

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021



LOVE LURES US ON

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength. (*Deuteronomy*)

Jesus' priesthood does not pass away. (*Hebrews*)

Love God and your neighbour as yourself. (*Mark*)



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In the two "great commandments" we discover a purpose to our lives much greater than our prejudices, provincialism, and parochialism; in them, we find the ultimate meaning and purpose of the gifts of faith and life.

Our rituals and sanctuaries mean nothing before God if they are devoid of the love and compassion Christ calls us to embrace. It is too easy to be so caught up with externals and rubrics that the essence of our faith slips away from us.

God's kingdom is realized in every act of compassionate charity and selfless sacrifice, when our humanity most resembles God. It is built of the respect and honour we afford to all God's sons and daughters, for in our love and care for them, we most sincerely praise God.

-- Dr. Jay Cormier



Sunday Collection

October 17 \$2,155.00
World Mission Day \$635.00

Monday, November 1

ALL SAINTS (*solemnity*)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Dal & Anna Sartor



Tuesday, November 2

ALL SOULS (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Fr. Peter Deckman

6:30 p.m. Mass

† in memoriam (deceased parishioners)



Wednesday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Anna Sartor

[St. Malachy, bishop] [St. Martin de Porres, religious]

Thursday, November 4

St. Charles (Carlo) Borromeo, bishop

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Miro Krusvar

(+ First Thurs. Holy Hour of Adoration after Mass until 9:50 a.m. Benediction)

Friday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Mass (*First Friday*)

† Ed Kocsis

[St. Zechariah & St. Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist]

[St. Guido Conforti, bishop]



Saturday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Mass (*First Saturday*) † holy souls

(+ Reconciliation after Mass, 9:00-10:00 a.m.)

[St. Nuno (Alvares Pereira) de Santa Maria, soldier, religious]

5:00 p.m. Mass (for Sun.)

♦ people of the parish

Pope's November
Prayer Intention:
people who suffer
from depression

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 7

9:00 a.m. Mass

† Yolanda Francis

11:00 a.m. Mass

† Asti Livingston



"THE MYSTERY OF FAITH"

At Mass, the acclamation during the Eucharistic Prayer ("the mystery of faith") is rotated every four months, or according to the season. Hence, from November 1 (All Saints) until the end of February, or the beginning of Lent, the acclamation at all Sunday and weekday Masses is the first one (A):

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

ALTAR CANDLES

According to the Roman Missal, "on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a Holyday of Obligation..."



Likewise, on the altar or close to it, there is to be a cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified... On the altar itself may be placed a "Book of Gospels" distinct from the book of other readings, unless it is carried in the Entrance Procession" (no. 117). We are getting an estimate from our usual liturgical supplier for six such candlesticks which will replace the two candlesticks presently on the altar (to be put to use elsewhere). Nylon shells (for the oil cans to be inserted) will be a separate cost. Only candles of a decent stature flanking the altar will look presentable. If there is anyone who would like to assist with these purchases, please inform the parish office; all donors will be acknowledged. This is pending approval to proceed from the bishop's office.



C.W.L. NEWS

PRAYER NETWORK

The Catholic Women's League invites you to call on our "Prayer Network" of about 25 ladies whenever you or one of your family members or friends is in need of the healing power of prayer -- please call 905/468-0990 to leave your request.

"MAKING A VISIT"

An extended visit before the Blessed Sacrament is possible this Thursday, November 4 following the morning Mass (9:00-10:00). Our church is a place made holy by the eucharistic presence of the Risen Lord. Why not drop in -- if not for the whole hour, then for a few moments of prayer? Bring your life, your joys and sorrows, your hopes and dreams, and yes, your worries, before the living God.

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

Dates have been proposed for the celebrations of these sacraments of initiation: May 10 for Confirmation and May 15 for the (formal) first Communion (2022). The plans for these will be outlined in a forthcoming letter and/or video presentation.



"People and Planet First"

World leaders have gathered for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). Although these decision-makers are debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage. Let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Visit devp.org/en to learn more.

PRAYER OF THE SYNOD 2023

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of you,
who are at work
in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH WEBSITE

Noel ("Sab") Sabandal has graciously stepped forward and offered to serve as webmaster, and he has some exciting ideas! Previously, before moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake, he served as webmaster for St. Jerome Parish in Brampton -- a glance at the template he used there can give an indication of what he intends for ours. Also, in order to mount a camera in the church to enable the uploading of our liturgies via YouTube, we are looking into providing for Internet access in the church.