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For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

The Childcare Centre will continue to be open with toys and playthings. However, parents will have to go down with their child or children, and care for them themselves. This playroom will be available for any parent whose child cannot sit through the liturgy.

January 26, 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

So many places to shine God's light

Pope Francis continues to impress us with his communications. He proposes that as disciples we must become more involved in our missionary vocation and invites to participate in this great adventure. This means leaving our comfort zone and shifting our interests to venture into the "outskirts" of society, to a sincere and realistic encounter with today's world in all its diversity. This new direction for both religious and lay people will be recorded in history as one of the Pope's major contributions.



But where does the fire that illuminates the Pope's proposals originate? What lights this candle? His frequent references to the Gospel texts provide one answer. The Pope has assimilated these references in his communications. Most importantly, the Pope ensures they reflect peoples' lives. These ancient texts, once revisited, shed new light on statements that we may have overlooked as old fashioned and no longer relevant.

The Gospel and readings this Sunday provide us with good example of these texts. It is interesting to note that the Gospel cites the first reading which references the mass for Christmas Eve. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus chose to preach in the crossroads of the great commercial routes of his era. Jesus' early life was in the outskirts, a good distance from Jerusalem, the religious heart of his nation. Jesus could thus offer God's light to all the members of his human family. The places where Jesus lived during his mission did not limit his message only to the members of the Jewish community, who were already familiar with God's plan. Jesus also interacted with people he met along the great commercial routes that crisscrossed Galilee. It was an excellent strategy that kept him from being limited to the customs and conventions of a single group of people.

Today we proclaim Jesus' actions that evoke the prophet Isaiah's prophecies. We rejoice, as Jesus did, in texts from this ancient prophet that we can certainly apply to conditions in our modern world. Our minds are enlightened, despite the gloominess of the season or the terrors of our era.

Everyone, who listened to Jesus, and even us who live in our modern world, are enlightened thanks to our communion with God. Jesus came to create a difference in the past and in our own era's circumstances. What is required is that our commitment to confront actual problems be sincere and accomplished by "removing" our visors". Opportunities exist for interaction in the committees where we participate, the public audiences where we are active, and when we listen to those with broken hearts. If we actively practice our vocation, we will shine a great light on obscure situations and make improvements possible. Happy are we as we open our minds to the numerous avenues that will increase Jesus' presence in our lives. Remember, Christ dared to explore and bring his message to the great crossroads of his era.

Father Alain Faucher
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 26, 2020

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
John Santone
Manuel Ferreira

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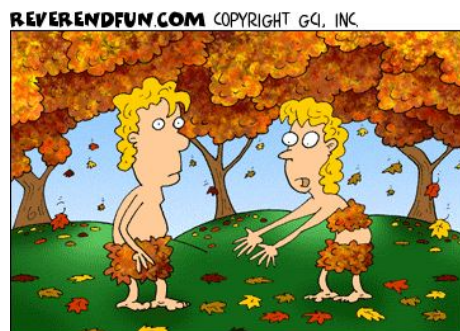
Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem... Walk in the footsteps of Christ!

June 26 to July 8, 2020

Mission Jeunesse – YM, in collaboration with Spiritours, is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for young adults (18-35) accompanied by Archbishop Christian Lépine! You will never listen nor read the Word of God in the same way!

For more information, please attend the information session on January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W.

Last Sunday's collection was \$1090. Thank you!



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

St. John Bosco

Quick Facts

Feastday: January 31

Patron: of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents

Birth: August 16, 1815

Death: January 31, 1888

Beatified: June 2, 1929 by Pope Pius XI

Canonized: April 1, 1934 by Pope Pius XI

St. John Bosco, Italian in full San Giovanni Melchior Bosco, byname Don Bosco, Roman Catholic priest who was a pioneer in educating the poor and founded the Salesian order.

Bosco was ordained a priest (1841) in Turin and, influenced by St. Joseph Cafasso, began to work to alleviate the plight of boys who came to seek employment in the city. Working in borrowed premises, Bosco provided boys with education, religious instruction, and recreation; eventually he headed a large establishment containing a grammar school, a technical school, and a church, all built through his efforts. He also achieved a local reputation as a popular preacher. In Turin he and 22 companions founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (also known as the Salesians of Don Bosco) in 1859, and before his death it had spread to England, France, Spain, and South America. With St. Mary Mazzarello he founded the Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco) in 1872, a congregation of nuns dedicated to similar work among girls.

