

CATHOLIC FUNERALS: A REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples "about the end which is to come." Two weeks ago, we welcomed the families and loved ones of our parishioners who have died in the last year, remembering them and surrounding them with the prayer of the Church.

Our Christian faith affirms that death is not the end. "*Life is changed, not ended.*" Through its funeral rites, the Church commends the dead to God's merciful love, and brings hope and consolation to the living. Christian hope faces the reality of death and the anguish of grief but trusts confidently that the power of death has been vanquished by Jesus, the Risen Lord.

As a Church family, we gather to pray for the deceased. We offer the support and consolation of our faith in the Resurrection to the family and loved ones of the departed brother or sister. The Church has a long tradition of celebrating the funeral rituals in the parish church. This begins with a *Prayer Vigil*, usually held at the funeral home. It continues with the celebration of the *Funeral Mass*, held in the parish church, preferably in the presence of the body. (When cremation happens before the funeral Mass, the urn with the ashes of the deceased is brought to the church.) When burial immediately follows, the rite concludes with the procession to the cemetery (or mausoleum) for the rite of *Christian burial*.

Exceptionally, circumstances may require that the Catholic funeral service be held in a funeral home chapel. It is important to note that in this case, **only a liturgy of the Word** is conducted. **There is no Mass or distribution of Holy Communion.** Whenever possible, it is important that we respect the final wishes of the deceased. Practicing Catholics, to whom the sacraments and belonging to their parish have been very important, usually desire the complete funeral rites of the church.

If you have not already done so, please communicate to your loved ones your wishes in this area. Include it in your will. If you are making prearrangements with a funeral home, you may want to confirm that the "package" you have selected includes a funeral Mass in church, if this is your desire. At the time of the death of a loved one, the parish team is always willing to assist families make these important decisions. Please contact us so that we can help you in any way we can.

**ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS AND CANDLES**

On December 8, Pope Francis will open the Year of Mercy. Our adult Advent prayer booklet, "**A Season of Mercy**", contains daily reflections to guide us on this important faith journey. The adult, family and children's Advent prayer booklets are available for you to purchase at **\$2.00** each. The Advent candles are also available, and are priced at **\$5.00** for each set. You will find these items at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the **Missalette and Newspaper Payment Box**.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR A GREAT BAZAAR!

A heart filled thank you to all who worked to make our bazaar a success. Thank you to those who helped set up Friday, those who worked all day Saturday and Sunday, and to the bakers, the knitters. Thank you to those who donated articles and to all of you who came to the bazaar to support the cause. We made approximately \$4800 which will go to providing Christmas food baskets to the families of our twin parish of Zamoran. The winners of the raffle are Pauline Wong (Gryphon d'or gift certificate and chocolates), Louise Landreville (Fruit Cake), and Gerry Forlano (Painting by Cecelia Clarke).

TOY AND FOOD TREES: **Starting next weekend, (November 21/22),** our toy and food trees will be on display at the front entrance of the church. Please pick an ornament off the trees and make a family's Christmas a little bit brighter. In order for the toys and food to be distributed with our Christmas baskets, they must be returned no later than Sunday, December 13th.



MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 14 TO 22, 2015

Saturday, November 14: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Isa Mazzella By daughter
Iole Falciani & Tito Forlini By Falciani Family
Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta

Sunday, November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori By Vivian Teodori
Anna Maria Fiori By Livio & Family
Francesco Supino & Lina Supino By Tony & Silvia Supino
Di Giovanni
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased members Charles J. McDonald Family,
Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Flavio & Antonio Ricci.

Monday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

8:00 Giacomo Fiori By wife Berardina & Family
Lorenzo & Maria Spurio By Iolanda Coravro

Tuesday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 Ermando Giuseppe Nudo By wife Elvira

Wednesday, November 18: Weekday Mass

8:00 Pietro Mattei By Ignazio Family
Gracia DelMonde By Antonietta Saraullo

Thursday, November 19: Weekday Mass

8:00 Luigi, Antonio & Sanda Onesi By Settimia Onesi
Antonio Sabatucci By Ignazio Family

Friday, November 20: Weekday Mass

8:00 Pietro Mattei By Giuseppina & Family
SpecialIntention for May Fong By Glen & Mary Smith

Saturday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Pietro Di Meglio, Fioravante Rotiroti, Edgardo
Poce, Mike Kilbertus, Alessandro Palladini, Filippo Agnessi & Family,
Cataldo Palladini & Family.

Sunday, November 22: Christ the King (34th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 Pasquale & Rosa Ferrara By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara
Anna & Angelo Massotti By Dominic Massotti & Family
11:00 Rosolino & Costanza Sparapani By Maria Sparapani
Joseph Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family

Your Generosity

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for weekend of
Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2015 totalled \$3,685.60 and Nov. 7/8, totalled \$3,358.95.
Maintenance collection totalled \$1,206.00.



SPECIAL VIEWING OF MOVIE "STILL ALICE"

Join our Pastoral Home Care Visitors in viewing the film "Still Alice" starring Academy Award winner Julianne Moore. The film focuses on the family reality of early onset of Alzheimer's disease. Discussion to follow led by Cathy Macaulay on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the parish rectory basement. Snacks provided. All are welcome.

2016 SUNDAY MASS BOOKS ON SALE FOR

\$5.00 EACH At the Parish Rectory

Monday to Thursday (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)

You can also reserve your copy by calling 514-481-0267

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT "UPCOMING EVENTS"

Coffee and Conversation

Join us on **Sunday, November 22, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room to view the NOOMA film **Rhythm – Are our lives in tune with God's plan for the world?** Free babysitting is available for pre-school aged children.

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

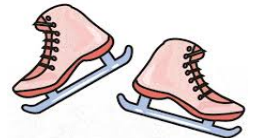
PASTORAL HOME CARE MEETING (Parish Rectory)

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

SKATE-A-THON

Thank you to everyone who participated last Saturday, October 31, in the Skate-A-Thon to raise funds for our food pantry. Also, a special thanks to Loyola High School and Concordia

University for the use of their ice rink and services.



The final total raised will be posted in next week's bulletin.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND NOVEMBER 21-21 FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS!

