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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 18th

Intentions of The Ainey Family
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Wednesday, November 19th

Intentions of Kevin Ainey
Requested by Kathleen Ainey

Thursday, November 20th

† Linda Ann Rielly
Requested by Erin Rielly Clarke

Friday, November 21st

† Aidan Carr
Requested by Maureen Carr

Saturday, November 22nd

Intentions of Linda Betsworth
Requested by Alane Vautour & Family

REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Russell Coleman and Brendan Fortune

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light burns in memory of
Chang Bee Ming

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jacob McLean, Elaine Attwood, Dawn Ruthven,
Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Agnes Von
Mehren, Ella Careira, Patricia Doiron,
Gerry Genuino, Evelyn Wemigwans,
Philip Nicolaoas, Carmel Richard, Linda Duke,
Vivian Holland, Richard Keating, Joanna Hodson

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord Jesus Christ, by your atoning death on the cross you have redeemed the world. Fill me with joyful hope, courage, and boldness to witness the truth of your love for sinners and your victory over the powers of sin, Satan, and death.

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK NOW OPEN

Beginning November 3rd, parishioners may begin scheduling Mass intentions for 2026. Intentions may be offered for both the living and the deceased, in prayerful support of loved ones, special occasions, or in remembrance.

Suggested donations are as follows:

- \$20 for announced Masses
- \$10 for unannounced Masses
- \$20 for the Sanctuary Light

Please contact the parish office for further assistance. Requests may be made in person during office hours, by phone, or email.

MULTIPLE INTENTION MASS STARTING 2026

Beginning in January 2026, every Wednesday Mass at 8:15am will include **Multiple Intentions**. Up to 10 names may be listed per Mass, with each intention offered at \$10. Intentions will be announced during the Wednesday morning liturgy.

Please contact the parish office to reserve a spot or for more information.

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. By doing so special graces from God are applied upon that person or intention. The act of offering prayers for the dead at Mass goes back to AD 235. Canon Law also confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1).

Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, Masses can be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

"The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2). This refers to a longstanding practice in the Church of offering a specified amount of money to the Church for a particular intention offered by the priest. This is not the act of selling something sacred for money (simony), but it is for the purpose of supplying items for Mass and for the support of the priest. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, the suggested donation for an announced Mass is \$20, for unannounced \$10.

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SECOND COLLECTION: SHEPHERDS' TRUST – NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH

There will be a second collection this weekend for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

YOUTH MINISTRY INFO SESSION – NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH

This weekend, join us for a special *Youth Ministry Info Session* to discover the vision for our youth ministry, ask questions, and explore ways to get involved. Whether you're a parent, young adult, or just want to learn more, we'd love to see you there!

DATE: November 15-16, 2025

TIME: After each Mass

LOCATION: Inside St. John's Church

Let's come together to journey with the youth as they encounter, love, and serve our Lord!

SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026 AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Sunday Missals will be available for sale at the back of the church after each Mass. Accepted methods of payment include cash and debit/credit.

Sunday Missals - \$5

Sunday Missal for Young Catholics - \$10

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

Following each Mass at the back of the church, we'll be accepting orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary during Advent. You're welcome to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or in honour of a loved one—their name will be displayed on the plant you select and will be part of our seasonal sanctuary decorations.

Available Sizes:

Regular (8") - \$30

Large (10") - \$50

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, it is our tradition to pray for our beloved dead. Beginning November 1st, the parish will place a Book of Remembrance on a stand near the cross at the side of the altar. Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of deceased family members and friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. All names written in the book will be remembered at every Mass throughout November. A basket and envelopes will also be available for those who wish to make a memorial offering.

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