



# ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”*

- Parish Mission Statement

## Thirty-Third Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

### PARISH TEAM

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Pastor

**John Eisma**

Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

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Pastoral Associate responsible for Children's Faith Formation

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Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

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### Masses Intentions of the Week

**TUESDAY, November 21, 2017**

**7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna**

Intention: + *Alfredo Gutierrez / Villeda - Antonio Family*

**WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2017**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Memorial - St. Cecilia**

Intention: + *Deceased Members of the Skinner Family*

**THURSDAY, November 23, 2017**

**1:00 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Manor - Ferial**

Intention: + *Segundina Martinez / Teresita Ruiz*

**FRIDAY, November 24, 2017**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Memorial - St. Andrew Dŭng-Lac**

Intention: + *Lise Sabourin / Carol & Gilles Lorteau*

**SATURDAY, November 25, 2017**

**4:30 p.m. Liturgy - Christ the King**

Intention: *The Averia Family / Maria Averia*

**SUNDAY, November 26, 2017 - Christ the King**

**9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners**

**11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners**



**Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized  
in Living Waters Columbarium:**

November 22 - Walter J. Martens

November 27 - Celeste Flavia Greco



*"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.*

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we *don't* have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant."*

**KIDS' CORNER**

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells a story about 3 servants. Their master entrusts them with different amounts of money. Two of the servants double their money but fear gets in the way for the third servant. All he can do is save what he has. We need to recognize all the gifts that we have been given and our responsibility to care for those gifts. That means caring for the world we live in and caring for one another. It also means having the courage to be our best selves! Jesus doesn't want us to bury our gifts. Jesus calls all of us to double our gifts, to use them to grow better at loving God, ourselves and one another.



What gift has God given you and how can you use that gift to tell others about Jesus?

- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies

**Sunday's Offertory - November 12, 2017**

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 13,600.00
<small>(318 households on PAR)</small>	
Noah's Buddies / Youth:	\$ 10.00
Loose:	\$ 656.45
Votives:	\$ 276.80
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 349.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 14,892.25</b>

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00

**Readings for the Week of November 19 - 26, 2017**

- Sunday: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 / 1Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46

## *A Place at the Table Ministries...*

### Ministry for our LGBTQ2 Members



This ministry is designed to provide an opportunity for our LGBTQ2 brothers and sisters to come together to find support, encouragement, and the gifts of faith and community. This ministry will provide a safe and welcoming place of belonging. The first gathering will be offered on Wednesday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

### Singles in Christ...

For those who are single, because they have never married or are divorced, separated or widowed, this is an invitation to join together to share experiences of being single in the world and in the church. This is a celebration of the unique charism of being single today as well as the opportunity to connect with other men and women who know similar experiences. This developing ministry is not a dating service or a romantic connection venue, but rather an opportunity for single people, in a relaxed and non-threatening environment, to connect with one another.

#### Pot-luck Event

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m. Church Narthex**

Please R.S.V.P. to [singleinchrist@stgianna.ca](mailto:singleinchrist@stgianna.ca) to confirm your attendance and the food item that you will be bringing. Each food item should be able to be shared with 10 people. Beverages will be provided.

### 2018 Daily Prayer Books and 2018 Sunday Missals



**Daily Prayer 2018** books are available for \$15.<sup>00</sup> each. Easy-to-use resource for group and individual prayer. Centres on scripture reading with a reflection, a psalm, intercessions, and closing prayer.



**Living with Christ Sunday Missals 2018** are available for \$5.<sup>00</sup> each. The Sunday Missal contains complete readings, Mass texts and selected hymns for Sundays and feast days for the entire Church year.

### Children's Faith Formation - Advent Prayer Evening



Children's Faith Formation reminds all children and their families to mark their calendars for the upcoming Advent Prayer Evening on Wednesday, **December 6**, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

### New Parishioners Orientation - Nov. 23 @ 7:00pm

Our next New Parishioner Orientation Session will be held on **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the narthex. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form at the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory.

### New Offertory Cards for the New Liturgical Year

#### (Pre-Authorized Remittance Program)



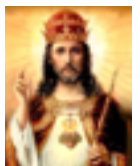
We are pleased once again, to offer parishioners a series of personalized offertory cards for the new liturgical year for those participating in our Pre-authorized giving program. These cards can be placed in the Sunday offertory basket as a sign of your commitment to share your gift, as well as a tangible witness of your participation in our pre-authorized giving program. These personalized cards bear your name as well as identify the date of each Sunday of the year. It is our hope that the personalized, pre-authorized offertory card will ensure that each Sunday, our gift is more personal and real, proudly bearing each of our names as the giver of each gift that we bring. **The cards will be available in the narthex next week, in alphabetical order by last name.**

### Christ the King Sunday - November 25 / 26

Our next Fellowship Sunday will be hosted following all liturgies on the weekend of



November 25 & 26. Stay for coffee, refreshments, snacks and fellowship as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King!



### Parish Directory Photo Sessions - December 1 & 2



If you have not yet had your photo taken for our first Parish Directory, or if you had to cancel your original appointment and were not able to book another session, we have added two more dates: **Friday, December 1** and **Saturday,**

**December 2.** Participation is free of charge and all participants will receive a copy of the completed parish directory. Sessions are held at St. Gianna's Church and take approximately 40 minutes. Sign-up in the narthex after the Sunday liturgies. Your participation is essential in making our directory complete!





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