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Jesus responded by quoting from the Bible, Israel's spiritual treasure. He referred to two great commandments, both focused on love. The first, from Deuteronomy, called upon us to love God with *all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might* (Deut 6:5). The second, taken from Leviticus, commanded us to *love your neighbor as yourself* (Lev 19:18). Jesus concluded: *There is no other commandment greater than these* (Mk 12:31). Notice Christ's use of the singular: *There is **no other** commandment ...* Jesus emphasized that these two commandments are summarized in one: the commandment to love.

The scribe who had asked the question agreed with Jesus' response. He said: *this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices* (Mk 12:33). It took courage to make such an affirmation in the Temple, where sacrifices, prayers, and offerings happened all day long. Jesus acknowledged this scribe's sincere desire to fulfill God's will and responded: *you are not far from the kingdom of God* (Mk 12:34) which meant that he was close to full communion with Him and His kingdom.

Our human laws may forbid illegal actions, but not emotions. For example, they forbid stealing or killing. Yet no article of the Civil Code forbids me to hate my neighbor, despise my boss, or to ignore my sister or brother who needs me. Christ brought us to a superior standard: love is the law that takes precedence.

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### Sunday November 4, 2018 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone in Jerusalem was talking about Jesus of Nazareth, the very popular prophet who had just arrived in Jerusalem, the religious capital of the Jews. His first act was significant. He entered the Temple and chased out the buyers and sellers of animals destined to be sacrificed by the faithful. Jesus attacked the process used by those who worshipped in the Temple. He also confronted the religious authorities, priests and scribes who supported and benefited from these practices. It was not surprising that they tried every possible means to entrap him. *And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him...* (Mk 11:18).

One day while in the Temple, Jesus was harassed by questions about sensitive topics. However, Christ foiled the traps set by his adversaries with profound responses that reminded his audience of the essentials of their faith. He even impressed one of the scribes, a man of good faith, who sincerely sought to love God with all his heart. He approached Jesus and asked a question that was highly debated in theological circles: *Which commandment is the first of all?* This was very relevant since at that time, Jews observed 613 commandments! A daunting task! How did people discern what was essential?

## The Week at a Glance

Sat Nov 3	7:30pm Mass in Arborfield <b>For Souls in Purgatory</b>
Sun Nov 4	9:00 am Mass in Carrot River <b>For the people</b> 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For Giving Thanks</b>
Mon Nov 5	<i>Fr Travis' day off</i>
Tues Nov 6	9:00am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For Marriage blessing Andre &amp; Beth</b>
Wed Nov 7	9:00am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For †Isabelle Lemieux</b>
Thurs Nov 8	6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River <b>For †Ann &amp; Mike Tkach</b>
Fri Nov 9	10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park <b>For †Henri Lalonde</b>
Sat Nov 10	7:30pm Mass in Arborfield <b>For Landon, Theresa Grams &amp; Family</b>
Sun Nov 11	9:00 am Mass in Carrot River <b>For the people</b> 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For †Paul Lacroix</b>

### Mass Times for Nov/Dec

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



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

#### December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00am – Zenon Park

## Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Nov 3</u>	<u>Nov 10</u>
<b>Commentator</b>	Neil	Liz
<b>Reader</b>	Jean	Jeanne
<b>Cup</b>	Neil, James	Guy, Sue
<b>Hospitality</b>	Neil, Lorraine	Bob, Lisa
<b>Offerings</b>	Louis, Jean	Liz, Guy
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary	Jeanne

### Cleaning Schedule

Nov 5 - 11, 2018	Brian & Pam Wassill
Nov 12 - 18, 2018	Guy & Liz Hudon

Last week's collection total: **\$612.00**      **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

### Notre Dame de la Nativite **Annual Parish Bazaar**

**Sunday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** Zenon Park Community Hall - Supper at 5:00 pm Includes: Supper, Bingo, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale and Fish Pond.

In the month of November we pray for the souls that have gone before us. On **November 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

Bishop Albert sorrowfully informs us that **Father Claude Giguere** passed away October 29, 2018. There will be a **mass celebrated Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the cathedral in P.A. with refreshments to follow. Please see letter posted on the bulletin board for more info.