



**November: Month of Holy Souls:** During the month of November, we will place the Book of Remembrance at the entrance of our Church. You are invited to record the name of your loved ones in the book and we will pray for them at our weekly Masses. Please take time to pray for the dead and together remember the wonderful people who have influenced our lives.

**Installation of Bishop Martin Currie:** The installation of Bishop Martin Currie as Archbishop of St. John's by Archbishop Luigi Ventura, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Canada, will take place at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist on Friday, Nov. 30 at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow at St. Bonaventure's College Gymnasium. Everyone is invited.

**Anniversary of Ordination:** Father Charles Holland, S.J., celebrated 60 years of Jesuit Life on September 6, 2007, Brother Joseph Frechette, S. J., celebrated 50 years of Jesuit Life on October 10, 2007. We offer our congratulations and ask God's blessings on all of the Priests.

**Sympathy:** Our Parish family extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mary (Butler) Conway & Herb Laurie. We assure the family of our prayers and support during this time of grief. May our loved ones share in the promise of eternal life.

**Furnace Update:** To date we have received a total of \$1,450.00 for the Furnace Renovations. We are still badly in need of another \$4000.00. Any donation Big or Small will be greatly appreciated. Thank-you to those who have already so kindly donated.

**Mercy Associates:** The regular meeting of the Mercy Associates for the Original Group will take place at the Sister's Residence on **Wednesday, November 15th, at 7:00pm.**

**Thank – You:** Many thanks for all those involved in the planning and celebration of our Annual All Souls Memorial Mass. We are grateful to those who planned and printed the programs, Memorial cards and reception. Thanks also to Joan Whalen who donated the roses in memory of her family.

**Flowers in Memory:** If you wish to make a monetary donation to help purchase flowers in memorial of your loved ones for the Christmas season, please do so during the coming weeks. Your offering will be recorded and the Mass intentions for your loved ones will be remembered during the Christmas Masses. Please place your offering in an envelope with the name of your loved one and we will purchase the flowers. Thank you for your kindness.

**Eucharistic Congress Invites Young Adults:** June, 2008, in Quebec City. The Dec. 8th registration deadline is approaching fast! Please connect with Linda Maher, Catholic Youth Office at 726-3660 or youthcentre@nf.aibn.com to chat about how you can attend this truly awesome experience!



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### **THIRTY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Marriage of Heaven and Earth:

An ancient image of the mystery of the Incarnation is that of a marriage between God and humanity. This image has roots in the writings of the prophets. Through the prophet Isaiah, for example, the Lord speaks to Israel, saying that “As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you”. For the prophets, Israel was the Lord's betrothed – the one the Lord took to himself and for himself. Israel was the one to whom the Lord chose to be united – forever! Of course, this image finds its greatest expression in the Incarnation. In this mystery God has forever united himself to his people. In the mystery of God becoming one with us – by becoming one of us, in all ways but sin – God has once again claimed us as his own. In Christ Jesus, God has married us – united to us in a bond that can't be severed. Because of this commitment, this bond, nothing can ever again separate us from the love and faithfulness of God. Not even death!

This image of God's marriage to humanity is also an eschatological symbol (that is, it is a symbol of the end times). In his return in glory, Christ the bridegroom will come at the end of time to take his bride the Church. Heaven is imaged as the great, eternal wedding banquet where the unity between God and humanity, which will be whole and complete upon the return of Christ in glory, will be celebrated forever.

**First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7.1-2, 9-14**

**The King of the universe will raise us up to a resurrection of eternal life.**

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.16 -3.5**

**May the Lord strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.**

**Gospel: Luke 20.27-38**

**He is not God of the dead, but God of the living.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF FRANK PENDERGAST JR.**

