

St. Rose of Lima Church

**Feast of Christ the King
November 26th, 2017**



**Pastor:
Father David Martin**

**Masses:
Thursday: 12:10 PM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM**

**Confession:
Saturday at 3:00 PM**

**Baptisms:
Please call the Office 653-6850 for arrangements.**

Revitalizing our Church: What Are Our Strengths?

By Fr. John Jennings (added February 11, 2017)

The Disciple Maker Survey as well as our own experience indicates that there are challenges to our parishes and our diocese. But the survey also indicates some strengths on which we can build. First of all, our diocese has a solid core of dedicated Catholics. When the survey went out early this year it was completed by 6,135 people. That is more than 35% of the average number who attend Mass on any weekend. Normally a 10-15% response to such surveys is considered good. This response rate indicates that a significant number of Catholics in our diocese care and want to be heard. They want to contribute to our church's response to challenges we face.

Among the other strengths that the survey surfaced across the parishes of the diocese was the range of how we want to define ourselves as Catholics. For example, when parishioners were asked how they viewed themselves and their faith only 10% said "I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life." On the other hand, more than 55% indicated that they were growing as a disciple of Jesus the Christ. Most of these saw their relationship with Jesus Christ as the most important relationship in their life. This is a strong base on which to build a revitalized diocesan church.

This strong base shows again in the parishes of the diocese when the survey results indicated that more than 70% of the respondents agreed that their parishes helped them to grow spiritually as Catholics. The response was somewhat weaker when asked about their parish helping to form them as disciples of Jesus Christ. It was even weaker when we were asked about our role as disciples who have a call to be witnesses and sharers of our faith, as low as 20% in some categories.

The fundamental call that comes from our baptism is to a discipleship to Jesus Christ. In this role we are to follow the model offered by Jesus and also to accept the mission of Jesus Christ. This means that through the witness of our faith we share the Good News with others. The survey indications are that we are not as aware of this as we might be and our parishes may be able to do more in forming us for discipleship that witnesses to the Good News in word and action. Currently, the challenges our parishes face in structure and resources may contribute to an inability to do more.

This baptismal call that is given to each of us is the call that Jesus issued to every disciple, to be his witnesses. (Luke 24:48) The Gospel writer Mark is even more explicit when he tells of the Risen Jesus appearing to his disciples as they sat at table. "Go," he says "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

The revitalization and realignment project in which we are involved is intended to build parishes and a diocese that can nurture the strengths of the faith we share. It is a project filled with hope and directed at building a church, a community of disciples who witness for the faith, for the present world and for future generations.

Remembering Our Dead

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: **Lori Ann (Perry) Galliera, Mary May, Tammy Quinlan-Haliaski, Stephen Gough, Margaret Horgan, Eveline Lanigan, Mary Mercer, Edwina Bourque, Arthur Losier, Lawrence (Lorry) Cassidy, Sr. Patricia Callaghan**

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Albert Gogan

If you wish to place a sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the Office at 653-6850.

Mass Intentions

Thursday, November 30	12:10 PM	Susie and Dave Delaney
Saturday, December 2	4:00 p.m.	Eva Gogan
Sunday, November 26	9:00 a.m.	Ryan Ellis

Stewardship for the week ending November 19th, 2017

Envelopes	2471.75
Loose	254.30
Food Bank	65.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	438.65
Total	3239.70

Announcements

Book of Remembrance – As always, for the month of November, we remember our dead. The Book of Remembrance is placed in the Baptismal area. Please add names of your deceased loved ones to the prayer list.

Until 28 November 2017 the Government of Canada will match all donations made to Development and Peace or any other eligible Canadian charity, for **relief in Myanmar**:

<https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh>

Alzheimer Café: Nov 26th at St Marks United Church, Dexter Dr. Speaker Sherry Gionet, NGNC on Alzheimer's and Dementia. Entertainment: KV Ball Room Dancers

Mass for Life: Wednesday December 6 at 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy Catholic School.

LOOKING FOR HELP!

- 1) If you would be willing to help count the collection on Saturday or Sunday, please call the rectory at 653-6850.
- 2) If you are able to sponsor a family in need for Christmas, please call the Rectory. Amounts requested vary from \$25 to \$125, depending on the size of the family. All donations greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Church



Wesley Eric Collins

*Son of Patrick Collins and Rebecca Dawn Cyr
Baptized November 25 2017*

Claire Eva Violet Ganong

*Daughter of Norman Ganong and Jessica Chartrand
Baptized November 25 2017*

Lincoln Leandre Martin

*Son of Christopher Martin and Stephanie LeBlanc
Baptized November 26 2017*
