

November 19, 2017

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Parish

33. nedelja v cezročnom obdobju
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In declaring this the first World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has given us a great gift. The approach of Advent – a season known for giving, but also for rampant consumerism – makes this an opportune time to reflect on the kind of society we want to live in.

Surrounded by wealth and comfort, many in our culture resist any form of material or physical self-denial. At the same time, others in our midst have no roof over their head, struggle daily to feed themselves and their families, and go without the essentials of life necessary to survive.

Pope Francis has declared a World Day *of* the Poor, not a World Day *of Prayer for* the Poor. Of course, he wants us to pray, but the Holy Father also wants us to examine our lives closely and see how we are being called to help the needy around us.

I invite you to read the Pope's letter for the World Day of the Poor, in which he condemns "the contrast between the *empty words* so frequently on our lips and the *concrete deeds* against which we are called to measure ourselves." In response, let us love, not just with words but with deeds.

This first World Day of the Poor is an opportunity to join with your loved ones in doing something concrete for the needy. I invite you to sit down with your family, chat with friends, and ask the Holy Spirit where and how you can help make a difference. Our webpage rcav.org/poor contains the Pope's letter and other resources.

Whether it's personally assisting someone you know, volunteering with an agency that helps the poor, or donating money to a church or organization that is equipped to bring aid to those in need, I ask every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Vancouver to join action to prayer so that those who lack food, clothing, shelter, and companionship will find it through us. The Holy Father says that this day is meant to "encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter." He wants us to create moments of friendship with the poor, who, he reminds us, are not a "problem," but "a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel."

The World Day of the Poor reminds us of the special love the Lord Jesus had for the poor. May our hands, feet, and lips be his, as we manifest his concern for the needy in our community and around the world.

With cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ, ✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver

Liturgical schedules/Bohoslužobný poriadok		www.cyrilmetod.ca
19. 11. – SUN/NE 33rd Sunday in ordinary time/ 33. nedeľa cez rok Prov 31.10-31; 1 Thess 5.1-6; Mt 25.14-30	9 a.m. mass for parishioners 11 a.m. SK omša + Jozefa Demčáka	Fr. Rastislav Rod. Demčáková
20. 11. – MON/PO 1 Mac 1.10-64; Lk 18.35-43	8 a.m. mass Divine Word Missionaries	Fr. Rastislav
21. 11. – TUE/UT Presentation of the Bl. V. Mary 2 Mac 6.18-31; Lk 19.1-10	8 a.m. mass Božie pož. a ochranu pre Mareka s rodinou	Alena Rolniková
22. 11. – WED/ST St. Cecilia 2 Mac 7.1,20-31; Lk 19.11-28	8 a.m. mass zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre rodinu Baluchovu	Rodina Baluchova
23. 11. – THU/ŠT 1 Mac 2.15-29; Lk 19.41-44	6.30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 7.30 p.m.mass poďakovanie za 70 rokov Jaroslava a Božie požehnanie do ďalších rokov života	Jana Jurkovičová
24. 11. – FRI/PI St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions 1 Mac 4.36-37,52-59; Lk 19.45-48	8 a.m. mass za Máriu Čeklovsku	Miriam Oravec
25. 11. – SAT/SO 1 Mac 6.1-13; Lk 20.27-40	9 a.m. mass zomrelí z rodiny Oravec 5.30 p.m. SK omša s nedeľnou platnosťou + Lýdia Ondrušova	P. Oravcová Rod. Baluchova
26. 11. – SUN/NE Christ, King of the Universe/ Krista Kráľa Eze 34.11-17; 1 Cor 15.20-28; Mt 25,31-46	9 a.m. mass for parishioners 11 a.m. SK omša na úmysel	Fr. Rastislav A. Rolniková
Sacrament of reconciliation 30 minutes before every mass. Sviatosť zmierenia 30 minút pred každou omšou.		
Announcements/Oznamy		
*Last Sunday's collection: \$1630. Project Advance Rebate \$325. May God reward your generosity.		
*Looking for volunteers for December parish activities.		
*Katecheza pre deti v sobotu 4.30 p.m. Vedie Martina Prochazkova a Maria Eskut.		
*Prayer Ministry: Nov 26, 2017 from 12. 30pm to 1.30 pm in our church.		
*Love & Life Ministry: Christmas Card Fundraiser This Christmas, spread the message of life by sending pro-life Christmas Cards. A portion of the sale of these cards helps support crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life organizations including the Love & Life Ministry. The cards will be sold every Sunday in November after the 11 am mass by Mariana (604-5854411) in the parish hall. For those not attending the Slovak Mass, the cards are in the church sold in the packs of 10 cards for \$10.		
*Planned activities: Dec 3 - Mikulas/Nicoluas; Dec 9, 10, - Craft and Bake Sale; Dec 10 - Advent Penitential Service 7 pm Dec 17 – Installation by Archbishop; Pot and Luck; Dec 31 – Silvestrovska zabava/ New Year's eve entertainment		
*Na známosť sa všetkým dáva, mimoriadne dobrá správa. Dňa 3.decembra do nášho kostolíka opäť zavíta Svätý Mikuláš. Rodičia môžu nahlásiť detičky u M. Demčák na čísle 778 593 9565. Cena je \$10.00 na dieťa - \$5.00 platia rodičia a \$5.00 je príspevok z našej farnosti.		
*Volby do Farskej pastoračnej rady. Voliť a volený môže byť každý dospelý katolík, ktorý je členom farnosti. Členom farnosti podľa Cirkevného práva je každý veriaci, bez ohľadu na narodnosť, ktorý vo farnosti praktizuje svoju vieru minimálne 3 mesiace. Registracné obalky nemajú s Cirkevným právom nič spoločné, sú civilnou danou záležitosťou. Stará farska rada mala svoju platnosť do roku 2013. Zneužitie volieb nepredpokladám, pretože volia dospelí a zrelí katolíci. Ak niekto odmietne voľbu prijať, dostane možnosť ďalší v poradí. Takto sme to praktizovali v misiách aj v Česku a žiadne problémy neboli. Platnosť rady bude na 2 roky.		
*New Finance Council/Clenovia novej Farskej ekonomickej rady su: Beata Andrejčaková, Jan Carnogursky, Jan Oravec, Heather Charest. Platnosť tejto rady je na 2 roky. Podľa Cirkevného práva si členov tejto rady vybera pastor farnosti.		