# <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> - due to COVID <u>we will not be accepting</u> applications this year for Christmas Dinners.

<u>We will be accepting donations to help with Dinners</u> - all monies received will be passed on to the *Christmas Exchange*, and you will be credited for Income Tax purposes by us. They, in turn, will distribute these monies to the 'very few' organizations which are willing and able to physically meet with applicants needing help in our area. We would appreciate receiving donations beginning the weekend of **October** 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> - we will have to send our cheque to the "Exchange" by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November as they have to coordinate just how far the money will go.

Please keep in mind there are a lot of families who no longer have jobs due to COVID and we appreciate whatever help we will receive through your donations; through the efforts of the Christmas Exchange and through other organizations handling the many, many families who will be applying.

Anyone who has ever worked with us during this Christmas Dinner season, can understand **IT IS NOT SAFE** for this sort of interaction. Others who have been in the church hall to see how many people are involved and how difficult (sometimes impossible) it is to practice 'social distancing' will also comprehend our reluctance to do something endangering our own health and the health of everyone in attendance.

It saddens us to make this announcement! In years past it has been the 'beginning' of our Christmas season and it was always a joyful time of helping those in need. But, - unfortunately this is a whole new world we're living in and "staying safe" is the way we have to go. Please God, by this time next year, we'll be able to 'take applications' and share with those who need our help.

The following scheduled events have been *CANCELLED* due to COVID-19 and health guidelines. Please update your calendar accordingly, and Stay Safe.

September 30<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Bingo October 18<sup>th</sup> - Parish Fun Day November 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Cash Bingo

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Msgr. Brian Henneberry, V.G., Pastor
PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Weekday Liturgies**

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. (Novena Mass) Wednesday - NO MASS Thursday - NO MASS

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday - 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Saturday - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

By appointment only. Please call the Rectory

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

A six (6) month prior notice is requested

#### Ministry to the Sick

Please contact the Rectory if you or someone you know would like to be visited at home or in hospital



September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Our Masses for the week of September 28th,

Monday 9:00 a.m. - NO MASS Tuesday 5:30 p.m. NOVENA MASS
Pat Wilson
- NO MASS NO MASS -

Thursday - NO MASS - Friday - NO MASS -

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bonny (Joseph) Young

11:00 a.m. For the People



MEMORIALS to be celebrated on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.: Murray McGowan, Frances Cooper & d.m.f., Haydn Williams (a), Ralph J. Howlett (a), Joan & Ed Whalen, Peter Robichaud, Joan Brewer, Gary Lichtie & d.m.f., Souls in Purgatory

Sunday Offertory - September 20<sup>th</sup> - (Including PAD) - \$5,795.00 SPECIAL COLLECTION - for *NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA* - will be taken up this weekend - Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>.

### Introduction to the Prayers of the Faithful

Most people have a favourite song. It might remind them of someone or some great event in their lives. Or it might just sum up a time when days were more carefree. Christians have a lot of favourite songs. We call them "Hymns". While contemporary numbers are the ones we hear most often, occasionally an old hymn gets some play.

One of the oldest hymns is part of the second reading. It recounts and celebrates how Jesus, who was divine, did not use this as a reason to feel or act "entitled". Rather, out of humility and His love for us He let go of everything He might have had for Himself. In doing that He met our greatest fear, death, and conquered it! This hymn can celebrate the life of every one of us who follows Jesus faithfully because for faithful people life is "changed" not ended!

#### Prayers of the Faithful

For Pope Francis as he prepares to offer a new encyclical to the Church next Sunday, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We pray to the Lord.

For Bishop Christian and all the Bishops of Canada as they face the regional and national challenges in preaching hope and the sanctity of life to Canadians.

We pray to the Lord.

For our Parish and Diocese, as we mark the feasts of the Archangels and Guardian Angels this week, that we, too, may be messengers of God's Good News. We pray to the Lord.

For our children and grandchildren, and for their health and safety as they navigate school and college under pandemic rules and for their teachers and support staff. We pray to the Lord.

For those who are weary of the restrictions and sacrifices imposed by the pandemic, for those who are still fearful of the effects of the virus, and for those who are lonely or discouraged. We pray to the Lord.

For the poor and those without work who will be feeling the arrival of colder weather and the challenges to stay warm. We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died NN.... and for their families and friends. We pray to the Lord.

Dr. Brian Higgins, Jimmy Rector, John Young, Lea Allard-Méthot, June Lavin, Bill Gale

REMINDER - you are obligated to register for Mass (BOTH WEEKEND & NOVENA MASSES) by either calling the office at 653-6830 or online at HolyRedeemerSJ.com Just register ONCE and your name remains on the list. You will receive a phone call or email when there is space available for you.

Msgr. Henneberry, will be distributing Communion in the side parking lot of the church at the following times after Mass: Saturday, 4:45 pm, Sunday, 9:45 am & 11:45 am.