also sign a document promising continued relations and the working towards justice in southern Alberta and the world. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm, at St. Gerard's Church; 8944 Elbow Drive SW. Reception to follow.



November is the month of remembrance and prayer for the faithful departed. A Book of Remembrance, where the names of our beloved dead can be written, is located near the sanctuary.

In and around the Parish 2015		
Nov. 14	Columbarium Mass	9:00 AM
Nov. 15	Filipino Mass	1:00 AM
Nov. 28	CWL Bake Sale	After Mass
Nov. 29	CWL Bake Sale	After Masses
Dec. 12	Columbarium Mass	9:00 AM