

November 3 and 10, 2019

31st and 32nd Sundays in Ordinary Time
“The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

November is a time of remembrance, of looking back and remembering those who have died, but also of reviewing our lives and turning to the God of mercy for forgiveness and healing. The November 3rd reading from Wisdom reminds us that God is merciful to all; God overlooks our sins so that we may repent.

Consider an angry parent ready to punish their child for any infraction. Is the child more likely to confess or to hide their sins? But the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abiding in steadfast love. It is safe to repent and confess, knowing that God is compassionate to all that he has made.

In the Gospel story, Zacchaeus shows his interest in Jesus by rushing to climb a tree, just for a glimpse. Jesus is aware of this opening of heart and announces that he must stay at Zacchaeus’ house today. To a despised tax collector, Jesus offers mercy. And what is Zacchaeus’ response? Repentance and restitution. If I open my heart to the Lord, will he stay at my house today?

Parish Announcements

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of
Roland Fontaine

*May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Congratulations to
Dana Armstrong and Stephen Mikulasik
and
Anna Truong and Ali Hassen
who were married November 1, 2.

We welcome our faith community:
Jovhanni Harry
who will be baptized November 10 at Assumption.

SCHEDULE CHANGES NOV 4-8:

- ◆ Daily Masses are cancelled November 4, 5, 6 for the Priests’ Midterm Assembly.
- ◆ Adoration is cancelled at Assumption, November 8.
- ◆ All are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass at Assumption, 7 pm Friday, November 8.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 11 FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We welcome Maura Usher as our ‘new’ Administrative Assistant replacing Veronica Soluri. Maura has been working part-time in the office and filled in for Veronica during her daughter Sabrina’s illness.

NOVEMBER CWL MEETING CHANGED

All CWL members are invited to the November meeting, Wednesday, **November 27** at 7 pm in the Assumption meeting room. Newcomers welcome.

COLUMBUS CLUB MEETING, NOVEMBER 12

A Columbus Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 12 at 10 am at Resurrection Church.

**AUTUMNFEST FAMILY DINNER & DANCE
Saturday, November 23**

Tickets are now on sale: \$20/adults, \$5/children
200 tickets are available for our parish dinner and dance to be held in the Assumption Hall following Saturday Mass. Your ticket will provide entrée, salad, bun, beverages and dance music.
Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert to share. Helpers are needed for decorating, set up, serving and clean up. Please sign up and get your tickets today. Profits go towards our new fridge fund.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR K of C BINGOS

The Knights of Columbus are requesting help with six scheduled bingos held once a month, starting in November. The bingos are held at Parkway Bingo Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a paid lunch option. Sign up sheets are in our church entrances. Bingos are the main source of funds for the Knights, used to support local charities, church and community. Please help us by volunteering your time. Contact: Tony at 780-469-4508

CHRISTMAS EVE DRAMA

Practice: Sunday, November 3

Last chance to be a part of the Christmas play, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. We’ll be meeting from 6 to 7:30 on Sunday Nov. 3 in Resurrection Parish. Practices will take place each week on Sunday evenings at a similar time until Christmas Eve. The play will be performed by participants aged 5 to 17 at the start of the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Resurrection Parish. For more info or to sign up either arrive at 6 pm on November 3rd and/or e-mail Annette at Annette.loiselle@telus.net

ASSUMPTION ADVENT MUSIC WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 14, 7-9 pm
All music ministers are encouraged to attend this workshop as we learn a new Mass setting and review Advent hymns.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday, November 17

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take up a collection to support their work with needy people in our area. Pope Francis instituted World Day of the Poor in 2016 saying, “This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, who identified with little ones & the poor ones, and who will judge us on our works of mercy.”

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November a Memorial Book is available in each of our churches. You are invited to record the names of deceased family and friends in the memorial book. Each week we will pray for all the people named in the book.

