

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday – November 11, 2018

Deuteronomy 17: 10 - 16
 Hebrews 9: 24 – 28
 Mark 12: 38 - 44

Sunday – November 18, 2018

Daniel 12. 1-3
 Hebrews 10. 11-14,18
 Mark 13. 24-32

Generosity and compassion

Today's comforting pages from the Bible warm our hearts at the beginning of this cold season. These pages remind me of a Québec City organization, *La bouchée généreuse*, which was started by Fr. B. Verret. This organization added an important component to the faith-life of our city and relates to the biblical readings this Sunday. Two generous widows are praised by the Prophet Elijah and Jesus. In these exemplary cases, there was a lot at stake. Both women, inspired by their faith, offered what little they had. Despite a famine, the widow in the Old Testament shared her meager reserve of flour and oil with others less fortunate. The poor widow in the Gospel contributed two small coins towards the maintenance of the Temple of Jerusalem. Despite their poverty, these two women offered what little they had. They are examples of faith and generosity.



I personally do not remember ever making such significant choices because of my faith. We are entering a season when we will be actively solicited to contribute to all kinds of good causes. There are many noble and heartfelt appeals that encourage us to lighten our wallets. At this time, our family budgets are often stretched to finance extra purchases for the Holidays. Despite tight financial resources, our ears and hearts remain receptive. Depending on our generosity, homeless shelters, community centers, respite foundations, the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Society and emergency food banks will be soliciting donations to support their year-round operations.

What is encouraging during this season is that people enjoy contributing. Some community groups get involved weeks in advance to organize the logistics of food drives. Parents, school children and neighbors co-operate. We strategize the best ways to reach out to donors in their respective environments. We set up toll checkpoints on boulevards, go door-to-door to solicit donations to food banks and hold fund raising events for multiple good causes. Our imaginations are limitless.

The readings this Sunday invite us to go further than surface generosity. Christ asked us to question our motives. Why are we so happy to be generous? In recent years, recognition of one's philanthropy has been acknowledged and celebrated. Though some people may prefer to remain anonymous, I personally applaud the noble and historical causes that have generated so much support for those in need. I firmly believe that our Christian faith and outreach are excellent motivators to justify today's charitable practices.

As examples of generosity and faith are timeless, whether we read the Old Testament or today's Gospel, Christ recognizes people who go the extra mile for others. Jesus himself gave his life for us. Based on these precedents, we act out of compassion and generosity. Taking our cue from Jesus, our thoughtfulness proclaims the Good News and God's generosity. Everyone in Jerusalem was talking about Jesus of Nazareth, the very popular prophet who had just arrived in Jerusalem, the religious

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Remember in your prayers our hospitalized and ill



Aine, Stella, Merle, Bronwyn, John, Mary, Andrea, Bryan, Leslie, Doris, Frank

MASS SCHEDULE

November 11 - 18, 2018

Saturday, 10 November

4:30 pm Maria Magdalena Moon The Family
 & Elizabeth Moon

Sunday, 11 November – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10:00 am Tom Skitt Glawdecki Family
 & Mary Skoczko

Wednesday, 14 November

9:00 am Joseph Sidler The Family & Muriel

Saturday, 17 November

4:30 pm Joseph & Margaret MacDevitt The Family

Sunday, 18 November - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

10:00 am Rev. Fr. Basil Rajam & Koshy Thomas



(To help us with the collection please note the amount enclosed on your envelope)

**We thank you for your generous donations.
 November 3-4 \$ 1,141.30**

Donations can be made online to the Parish at <https://www.canadahelps.org>
 this site can also be accessed from our website:
www.resurrectionparishlachine.com

**The office hours:
 Tues, Wed., and Thurs., 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

SUNDAY MISSALS 2018 - 2019

Sunday missals (\$5.00 each) are available to purchase this weekend from the tables at the entrances.



PARISH EVENTS

**November 18th
 November 24th
 November 25th**

**Christmas Concert 2:00 PM
 International Pot Luck Supper
 Polish presentation "JESUS" 7:00 PM**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Sunday, **November 18th** at 2:00 pm. Once again you will be entertained by Kirkland Harmony with selections for the holiday season. This is a freewill concert with donations to be used for repairs to the building. Why not come and support us and start off the holiday season with music.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK SUPPER - Saturday, **November 24th** we will be holding our Annual Potluck Supper following a combined Mass with the Polish Community at 5:00 pm. You will find signup sheets on the tables at the entrances for you to indicate the number in your party and what you will be bringing to put on the buffet table. As in past years you are requested to bring enough servings for those in your party plus one extra serving.

ELECTION OF WARDENS

The proposed date for the election is Sunday, **December 2nd** before the start of 10am Mass a meeting of parishioners will be held for the purpose of electing two Church Wardens for a three year period, beginning Jan. 2019. To be eligible to be nominated as a Church Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic and living in Lachine. Please submit nominations, duly proposed and seconded, to the parish office. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

AROUND TOWN

WORLD MISSION MONTH - Thank you very much for your contributions last week to the collection This support is a blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers and the lay catechists who depend on this help. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve. **PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE 2018** - Nov. 16 & 17 See the diocese website for times and registration. **"IMAGINEZ"** concert happening **November 24th – 25th, 2018, Sat at 8:00 pm & Sunday at 2:00 pm**, Union Church – 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-De-Bellevue H9X 2E6. **ST. VERONICA'S CWL – Christmas Bazaar – Sat. Nov. 24th 10h30 – 16h00. ST. COLUMBA-BY-THE-LAKE – Mache St-Columba - Fri., Nov. 16th 16h30 – 20h30 & Sat. Nov. 17th 9h30 – 14h00. ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH BAZAAR – Sat. Nov 17th from 9:00-3:00 978 Moffat Ave. Verdun. Mini-Sale Sunday November 18, 2018 from 9:30 – 12:00 pm ART WALK EXPOSITION – Dec. 1-2 2018 at Pointe Claire Plaza. **CHRISTMAS FAIR – FATHER DOWD HOME – Sat. Nov. 17, 2018 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.** All proceeds go towards Christmas presents. Raffle tickets available, see Nora or Gene or call the church office. **COME AND SEE – For men aged 18 and older, who are discerning a call to the priesthood. The diocesan vocations office is offering an informal get-together with Fr. Robert Clark – Friday, November 23, 2018 from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.****

