

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**ONE WORLD ONE HUMANITY**  
**The International Community**

## 238. Why do the poor deserve special attention?

Christ turned especially to those who were at the margins of society. That is why the Church, too, professes a “preferential option for the poor”. The poor are often the ones who have the fewest opportunities to influence the shaping of society and of their own living conditions. The Church stands by them and is concerned about putting an end to injustice, discrimination, and oppression. Justice, in the sense in which Catholic social teaching understands it, demands the participation of all people in the central social, political, cultural, and economic activities in life. Programs for the poor must not be designed from the top down, because those who are affected usually know the best what they need. Given complex relationships of dependency and the increasing interconnectedness of the world economy, it is not easy to find concrete solutions that permanently do away with the causes of poverty.

## 239. How does global solidarity become generally binding?

For Christians, who believe in God as the Creator of the world, it should be self-evident that solidarity and justice cannot apply only to “our family”, “our country”, “our culture”, or “our religion”. If we want to justify this Christian attitude toward other cultures and religions without using faith-based arguments, we can best explain this universal demand for solidarity and justice by reminding people of their claim to freedom: I am free when I myself can determine what I do and how I live. Now if I myself want to be free, then I should grant this also to my fellow human beings, from the perspective of justice and of the fundamental equality of all human beings. Just as I do not want anyone in the world to determine my fate, so too I must acknowledge that no one else wants me to determine his fate. One speaks in this context of a general right to a reasonable explanation. Everyone has a right to have laws, to which he will be subject, and be explained in a reasonable and intelligible way.

## ‘VOCATION SEEDS’

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday November 2:

5:00 pm All Souls

### Sunday November 3:

9:00 am +Cecilia Cheng

10:30 am +Conrado P. Rocillo

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday November 4:

9:00 am +Sit Kee Chin

### Tuesday November 5:

9:00 am +Walter Ritchi

### Wednesday November 6:

7:30 pm +Peter Chiu

### Thursday November 7:

9:00 am +Thomas Cheng

### Friday November 8:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Henry Ng

### Saturday : November 9:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

## MOVING?

Please remember when you move to let us know, so that we can keep our files up-to-date. Also, if you are new in the parish, please register with us and let your old parish know that you have moved so they too can update their records.

### The following are available in the gift shop:

- 2020 Sunday Missal @ \$5.00 each
- Catholic Missions in Canada 2020 Calendar @ \$5.00 each
- Right to Life Christmas Cards @ \$7.00 per pkg of 10

**There is so little distance between heaven and earth  
that God always hears us. Nothing but a  
thin veil separates us.  
- Saint Andre Bessette -**

# November 3, 2019

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their departed loved ones, relatives and friends in the book. Prayers will be offered for them at all Masses during the month of November.

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

### Intention for the month of November

**Universal:** That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the New East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

## EDGE MEETING FOR GRADE 6 TO 8 STUDENTS

The St. Aidan's next Edge meeting will take place on Saturday November 16, from 6pm - 8pm in the church hall. Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to make friends, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. All youth in grade 6-8 are encouraged to come out and join us for an evening of faith and fun. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

**Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.**  
- St. Teresa of Avila -

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“Let us do our duty well; let us go straight to God; let us pray and work to become very humble, very patient, very mortified, and very charitable.” (St. Vincent de Paul)  
The act of charity extends beyond one's immediate family and friends - to everyone, especially the marginalized - in spiritual, material and financial support.

November is the month in which we especially remember all those who are departed (in Purgatory), and we pray for them. The Catechism of the Church (1054) says “those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God”.

A friendly reminder that the Thunder and Lightning casseroles will be picked up this First Friday, November 1st. This weekend at all Masses, there will be a “Thunder and Lightning” Campaign. Thank you very much for your generosity.

## CARDINAL COLLINS THANKS YOU FOR LIVING THE GOSPEL

“Even before the foundation of the Toronto diocese in 1841, the Catholic community has been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized. This legacy continues, stronger than ever, through ShareLife. Your support enables ShareLife agencies to provide mental health services, assist isolated seniors, aid young mothers, and offer summer camp opportunities for vulnerable youth. Without you, ShareLife could not fulfill its mission to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.” - Cardinal Thomas Collins

## YOUTH AGED 19 TO 35

Students, Professionals, single, married etc.

We want to serve YOU and minister to YOU so that you enjoy being Catholic!

Join us as we hear how to share our faith in the modern world. Come together in discussion on Wednesday, November 13th at St. Timothy's Church, 21 Leith Hill Rd., North York ON M2J 1Y9 at 7pm. See you there! Bring a friend!

For more information or to get involved please contact Amanda Onilla, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at [spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org](mailto:spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org) or 416.599.7676

## HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

This weekend of November 2 and 3 we have with us a special guest from Sebastian Cardinal's team representing “Handicraft Holy Land Christians”, who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christians presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces.

Proceeds of the sales generate much need employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.— cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted.

“May God Bless you for your generosity, for help, and for your prayers.” **www.HolylandChristians.ca**

**You know that every evil is founded in self-love,  
and that self-love is a cloud that takes away  
the light of reason.**  
- Saint Catherine of Siena -