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MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Please Pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Liberato & Domenica Ranallo Di Ioia
Irene Romanow
Gerry & Margaret Nucci
Desmarais & Lemieux Family
The Souls in Purgatory
Gisela Neigel
Giuseppe Miglialo
Concetta Starnino & Archilao Di Fruscia
Antonietta Di Fruscia
Palmina Di Fruscia
Benito Di Fruscia
Constantino Di Fruscia
Angelina Di Fruscia
Rafaele Miglialo & Angela D'Amore

Requested by:

Family
Daughter & Family
Gerald Romanow & Family
Friends of Holy Family
Dorothy Desmarais
Thi Quynh Nhu Nguyen
Kozina Family
Family
Family
Sister
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Family

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Christmas Bake Sale and the 20/20 draw** will take place December 3rd. Bakers are needed. Bake your family favorites and spread good cheer. If you have any questions please contact Linda Glashan before or after mass at the back of the church.

The Sacred Heart Christmas Fair - Saturday, Dec. 9th - Get an Early Start to Your Christmas Shopping: We have an exciting line up of exhibitors, artisans & artists, as well as hand-made Christmas cards, and the ever popular Sacred Heart Café! Tickets for raffle prizes will be sold on site. Saturday, December 9 from 10 am to 5:00 pm. Free parking. 3635 Atwater Avenue, Montreal. Info: www.sacredheart.qc.ca or call 514-937-2845

Don't forget to visit our Parish website at <http://www.holyfamilyparishmtl.com>. You can find Sunday's Liturgy PowerPoint slides and the bulletin. Thank you to all those involved in keeping the website up to date!

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am to 4 pm (Please call before coming)
- If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to jpiazza@live.ca
- For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

Holy Family Board of Directors:

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Last Sunday's Collection was \$1265. Thank you!

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy."

Judged by our love...



In this vivid passage, St. Matthew presents today's Gospel as a huge fresco of the judgement at the end of time.

In the Jewish tradition, the coming of Yahweh and the last judgement are times of joy and prosperity. It is the fulfillment of hope and promises made to the people of Israel. This is why the passage is presented with the solemnity of a royal court.

As announced in Ezekiel's oracle (Ez 34:17), the Lord Shepherd will separate goats from the sheep. The Lord declares that he has championed the cause of those who are desolate and every gesture made to help them would be remembered by God, just as every refusal to help would be a rejection of him.

The identification of Christ with those who are the *least of his sisters and brothers* of his Kingdom, was already announced by St. Matthew when he declared that anyone who welcomes Jesus' disciples, welcomes the Lord, and that even a cup of fresh water given to those in need will be rewarded. This statement encompasses people of all nations and not only those sent by the Lord.

The works of mercy that are mentioned deal with those suffering in misery and poverty. We don't have to look far to find people in desperate situations today. There are great problems of hunger and thirst in our world. Many people do not have proper lodging and protection. Opportunities to help reintegrate former prisoners into society, to welcome new people to our country, and to care for the sick are some examples that require our attention.

We understand, of course, that God's judgment will not focus on a single episode. Our on-going actions have already been counted. As the Lord will only confirm what we already know, there is no time to waste. The Kingdom of God will be fulfilled through commitments that we undertake following Christ's example.

Let us celebrate our King whose judgment is not based on appearances or any arbitrary whim, but on our love for others.

Gilles Leblanc
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli