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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catrina Bova

Lectors:  
Genia Vanderkruk  
10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM  
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

## CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
or by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the  
Religious Education office. Couples  
expecting a child are encouraged to  
contact the office before the child is  
born. Please contact ext 1003, for  
more information.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one  
year prior to the planned wedding date.

## Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit  
Call the office ext 1007

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
10:00am to 3:30pm  
Wednesdays - Closed

## ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League  
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy  
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry  
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace  
[www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)  
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers  
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus  
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council  
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM



MASS  
INTENTIONS



## *The Pastor's Nook*

### **"Humbled Hearts, Generous Hands"**

**Monday, October 27**

5:30pm All Souls Novena

**Tuesday, October 28**

5:30pm All Souls Novena

**Wednesday, October 29**

5:30pm All Souls Novena

**Thursday, October 30**

5:30pm All Souls Novena

**Friday, October 31**

5:30pm All Souls Novena

**Saturday, November 1**

5:30pm All Souls Novena

7:30pm All Souls Mass

**Sunday, November 2**

10am Int. of the Parish Community

12pm All Souls Novena

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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

(October 26- November 1)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
burns for

Dacanay & Duque Family

Please keep them in your prayer.

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**WE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick**

Maryann Chard,

Mark Szuba, Anne Szuba

Ted Daniel, Laura Gill,

Cecilia Salazar

**The Deceased**

Mary Kelly

Martin Rodrigues

My dear Parishioners, this Sunday's readings remind us that our God is a Just Judge who looks not at outward appearances, but at the truth within our hearts. The Book of Sirach teaches that "The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds" (Sirach 35:21), assuring us that the Lord never turns away from those who come before Him in sincerity and love. In 2 Timothy 4:6-8, St. Paul speaks with deep peace and confidence: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul's life was one of humble perseverance, poured out for the sake of Christ and His people. He trusted that the Just Judge would reward him, not because of his own merits, but because of the mercy of God.

And in today's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), Jesus contrasts the proud Pharisee and the humble tax collector. The Pharisee boasts of his own goodness; the tax collector, however, bows low and prays, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus teaches that true righteousness springs from humility and love, not from self-importance or spiritual pride.

As we celebrate Stewardship Weekend, these readings invite us to reflect on the connection between humility and generosity. True stewardship begins when we realize that everything we have — our time, our talents, our treasure — is a gift from God, entrusted to us for His glory and for the good of others.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

And St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, "For it is in giving that we receive." Stewardship is not simply about financial giving though our parish deeply depends on your continued generosity to sustain and build our ministries, maintain our facilities, and reach out to those in need. It is about a way of life, living each day with open hands and open hearts.

Each one of us has something precious to offer:

- Your time: — by serving in ministries, attending Mass faithfully, and praying for the parish community.

- Your talents: — by volunteering your skills, creativity, or leadership in parish programs and outreach.

- Your treasure: — by contributing financially, even in small ways, to strengthen and grow our parish's mission.

As St. John Vianney said, "The Lord does not look at what we give, but at the love with which we give it."

When we give humbly and joyfully, we imitate the heart of Christ who, though rich, became poor for our sake (2 Cor 8:9). Our humble acts of generosity become a living testimony that love, not pride, rules our hearts.

Let this weekend be a moment to renew our commitment not only to the financial well-being of our parish, but to the spiritual and communal growth that comes when every parishioner offers themselves as a faithful steward of God's gifts.

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

Fr. Anish Alex



## Can't stay for the Stewardship Weekend?

If you couldn't visit the ministry tables this weekend, you can still get involved!

Sign-up sheets for all parish ministries are available at the church entrance or in the parish office during the week.

Discover how you can share your time and talents and be part of the life of our parish community!

## Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for Oct 18 & 19

Expenses	7,288
Envelopes	1,605
Loose	723
PAG (wk)	1,547
Online	0
TipTap	95
<b>**Received</b>	<b>3,970</b>
Short	3,318
World Mission Sunday	944

\*\* We require \$7288 a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our basic parish expenses.

Your generosity helps us to make our community alive through various liturgies and many outreach initiatives. **Thank you** for your support.

## Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you.  
In faith and love, help me to do your will.  
I am listening, Lord God.  
Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly.  
I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, Whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.  
Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervour to fulfill my good intentions.  
I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour.  
Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me.  
Amen.



## NEXT WEEK'S AT A GLANCE

### October 27

CWL General Meeting (6:30)

### October 28

Euchre Game (1:30pm)

### October 30

10am Choir Rehearsal (7pm)

### November 1

All Souls Mass  
Roses  
7:30pm

More info at [joanofarc.ca](http://joanofarc.ca).

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## All Souls Day Evening Mass – November 1 (7:30pm)

The Parishioner Support Ministry invites you to attend an All-Souls Day evening Mass on November 1, to honour family members and close friends who have passed away. A small reception will be held afterwards in the parish hall, hosted by the Merry-makers.

At this Mass we will invite parishioners to place a rose in a vase in front of the Altar tagged with the names of their deceased friends or family members. The stipend for each rose is \$10. You can pick up an envelope by the church entrance, fill it in, and bring it with your donation to the parish office. Donation deadline for All Souls Mass roses: October 27





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