

CHURCH BULLETIN FOR November 15, 2020

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update: the roof repair project: We will pay the remaining 20% on this project this week.

Наступні сходи Лицарів Колюмба відбудеться у вівторок, 17-ого листопада 19:30-ої години вечором через Zoom.

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will take place Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 25 in church. Everyone is welcome to attend in church, but it will also be livestreamed.

A Panakhyda will be celebrated on Sunday, November 29 after both liturgies in memory of those who died in the Ukrainian Holodomor of 1932-33.

Parish bank account balance as of October 30, 2020: 24,495.

St. Theresa's Syro-Malabar parish will resume their Sunday evening services in our church next Sunday, November 22. They haven't come since March.

Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple on the Gregorian calendar: vespers at 6:00PM, Friday, November 20, Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM, Saturday, November 21.

The parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2019 will be held at 2:30 pm on Sunday the 22nd of November through Zoom. The purpose of the AGM is to present the 2019 Financial Statement, and to discuss items of interest to the Parish as appropriate.

All interested STJB parishioners are welcome to participate. Further information, an e-link and also information on how to join in by telephone if that is your preference will be sent out to all who register before the meeting. If you wish to join in on Zoom please send your name and the e-mail address that you would be using to mlromanow@rogers.com by November 18th 2020. If you wish to join by phone please send an e-mail address that the link/phone numbers can be sent to, or call or text Mary Romanow at 613-797-6144.

The next AGM will be held in March 2021 to present the 2020 Financial Statement, activity summary and to hold Parish Council elections.

A Clarification of Pope Francis' Recent Comments on Civil Unions:

(I put this into the bulletin to reiterate that Pope Francis is not trying to change the church teaching on marriage. I believe that it would be impossible to do so, anyway. Fr.I)

From a Facebook post 5 days ago by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast:

At the request of the Holy Father, the Secretariat of State of the Vatican has prepared an explanatory document (in Italian) in response to the release of the documentary entitled, Francesco.

The document clarifies the context of certain statements made by His Holiness and contained in the documentary.

Here below is the CCCB's unofficial translation in English. The original words in Spanish were not translated because they are textual in the documentary.

Some statements, contained in the documentary "Francesco" by director Evgeny Afineevsky, have given rise to different reactions and interpretations in recent days. Therefore, here are some

useful points in order to bring about, at his request, a correct understanding of the words of the Holy Father.

Over a year ago, in an interview, Pope Francis answered two distinct questions at two different times which, in the aforementioned documentary, were drafted and published as a single answer without due contextualization, which led to confusion. The Holy Father had firstly made a pastoral reference on the need that, within the family, the son or daughter with a homosexual orientation should never be discriminate against. These are the words in reference to it: “Las personas homosexuales tienen derecho a estar en familia; son hijos de Dios, tienen derecho a una familia. No se puede echar de la familia a nadie la vida imposible por eso.”

The following paragraph of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) can illuminate these expressions: “During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while ‘every sign of unjust discrimination’ is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God’s will in their lives.” (n. 250)

A subsequent question in the interview was instead inherent to a local law of ten years ago in Argentina on “matrimonios igualitarios de parejas del mismo sexo” and to the opposition to it by the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires. In this regard, Pope Francis affirmed that “es una incongruencia hablar de matrimonio homosexual”, adding that, in this precise context, he had spoken of the right of these persons to have legal protection: “lo que temenos que hacer

es una ley de convivencia civil; tienen derecho a estar cubiertos legalmente. Yo defendí eso.”

The Holy Father expressed himself in the following way during an interview in 2014: “Marriage is between a man and a woman. Secular States want to justify civil unions to regulate different situations of living together, driven by the need for regulate economic aspects between persons, such as ensuring health care. These are living together agreements of various kinds, of which I cannot list the different forms. It is necessary to see the different cases and evaluate them case by case”. It is therefore evident that Pope Francis was referring to particular State measures, certainly not to the doctrine of the Church, which has been reiterated numerous times over the years.