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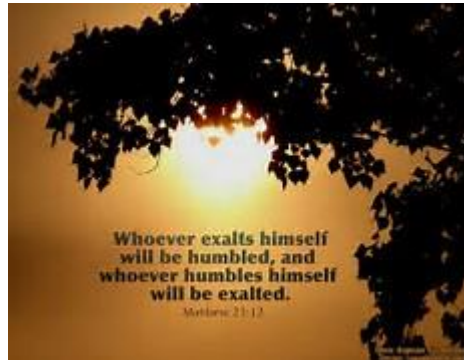
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**31st & 32nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 5th & 12th , 2017**



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office..

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Preach the Gospel and practice it.

A good leader is not self-seeking, but always has the best interests of his followers at heart. A poor leader thinks only of himself and what he has to gain from his position of authority. Leaders have the power to guide their followers to destruction or prosperity. Jesus is the model servant-leader, humbling himself and serving all.

In the first reading, God sternly warns the priests that their behavior is leading his people astray, and that they must change their ways or risk his wrath. The second reading finds Saint Paul giving thanks to the people to whom he preached have taken the word of God to heart and put it into practice. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the people not to follow their earthly leaders down the path to destruction, but instead to lead lives of humble service to one another.

Today, as we hear about the kingdom of heaven, we are reminded to be steadfast in our Christian faith, hope and love.

Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the reality of heaven. He warns us not to become drowsy in our faith, like the virgins who in their foolish lack of preparation bring no oil with them. Instead, Jesus teaches that we are to live in such a way that we are ready to meet the Lord.

The first reading reminds us that wisdom is found by those who desire and seek her. The second reading exhorts us to live buoyed by the hope of eternal life in heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins, which reminds us of the importance of staying awake for we do not know the day or hour Jesus will return..

Remembrance Day – November 11th

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

Ministry Workshops – November 25th

For all current and new ministers

Eucharistic Ministers 9:00 am, **Readers** 10:00 am, **Hospitality** 10:30 am

Please meet at the Church.

Children's Liturgy group

This year the Children's Liturgy group would like to perform at the annual Christmas Celebration. We need to start practicing and planning. If you have children who would like to perform with the Children's Liturgy, please contact Lisa St. Onge at 780-939-5185. We need to have a minimum of 10 kids committed to performing and who will be able to attend most of the practices.



The Knights of Columbus St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Parish, the Midstream Support Society and the Morinville Food Bank, are pleased to announce that they will be coordinating the Christmas Hamper Project for Morinville and District once again this year. Last year 106 hampers containing food and numerous children's toys and gifts were distributed to needy families in the community as well as the Mearns and RQB areas. The success of this project relies on the generosity and co-operation of the churches, service groups, businesses, and countless individuals in our communities.

The Knights of Columbus welcome your support through donations of food and children's toys and gifts to the following drop-off sites: Bumper-to-Bumper/Home Hardware, Town of Morinville FCSS (cultural centre), Morinville Sobey's, Scotia Bank, Royal Bank, Servus Credit Union, and the No Frills store. Residents are reminded to donate foods that are of nutritious and children's gifts that are new or in excellent condition (unwrapped please).

Financial contributions may be directed to the office of St. Jean Baptiste Church or Bumper-to-Bumper. Cheques are to be made to St. Jean Baptiste Parish (Income tax receipts will be issued), and the monies will be used to purchase potatoes, meat, fresh fruit, and other staples for the hampers.

Individuals and families who are eligible to receive Christmas Hampers are contacted by Social Services. Anyone who requires assistance should phone 780-939-3953 (Midstream Society) or 780-939-4361 (Town of Morinville). Residents of Morinville who are aware of individuals or families in need of assistance should not hesitate to phone on their behalf. Those who are eligible to receive Christmas Hampers and/or gifts should phone one of the numbers listed above no later than Friday December 15th.

The distribution of hampers is planned for Thursday December 21st, 2017, at the Rendez-Vous Centre between 4 pm. and 7 p.m.

Update from the Cemetery Committee

Unfortunately we are unable to complete all our intentions for the Cemetery. Due to weather the Brick Posts at the entrances will not be put up till Spring the Perpetual scrolls are being manufactured now, as well as the decorative crosses for the fence. Thank you for your patience and we promise to get the beautifying finishing touches as soon as possible in the spring.

“Calling ALL Catholic Residents of Bon Accord and surrounding areas/farms. There will be a vote to access Catholic Education at the Bon Accord Community Hall Nov. 29th at 7:00 pm. Please arrive at 6:45 for voting registration.

All Catholic over 18 that live in the affected area can vote; you do not have to have children to vote. With your help we will bring Christ Centered Catholic Education to families for generations. Please call 780-616-1525 to find out if you qualify to vote.

The Advent Penance Service

To give us all an opportunity to prepare for Christmas spiritually, there will be an occasion to celebrate a Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parish.

It will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 7 pm at the church.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day		Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Nov 4	Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Cyril Pittman - Family	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nov 5	Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Francoise Froment (5 th Anniv) – Paul & Family	
		11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Nov 7	Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Normand Boissonnault – Louise & Family	
Nov 8	Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Lucien Beaupre – Adrien Houle & Sylvia Cote	
Nov 9	Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) NO MASS	
Nov 10	Friday	8:30 am	RIP Leon Schayes – Cecile Vion	
Nov 11	Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Ron Houle – Jim & Jeannette	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nov 12	Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Therese Gervais – Friends at the Rendez-Vous Centre	
		11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Nov 14	Tuesday	8:30 am	Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Family - Shirley	
Nov 15	Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Lucien Beaupre Lucien & Sheila Houle	
Nov 16	Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Maurice VanBrabant – Lyle & Doreen Desmond	
Nov 17	Friday	8:30 am	RIP Michelle Goulet – Cecile Vion	
Nov 18	Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Arnold Longpre (20 th Anniv) – Roseanne & Family	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nov 19	Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Noel Vansevenandt - Family	
		11:00 am	For Parishioners	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis, Emilienne Dostie All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES October 22nd – \$3008.00 Restoration \$ 120.00 World Mission Sunday \$ 380.00
October 29th - \$ 4618.15 Restoration \$ 85.00 THANK YOU! MERCI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	- November 13 th Monday 8:00 am	- Church
Parish Council Meeting	- November 21 st Tuesday 4:00 pm	- Office Boardroom
Finance Committee Meeting	- November 21 st Tuesday 6:00 pm	- Office Boardroom
Family Ministries Meeting	- November 22 nd , Wednesday 7:00 pm	- Office Boardroom