

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



Application of the Gospel Readings today: No matter what situation we may find ourselves in, we must believe only in One God and not other diverse influences. Jesus' final return should not be our concern, but how we are living quality life every day. If like Zacchaeus we take just a step in the right direction, we will be met halfway by God who is love, healing and forgiveness. Today we have a great lesson to learn that true wisdom does not judge and condemn, instead it understands and forgives.

Liturgy Notes: Eternal, Cosmic, Glorious Beyond Imagining: What is the liturgy? You would think that this would be the first question in the Catechism's section on the Mass. You would expect an orderly definition, and a point-by-point description. But this is not how the Catechism begins its section on our worship. It does begins with questions, but rather different ones, such as: Who celebrates the liturgy? (1135) Because the Mass does not begin with us. It begins in God himself, wherein the eternal worship of the Father by the Son in the Holy Spirit is the primordial act of worship that is eternal, cosmic, and glorious beyond imagining. It does not begin when we make the Sign of the Cross; it has been going on in the heart of God before creation ever was, and this cosmic worship has been attended to by all the angels and saints since creation began. We glimpse this divine worship briefly when we come to Mass; but we are entering into something heavenly that was begun long before we arrived, and will continue long after we are gone. So the Catechism does not begin with dry definitions, but with a realization that worship of God is a mystery greater than our understanding, yet God invites us to enter into the mystery. Next time you look at the windows of all the saints around the church, remember that they are not simply reminders of people who lived in the past. They are signs of those who are worshipping in heaven with us, praising God with cries of joy, and we echo their voices on earth, giving voice to every creatures under heaven through our human voices, when we pray and sing at the Mass. We might leave at the end of Mass, but their worship carries on unceasingly.....*Fr. John-Mark Missio*



In an effort to support the survivors of the disasters in Pakistan, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through Caritas Internationalis, the official relief network of the Vatican. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org. • By phone through the Development Office – 416.934.411. • Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. John's Church – 2022 Pakistan – Disaster Relief. Humanitarian envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 1st

For PRO POPULO

Wednesday, November 2nd

For + ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Thursday, November 3rd

For + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MACDONALD & MAILLOUX FAMILY

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Friday, November 4th

For + DECEASED MEMBERS OF CAIRNS FAMILY

Requested by Isabel & John Cairns

Saturday, November 5th

For + JIM KEARNS

Requested by The Kearns Family



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Edmond Valin Sr.

Please Pray For The Sick

Wayne Denis Brown, Lena Gilmour, Jack Lees, Michael Lanno, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard



God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that we receive. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish.

	2019	2022
Sunday Collection	\$ 4564	\$ 1520
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1079	\$ 1183



HAVE YOU MOVED?: Please put St. John's on your list to be notified about any change of contact information. Email us at the office. If you've moved out of the parish, when you arrive in a new parish, make a note to register there. They'll want to hear from you!

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church.



In The News

HORIZONS OF HOPE: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have developed a program called Horizons of Hope that offers a toolkit to empower and educate those interested in learning about the most recent approaches to compassionate palliative and end of life care. The Horizons of Hope program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness learn more about palliative care and come together in community to understand palliative care from theological, ethical, and medical perspectives. In addition to gaining new knowledge, parishes are encouraged to work together to develop a plan for building a caring parish community. The modules within the program are led by Dr. Moira McQueen PhD, Sr. Mary Rowell, PhD and Shirley Christo, MHSc, MEd, Parish Nurse. In partnership with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Precious Blood Parish, Scarborough, will offer the program on Thursday, November 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration: please email the parish office at: office@preciousblood.ca

COME & SEE WEEKEND RETREAT: This retreat offers a way for men 18 or older to discern a possible call to priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday November 18th to 20th. For more information, please email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registration at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeesee.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MASS: Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 5 at 2 pm. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: • Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum • Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre • Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum • Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English) • Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum.

21ST ANNUAL FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST: is back. High School Students in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred word essay that explores the theme. Great prizes await! Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

Little Levity: Margie needed to make some extra money. She decided she would learn how to play the guitar and get hired by the local hospital; they were always looking for entertainment for their bed-ridden patients. After serenading Bradley, an lovely bedridden man, with a big smile, she got up to leave and said, "I hope you get better soon." Bradley replied, "I hope you get better too." *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*

Parish News

NOVEMBER 1st & 2nd: ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS: There will be 7 pm evening Masses on both All Saints and All Souls Day, (as well as the 8:15 am Mass) this year, since these are such important occasions in the life of the Church. Please join us.



November is the month the Church traditionally remembers the faithful departed. We invite you to record the names of deceased relatives and friends in our parish **BOOK OF LIFE** which can be found in the sanctuary. We will remember them in all our November Masses. If their names already appear in our book, no need to add them again, we will continue to pray for them.

2022/2023 SUNDAY MISSALS AVAILABLE FOR SALE: Before and After Masses or at the office during regular office hours. The cost for the adult missals \$7. Children's Missals have not arrived yet but we hope to have them soon.

BE A SERVER AT THE ALTAR AND SERVE THE LORD: If you are in 3rd grade and up and have received First Holy Communion, you are eligible. The Altar Servers form a very important part of the Church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. If interested contact Lisa Charette at lisacharette@rogers.com.



DON'T MISS THE EARLY BIRD DRAW: 50/50 RAFFLE November 1st. Main draw, December 31st 2022. Tickets 15 for \$10.00/ 40 tickets for \$20.00 / 100 tickets for \$40.00. All proceeds to St. John's Parish. To support our council ticket sales, visit the following link: <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=7008>

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH: will begin in early January 2023 so please check the bulletin and website for instructions, at that time.

SHARE A RIDE TO CHURCH: There are many parishioners who just can't get to church and they need you! Contact the office if you are willing and able.

DID YOU KNOW?: The Catholic Roots Of Halloween. All Saints' Day. All Hallows Eve is the vigil of All Saints Day—also known as All Hallows Day. The word "hallow" means "holy." (In the Our Father we pray, "Hallowed be thy name."). It's a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth. The memory of those who have gone before us naturally leads to thoughts of mortality, and the liturgical focus on the end times during this period of the Church year adds to the atmosphere of gloom. Let us make this year's celebration, an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God's holy ones from the beginning of time. (Adapted from The Catholic Company.)