

"Jesus Christ, the Firstborn of the dead and Ruler of all the kings of the earth" "

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, THE KING

Tues., Nov. 23rd 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*St. Clement & St. Columban*)
 Wed., Nov. 24th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*Martyr Saints of Vietnam*)
 Thurs., Nov. 25th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*St. Catherine of Alexandria*)
 Fri., Nov. 26th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Sat., Nov. 27th 5:00 pm Vigil Mass of First Sunday of Advent
 Sun., Nov. 28th 1st Sunday of Advent (*Masses: 8:30 & 10:30*)

Benediction on First Fridays again

This ceremony will resume on December 3rd, and on all the First Fridays. It will now follow the 9:00 am Mass.



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 21
 CONFIRMATION AT
 ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

BEST WISHES TO ERICK!

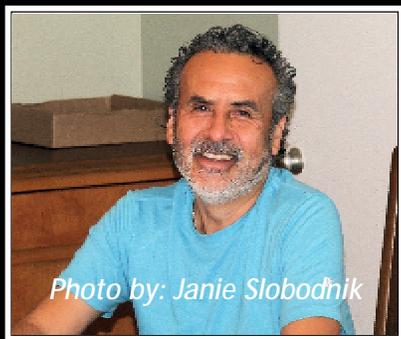
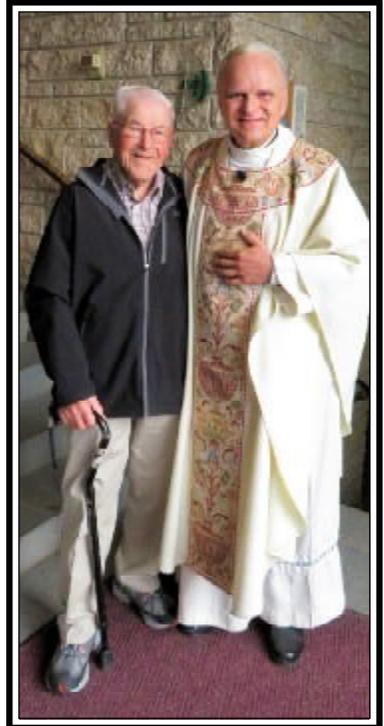


Photo by: Janie Slobodnik

This past week, on November 17th, our Rectory Custodian and Church Sacristan, Erick Villanueva marked 25 years of successful employment, as part of our Cathedral staff. We thank him for his many years of dedication and for the excellent work that he continues to do for all of us. Our prayers and best wishes to him and to his family!

OVER 50 YEARS OF "CANO" MINISTRY

In the process of planning for a Funeral Mass in our Cathedral, Tony Cano was the first person whom we contacted. For many years, he was the one who faithfully notified our volunteer adults to ask if they were available to serve at the many Funeral Masses that were celebrated in our Church. For several years before accepting this key ministry, Tony actually served at all our Parish Funerals by himself. at the request of the then Rector, Msgr. Reg Carroll. In both of these modes of ministry and for over 50 years, Tony generously assisted our bereaved family members in their time of loss. He ministered with enthusiasm, commitment and, "with a smile". Tony has recently decided to retire from this Ministry and to pass on the responsibility to others in the Parish. On behalf of all our parishioners, I take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of service and to wish him God's blessings as he ministers in other ways. At the same time, I express my appreciation to Bill Vass, who had generously accepted to add this key ministry to his many other responsibilities in our Parish. *Msgr. Pat Stilla.*

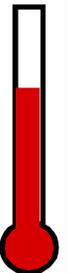


LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

November 14 th Collection	\$ 4, 743.80
Online Donations (<i>Nov. 7-14</i>)	400.00
Votive Candles	241.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund.....	14.75
Donations for Funerals/Sacraments.....	275.00

BISHOP'S MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

2021 Parish Goal	\$ 34, 000.
This past week's donations ...	5, 000.
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Total to date	\$ 22, 007.
% of Parish Goal	64.7%



Q. What is the Church's stance on divorced persons entering into a second marriage without a Church annulment. If I am invited to a ceremony like this, should I as a Catholic, attend the celebration? *Anon.*

A. Your two questions are frequently asked by Catholics.

The first is a factual one and can be answered simply by reviewing the Church's teachings on Marriage.

The second is subtle and personal because it involves a decision which must be made by yourself and, in accordance with your conscience!

Question #1 - Church Teaching

a. Catholics and Orthodox Christians believe that marriage is not just a legal contract governed by the laws of the State. It is one of the 7 Sacraments, and it demands a sacred commitment made by the spouses to each other and before God, so:

~ we believe that when validly celebrated and received, Marriage establishes an unbreakable

Sacramental union of life and love and that, ~ neither civil judges nor Church authorities have the power to break such a union.

.. What are Church Annulments? Sometimes, Sacraments are not validly celebrated. When this happens, the Church has the authority to declare any Sacrament invalid, including marriage. Therefore an annulment is not a Church divorce but a declaration based on evidence, by a church court, affirming with moral certitude that a specific marriage was never a valid Sacrament.

.. How can that happen?

The following situations, when proven, can render a marriage null and void and not Sacramental:

1. One or both parties were validly married before and are divorced;

2. Either party rejects any of these:

a. that marriage is for life;

b. that it is ordered to mutual love and the procreation of children and,

c. that it is a union of total fidelity.

3. Either party is pressured to marry in any way or by fraud or deceit;

4. Neither is capable of committing themselves to a life-long union;

5. Neither is sufficiently mature.

.. Why have Church Marriage Laws?

Laws defend: the indissolubility of

the Sacrament, the rights of each party and those of the children born to them and, the stability and security of the family.

Now: Your Question #2

While it is true that to frivolously break or end a marriage is to deny justice

to those involved and to undermine marriage itself, we must remember:

a. that most couples do not end their marriage for frivolous reasons

but often because of existing circumstances beyond their control;

b. that Christians are called to be merciful especially to those whose marriages have failed and, finally,

c. that some individual situations exist when recourse to the Church

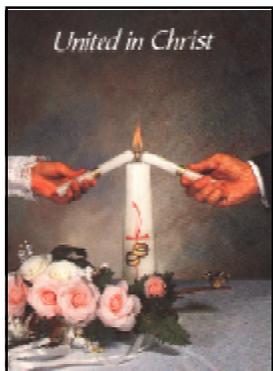
annulment process is difficult or impossible for a variety of reasons.

Your Conscience Decision

Now, consider all these and other possible circumstances and then,

with your conscience decide whether or not you should attend

the celebration that you mention.



Catholic Women's League

IN-PERSON MEETING IS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER

As announced last week, our League Council will come together in person on December 5th. It will be our opportunity to reconnect and to chart a course for the coming year. The meeting will be held in the Cathedral and not in the Auditorium. ~ For those who have access to a computer, please check our Parish website for information regarding the notices of motion that we will be voting on.

~ For those who do not have online access, printed copies will be available at the Cathedral front entrance.

MONTHLY FOOD INITIATIVE

November 27/28 or 29th

DEW DROP INN

creamed soups of celery, chicken or mushroom, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, canned ham/chicken, margarine, canned Romano or mixed medley beans, paper towels and napkins

RFDA

hygiene products, baby food, diapers, cleaning supplies, pet food



Knights of Columbus



'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS'

These magnets are now available as they are each year. You can purchase them from the Officers of Fort William Council 1447 and from the Columbus Centre.

The cost is \$5. ea.