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I personally do not remember ever making such significant choices because of my faith. We are entering a season when we will be actively solicited to contribute to all kinds of good causes. There are many noble and heartfelt appeals that encourage us to lighten our wallets. At this time, our family budgets are often stretched to finance extra purchases for the Holidays. Despite tight financial resources, our ears and hearts remain receptive. Depending on our generosity, homeless shelters, community centers, respite foundations, the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Society and emergency food banks will be soliciting donations to support their year-round operations.

What is encouraging during this season is that people enjoy contributing. Some community groups get involved weeks in advance to organize the logistics of food drives. Parents, school children and neighbors co-operate. We strategize the best ways to reach out to donors in their respective environments. We set up toll checkpoints on boulevards, go door-to-door to solicit donations to food banks and hold fund raising events for multiple good causes. Our imaginations are limitless.

The readings this Sunday invite us to go further than surface generosity. Christ asked us to question our motives. Why are we so happy to be generous? In recent years, recognition of one's philanthropy has been acknowledged and celebrated. Though some people may prefer to remain anonymous, I personally applaud the noble and historical causes that have generated so much support for those in need. I firmly believe that our Christian faith and outreach are excellent motivators to justify today's charitable practices.

As examples of generosity and faith are timeless, whether we read the Old Testament or today's Gospel, Christ recognizes people who go the extra mile for others. Jesus himself gave his life for us. Based on these precedents, we act out of compassion and generosity. Taking our cue from Jesus, our thoughtfulness proclaims the Good News and God's generosity.

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Sunday November 11, 2018 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's comforting pages from the Bible warm our hearts at the beginning of this cold season. These pages remind me of a Québec City organization, *La bouchée généreuse*, which was started by Fr. B. Verret. This organization added an important component to the faith-life of our city and relates to the biblical readings this Sunday. Two generous widows are praised by the Prophet Elijah and Jesus. In these exemplary cases, there was a lot at stake. Both women, inspired by their faith, offered what little they had. Despite a famine, the widow in the Old Testament shared her meager reserve of flour and oil with others less fortunate. The poor widow in the Gospel contributed two small coins towards the maintenance of the Temple of Jerusalem. Despite their poverty, these two women offered what little they had. They are examples of faith and generosity.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Nov 10 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For Landon, Theresa Grams & Family**

Sun Nov 11 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Paul Lacroix**
 1:30pm Cemetery Blessing Zenon Park
 1:50pm Cemetery Blessing Arborfield
 2:20pm Cemetery Blessing Carrot River

Mon Nov 12 *Fr Travis' day off*

Tues Nov 13 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Joe Greaves**

Wed Nov 14 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Julien Marchildon**

Thurs Nov 15 no mass

Fri Nov 16 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**

Sat Nov 17 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For †Pete Potie**

Sun Nov 18 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For †Wes, Heather & Ross Wheeler**
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**

Mass Times for Nov/Dec

Sat 7:30pm – Arborfield
 Sun 9:00am – Carrot River
 Sun 11:00am – Zenon Park

Christmas Mass Schedule



December 24th

5:00pm – Arborfield
 7:00pm – Zenon Park
 9:00pm – Carrot River

December 25th

10:00am – Zenon Park

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Nov 10</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>
Commentator	Liz	Lisa
Reader	Jeanne	Mark
Cup	Guy, Sue	Beatrice, James
Hospitality	Bob, Lisa	Brian, Pam
Offerings	Liz, Guy	Bob, Lisa
Sacristan	Jeanne	Sue

Cleaning Schedule

Nov 12 - 18, 2018	Guy & Liz Hudon
Nov 19 - 25, 2018	Grant & Beatrice Thesen

Last week's collection total: **\$350.00** **Thank You**

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018:
"What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?"
 Every gift is greatly appreciated!
 Parish Contributions to date **\$760** of our goal of \$4075

In the month of November we pray for the souls that have gone before us. On **November 11th**, you are invited to come to a **cemetery blessing** in remembrance of all the dead. Weather permitting: 1:30pm Zenon Park 1:50pm Arborfield 2:20pm Carrot River

St. Joseph parish in P.A. will be hosting Dr. C. Hrynkow for an **Advent series speaker** about "Creation, Catholicism and Relationships" on **Nov 28 and Dec 5th**. See poster on the bulletin board for more info.

Bishop Albert sends an update regarding **Development and Peace**. Please see letter posted on the bulletin board.

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2018 Advent Penitential Services

DATE	PLACE AND TIME	PRIESTS WHO WILL BE HELPING
Wednesday December 5 th	Melfort 3:00pm Meeting 7:00 pm Confession	All priests in the Deanery
Thursday December 6 th	Porcupine 7:00 pm	Priests from H.Bay and Tisdale
	Carrot River 7:30pm	Priest from Nipawin
Tuesday December 11 th	Nipawin 7:00pm	Priests from Tisdale, Zenon Pk
	Kinistino 7:00pm	Priest from St. Brieux
Wednesday December 12 th	Tisdale 7:00pm	Priests from Melfort, St. Brieux
	Arborfield 7:00pm	Priest from Nipawin
Thursday December 13 th	St. Brieux 7:00pm	Priests from Melfort, Tisdale
Friday December 14 th	Hudson Bay 7:00pm	Priests from Tisdale
	Choiceland 7:00 pm	Priest from Nipawin
	Mistatim 7:00 pm	Priest from Hudson. Bay
Tuesday December 18 th	Zenon Park 7:00pm	Priest from Nipawin

“What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?”. We are now just a month into the 2018 **Bishop’s Annual Appeal**. As of November 1, 2018, parishioners have pledged \$144,718.15 towards the goal for the Diocese of Prince Albert. If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven’t done so yet and are planning to do so, the Appeal Office would like to have all pledges received before December 31, 2018. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. For further information contact Andrea Langlois, Director of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal at 306-922-4747 ext. 234, baadirector@padiocese.ca or Louis Hradecki, Data Administrator of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal at 306-922-4747 ext. 233, bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca.

Lost & Found - anyone who attended DPC on Oct 27 there was a denim jacket left behind - call 306-763-4438.