#### **Book Sale for Peru**



The annual Peru Committee book sale will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. We would be grateful to receive your donations of gently used books, DVDs and CDs for our sale. Items may be placed in the marked boxes located next to the Peru cabinet in the foyer and inside the rear entrance to the church across from the office. All proceeds will support our sister parish of St. Luke's in Otuzco. Thank you for your support.

### **Diocesan News**

**Nov. 3 -** Welcome to ecumenical Evening Prayer Songs of Taizé, at Carmel Chapel, 103 Burpee Avenue, Saint John, at 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 5** -Annual Rocmaura Bazaar will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Rocmaura Nursing Home. Come and enjoy a day, finding treasures at the New-To-You, treats at the bake table or playing bingo.

**Nov.25-27** - Advent silent directed retreat contact Doug Hubbard at <u>hubfam@nbnet.nb.ca</u> for information or to register.

**Dec.2-4** - Advent weekend guided retreat facilitated by Fr. Shawn Daley, Contact Villa Madonna by phone at 849-5125 or email <u>villamadonna@nb.aibn.com</u> to register.

### **Pray for Peace in Syria**

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Pope Francis and 10,000 people will pray for Syria at an ecumenical event in Sweden. Everyone is encouraged to pray in communion on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit the Development and Peace website at www.devp.org/Syria to view a video message from Pope Francis; to access a prayer for Syria; and to sign a petition calling on the Canadian government to do everything in its power to protect civilians in Syria and to end the conflict through diplomatic means.

**Pre-Authorized Debit System -** If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

**Register Update:** 

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name Address

Phone

New in Parish\_\_\_\_ Moving out of \_\_\_\_

Moving within the Parish\_

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## MISSION STATEMENT

From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.

### **Pastor: Father Don Breen**

Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m. Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

**Parish Council Chair** – Pat Carey

**Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry -** contact office. **Reconciliation -** Sat. after Mass or by appointment

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 11.22 – 12.2 2 Thessalonians 1 11-2.2 Luke 19 1-10 November 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Maccabees 7 1-2, 7 9-14 2 Thessalonians 2 16 – 3.5 Luke 20 27-38

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" LUKE 19:8

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

Announced Masses						
All Sair	nts Day					
Tues.	Nov. 1	7:00 p.m.	Evelyn Webber			
All Sou	All Souls Day					
Wed.	Nov. 2	7:00 p.m.	All Souls			
Thurs.	Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.	Raymond Renaud (Anniv.)			
Fri.	Nov. 4	9:00 a.m.	Bob Brittain			
Sat.	Nov. 5	5:00 p.m.	Olive Daigle (Anniv.)			
Sun.	Nov. 6	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners			
		11:15 a.m.	Christina McGee			

### Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at

7:00 p.m. We look forward to a large turnout to remember the souls of loved ones and all the Saints, the heroes of our faith

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Oct.30	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Mon.Oct.31	Adult Music practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Girl Guides	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Tues. Nov.1	Season of Hope	8:00 p.m.	Family Rm.
Wed. Nov. 2	Little Rock Scripture	9:30 a.m.	Room #1
	Brownies	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Liturgy Committee	8:00 p.m.	Room #5
Thurs.Nov.3	33 Days to Morning	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
	Glory		
Sun. Nov. 6	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.

scheduled Events Oct. 30th - Nov. 6th

*Lectors* – Sunday Missals are ready to be picked up in the Ministries Room.

### Memorial Light

Anyone that missed purchasing a memorial light in memory of a deceased love one can still do so by putting the name of the deceased and \$10 or any donation in the envelope provided in the foyer. This can be dropped off to the office or put in the collection basket.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 4,392.80
World Mission	\$ 1,321.10

#### **Religious Formation - 849-5111** Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162 Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Nov. 5 - Gr.9 confirmation pilgrimage to Cathedral 10:45 a.m.
Nov. 6 - Sessions K-8 (no session Gr. 9) 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Masses – Gr. 2 children to present 'hearts'
Nov. 13 – No sessions – Remembrance Day
Nov. 20 – Sessions K-9

One Gr. 5 catechist and a helper is still needed.

**Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace** This week our parish children preparing for First Reconciliation will discuss moral choices and how they can begin to know the difference between right and wrong choices. All of us are invited to think about our own moral choices and how we make them. What advice would you give to our First Reconciliation children? Please continue to pray for them on their journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advent Devotion to Mary – St. Mark's is pleased to offer a 6week devotion to Mary through the book <u>33 Days to Morning</u> <u>Glory</u>. The program will guide participants to trust themselves to Jesus through Mary, and will explore Mary through the eyes of 4 saints, including 2 modern day saints: Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Theresa of Calcutta. Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. in Room #1. Book, materials and refreshments provided. No registration fee. Runs November 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>. To register or for more information, contact Kathy Goudreau at <u>kathygoudreau@gmail.com</u> or 651-7494. A wonderful way to grow in your faith!

# **Special Collection for Haiti**

Bishop Harris in response to a request from the Development and Peace organization has requested all parishes to have a special collection on the weekend of November 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> in support of our Haitan sisters and brothers who are once again affected by a major natural disaster in the aftermath of hurricane Matthew. Be sure to put your envelope number on donation envelope. Any cheques should be made out to St. Mark's Church and marked "for victims of Haiti".

#### **Christmas Board**

*Christmas Board* – A list of needs is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Choose an item, write your name and phone number on one half of the tag and place in the box provided. Return the item wrapped with the other half of the tag attached by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know are in need of help this Christmas please contact the office at 849-5111 or Rose at 849-7364.

Advent Wreath Lighting – Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join Father Don in the lighting of the Advent wreath before all Masses in Advent. If your family would like to take part, please contact Wendy at stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

## St. Mark's Syrian Refugee Initiative

Well it has been a year since we began our initiative to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. It has been a successful and safe time for the El Zohbi's. They constantly tell me how happy they are to be here. St. Alphonsus has news that Salam's sister and family are being processed now. This will make Salam and her family very happy! Mahmoud has a brother and a sister sponsored by groups in Ontario and another brother is being sponsored. There are still relatives in Lebanon which causes them to worry. We are now investigating some job possibilities for Mahmoud. His past work has been with concrete in construction. Salam has experience sewing and would like to do alterations and repairs. Contact me if you have any leads or would like to contact Salam or Mahmoud. *Jean MacDonald* 849-7647 *or* jeanrynlon@gmail.com

#### **Christmas in November**

There will be an evening of Christmas carols and Christmas stories on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m here at St.Mark's. Admission is a free will donation, with proceeds going to St. Luke's Peru and our adopted Syrian family. Coffee, tea, and Christmas cookies will be served downstairs after the singing.