Mass Intentions—Assumption Parish

Sat. Nov 2	5:30 pm	All deceased parishioners
Sun. Nov 3	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. Nov 5	9:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Wed. Nov 6	9:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. Nov 8	7:00 pm	Memorial Mass
Sat. Nov 9	5:30 pm	Elsie Gillies
Sun. Nov 10	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. Nov 12	9:00 am	Anne Malyj
Wed. Nov 13	9:00 am	Cecilia Kostiuik
Fri. Nov 15	7:00 pm	Rose Koob

Mass Intentions—Resurrection Parish

Sat. Nov 2	4:00 pm	All deceased parishioners
Sun. Nov 3	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Thurs. Nov 7	9:00 am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. Nov 8	9:00 am	Mark McGee
Sat. Nov 9	4:00 pm	Louie Kushnerick
Sun. Nov 10	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Thurs. Nov 14	9:00 am	Tammy and John
Fri. Nov 15	9:00 am	Sr. Jeanette Filthaut

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS

Friday, November 8 at Assumption Church at 7 pm

Each year during the month of November, we hold a memorial Mass for **both of our parishes** to pray for loved ones who have died and to call by name those who have died during the past year. If you wish to attend this Mass and have a deceased person named, complete a registration form in the church entrance or call the parish office: 780-468-4071 Please register before November 6th.

ASSUMPTION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The front lawn has been removed so that it can be properly graded to the new sidewalk. Once completed, the lawn and sprinkler system will be replaced and the garden area restored. Work around the front entrance is in progress and access is limited. Please access the church from the North doors or the elevator door on the east.

ROGERS’ CELL PHONE TOWER

The proposed cell phone tower on the east side of Assumption church will become a reality in the next few weeks. Rogers expects that construction will be complete before Christmas. It may be a helpful landmark in finding your way to church!

BECOMING HUMAN: REMEMBERING JEAN VANIER

A Book Study

In his 2008 Massey Lecture, *Becoming Human*, the Canadian Catholic philosopher, humanitarian, and founder of L’Arche Association, Jean Vanier, tackled the issue of how to build human community despite our differences. He drew on his experience in L’Arche living together with people with and without intellectual disabilities. Eleven years after its publication, the book still speaks to the tensions that we experience in forming connections with others on a personal and a global level. Join us at St. Joseph’s College U of A for a book study of Jean Vanier’s *Becoming Human*. For more information, email siccm@ualberta.ca

2019 MOUSSEAU MEMORIAL ETHICS LECTURE

Conscience: Naming Rights & Duties

How can Christians better advance respect for conscience in public and professional spheres? Inspired by the work of John Henry Newman, and drawing from the riches of the Catholic intellectual tradition, this one-day conference on **Wednesday, November 20** seeks to explore the rights and duties of conscience in our time. 9 am to 3:30 pm, Catholic Pastoral and Admin Offices.

For details, visit newman.edu/conscience.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY, NOV 3

"Keep our Catholic schools in your prayers that God may lead them in faithfulness, wisdom and charity; get informed about the issues; and commit to the work of advocacy to sustain their future. We invite you to become a positive voice in this conversation. Your involvement will support the many parents who see religion and the Catholic faith as an integral value in the education and formation of their children." Excerpt from Alberta Bishops’ Message, 2019. Copies of the Bishops’ letter are available at church entrances.

STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE

For more information, visit starofthenorth.ca or call 780-459-5511.

Breaking New Ground Together: Treaty Rights & the Indian Act

with Harry Lafond and Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$40.

Twilight Recovery Evening Retreats

with Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI: Thursdays Nov. 21 & Dec. 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free will offering.

Wind & Fire: Daring the Holy Spirit’s Presence

with Sandy Prather, Thursday, Nov. 21, 9:30 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$40.

TWO SPACES AVAILABLE (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) FOR BAVARIAN PILGRIMAGE, MAY 14-29, 2020

We have openings for 2 singles or one couple willing to share a double room. Fr. Philip will lead this tour in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The two week pilgrimage includes admission to the Oberammergau Passion Play. Non-refundable deposit of \$500/person upon registration. Physical requirements: ability to walk 2 km and climb 100 steps. For further info: 780-468-4071 or Marilyn.mitchell@caedm.ca or maura.usher@caedm.ca

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families are invited to register their children to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration packages are available in the entrances of our churches.

First Communion/Reconciliation: children in grade 2 or older who have been Baptized. Orientation: Dec 2

Confirmation: children in grade 6 or older who have received First Communion. Orientation: Dec 1