

MESSAGE (Abbreviated) OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

SECOND WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 November 2018

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him

"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him" (*Ps* 34:6). The words of the Psalmist become our own whenever we are called to encounter the different conditions of suffering and marginalization experienced by so many of our brothers and sisters whom we are accustomed to label generically as "the poor". The Psalmist is not alien to suffering; quite the contrary. He has a direct experience of poverty and yet transforms it into a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Psalm 34 allows us today, surrounded as we are by many different forms of poverty, to know those who are truly poor. It enables us to open our eyes to them, to hear their cry and to recognize their needs.

On this *World Day*, we are asked to fulfil the words of the Psalm: "The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied" (*Ps* 22:26). We know that in the Temple of Jerusalem, after the rites of sacrifice, a banquet was held. It was this experience that, in many dioceses last year, enriched the celebration of the first *World Day of the Poor*. Many people encountered the warmth of a home, the joy of a festive meal and the solidarity of those who wished to sit together at table in simplicity and fraternity. I would like this year's, and all future *World Days*, to be celebrated in a spirit of joy at the rediscovery of our capacity for togetherness. Praying together as a community and sharing a meal on Sunday is an experience that brings us back to the earliest Christian community, described by the evangelist Luke in all its primitive simplicity: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (*Acts* 2:42.44-45).

Faith naturally inspires a message of hope. Often it is precisely the poor who can break through our indifference, born of a worldly and narrow view of life. The cry of the poor is also a cry of hope that reveals the certainty of future liberation. This hope is grounded in the love of God, who does not abandon those who put their trust in him (cf. *Rom* 8:31-39).

I invite my brother bishops, priests, and especially deacons, who have received the laying on of hands for the service of the poor (cf. *Acts* 6:1-7), as well as religious and all those lay faithful – men and women – who in parishes, associations and ecclesial movements make tangible the Church's response to the cry of the poor, to experience this *World Day* as a privileged moment of new evangelization. The poor evangelize us and help us each day to discover the beauty of the Gospel. Let us not squander this grace-filled opportunity. On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.

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Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua



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Jesus, the Son of Man, will one day come again to gather to his side all of us who have followed. He will judge between the living and the dead. God has chosen us for his own – we are the elect. Let us respond by choosing it for ourselves, as well.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Daniel heard the word of the Lord describing an end time where those who sleep will either awake to life everlasting or to everlasting disgrace. In the second reading, we hear in the one sacrifice of Christ, we are made perfect. In the Gospel, Jesus tells of the day when the Son of Man will come in glory to gather his elect.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Daniel 12.1-3

Psalm: 16

2nd: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32

PASTOR: **Rev. Robert Wong, SJ**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**

SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**

SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm – 4:55 pm**

CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY

MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

NOVENA TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**

MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA

& BENEDICTION

BAPTISM COURSE

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

PARISH UPDATES

All Souls Mass Intention in November –

The Archdiocese has instituted the practice of one Mass intention for one deceased member. Extra requests will be forwarded to the Chancery for distribution. Please use the special envelope provided by them.

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“Blue Mass” – In honor of all the First Responders, the 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights invites you to join in this special Mass on Nov. 24, 9:30am.

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Advent Day of Recollection – Our Knights of Columbus will host this Advent Day. Fr. John Tritschler will lead the recollection of Saturday, Dec. 1, beginning with 9:30am Mass and continue until 3pm.

Remember Lord those that have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially those for whom we now pray. May these and all who sleep in Christ find in your presence light, happiness and peace. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer to St. Michael— St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

CHRISTMAS GIFT – “Generations,” a miniature of *the Holy Family, St. Ann and St Joachim* is available for your keeping or a gift to a beloved and family in time for Christmas. The cost is \$90.00 including taxes and shipping. A display sample is on the PA table. You may place your order there too. Thank you!

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PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy.” We have met our Archdiocesan commitment of \$25,000. THANK YOU for all our pledgers. We need others who have yet to make a gift to respond to the appeal. The rebates will help to recover expenses for the new sound system in the hall and the repairs of the church roof. Our parish total goal is \$75,000. Please see one of our Project Advance volunteers. God Bless YOU!

You may also make your pledge online at www.projectadvance.ca anytime.

Free lecture – Bridging Borders: Finding Hope in Syria

By the Regional Director of Jesuit Refugee Services, Fr. Nawras Sammour, SJ, who works to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons in his hometown of Aleppo and throughout Syria. Join Father Nawras as he discusses the situation in Syria and explores why bridging borders and not building wall is crucial for our time. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's College (UBC), 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver.



World Day of the Poor:

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In Canada, 1.9 M families struggle to make ends meet. Poverty is more than just low income: food insecurity, social exclusion, inadequate housing, lack of access to transportation and services and more. In recognition of this World Day of the Poor, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is in need of financial donations and non-perishable food items in their parishes and communities.

Donate today at <https://www.imakeanonlinedonation.org/ssvp-national/> and help them to provide assistance to the less fortunate.

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Estate Basics & Memorial Planning

On Thursday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. we'll lead you through a free Estate Basics & Memorial Planning workshop about gathering information for preparing your will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. Receive guides, tools and practical advice. Sign up today at: rccav.org/events/197

We thank all parishioners for your generosity in contributing to our Altar Server Alb project. May the Lord God bless you all.

-Fr. Robert, Jun Lastica & all Altar Servers

Stewardship Reflection

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.



Mass Intentions

November 18 - 24, 2018

- Mon, Nov 19— Eliza Fernandes (INT)
- Tue, Nov 20— Richard Tan (RIP)
- Wed, Nov 21— 9am, Krishnel Santos (TG)
7pm, Victoria Coronel (RIP)
- Thu, Nov 22— Albert & Christian Man (TG)
- Fri, Nov 23— Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
- Sat, Nov 24— 9:30am, Knights of Columbus—
Blue Mass for 1st Responders