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Altar Servers
Call the office

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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
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

Monday, November 17

5:30pm For the Sick of our Parish

Tuesday, November 18

5:30pm Children preparing
for Sacraments

Wednesday, November 19

5:30pm Maria Lourdes Acedillo
Birthday blessings for Ingrid D'Souza

Thursday, November 20

5:30pm Mary Kemos †

Friday, November 21

5:30pm Irene & John Kozubik

Saturday, November 22

5:30pm Halina & Mikotaj
Andrusyszyn †

Sunday, November 23

10am Parish Community

12pm Halina & Mikotaj
Andrusyszyn †

SANCTUARY LAMP

(November 16 - 22)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
burns for our SVDP chapter.
Please keep their important ministry
work in your prayer.

WE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Maryann Chard
Mark Szuba
Anne Szuba
Laura Gill
Cecilia Salazar
Ted Daniel
Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ
Joe Biden

The Deceased

Fr. Doug Hilmer, CSB



The Pastor's Corner

In this week's Pastor's Corner, I wish to build upon last week's message which spoke about the importance of marking this important month in the life of our Church and why we should continue praying for our dearly departed.

Why We Must Never Stop Praying for the Departed

Praying for the dead is a work of both faith and love. Love demands that we never forget. Each prayer, rosary, indulgence, and act of charity offered for them is a light shining into eternity. As Saint Ambrose said: "We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death." Even after our loved ones may have reached heaven, our prayers are never wasted for in God's providence, no prayer of love goes unheard.

The communion of saints unites the Church on earth, the souls being purified, and the saints in glory into one living body of Christ.

The Blessings of Praying for Souls

When we pray for the dead, we too are blessed. The Lord pours grace upon the hearts that intercede for others. Saint John Chrysostom wrote: "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation?" In helping others reach heaven, we draw closer to it ourselves. Our acts of remembrance soften our hearts, deepen our faith, and remind us of our own eternal destiny.

Hope Rooted in the Word of God

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live" (John 11:25). This promise is our anchor. Death does not sever love, for love is stronger than death (cf. Song of Songs 8:6). Through prayer and the Holy Mass, we express this love that endures forever.

This November, let us remember our departed loved ones not with sadness, but with hope. Let our prayers rise like incense before God, our Mass intentions flow with love, and our hearts remain united with all who await the joy of heaven.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen".

St. Gertrude's Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Jesus I trust in you,

Fr. Anish Alex



World Day of the Poor (Nov. 16)

Did you know? November 16th is the World Day of the Poor in the Catholic Church. In his message for the 2025 World Day of the Poor, the late Pope Francis said: *"We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus."*

Prayer for the COP30 United Nations Climate Summit (Nov. 10-21)

"God of blessings, the universe sings of Your glory. Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other. Inspire world leaders at COP30, with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely, so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. Amen. (Source: CAFOD)

Why Are We Here: A Summons for Us as Canadians (Nov. 20)

This Thursday at 7pm in the hall, you are welcome to come and hear a well-known theologian, human rights activist and founder of Romero House, Dr. Mary Jo Leddy. She explores the question: *Why Are We Here? A Summons for us as Canadians*. Come and be inspired and encouraged. There is no cost to attend, and light refreshments will be served.

Fair Trade Weekend (Nov. 22/23)

Development and Peace welcomes you to their November Fair Trade Weekend next weekend - November 22/23 - following the 5:30 and 10:00 Masses. We invite friends from the 12:00pm Mass to come to the hall between 11:30 - 11:50 to purchase some Fair Trade products. These make for wonderful Christmas gifts that give back to the world.

Annual Christmas Collection (Dec. 6/7)

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having their Christmas collection on the weekend of December 6/7. Envelopes will be included in the bulletin on the weekend of November 22/23. If you don't receive an envelope, a plain envelope can be used with your full contact information printed on the outside. Cheques must be made payable to **St. Vincent de Paul**. This donation does not go to the church as the society issues their own receipts as a registered charity. Thank you for your care towards those less fortunate.

We're Hiring!

St. Joan of Arc Parish is seeking a welcoming, organized, and collaborative Parish Secretary to be responsible for all administrative and confidential functions relating to the parish office. This modified full-time (25 hours a week) role would primarily involve being present at the parish on the scheduled days. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position, spread the word! Application deadline is November 24. Find out more details at www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/employment-opportunities/

Your Gifts to God (\$)

....for November 8/9	
*Expenses	\$7288
Envelopes	\$1625
Loose	+\$755
PAG (wk)	+\$1465
Online	+\$38
TipTap	+\$240
Received	=\$4123
(Short)	(\$3165)

* We pray for **\$7288** a week (\$31,500 a month) to cover our parish's daily expenses.

Last weekend's Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reminds us that our Church isn't defined by walls or domes, but by the people who fill them with faith and generosity. Each act of giving - every pledge, prayer and dollar - helps keep our living temple at SJA strong. **Please be generous.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

All Month – New 2026 Missals for sale (\$5 each)

Nov. 20 – Merrymakers Luncheon (12pm)

Nov. 20 – Why Are We Here Presentation (7pm)

Nov. 22/23 – Fair Trade Weekend (Hall)

Nov. 29/30 – 1st Sunday of Advent (Happy "Liturgical" New Year)

Dec. 13/14 – Christmas Winter Fair (Hall)





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