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✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 27, 2024

ALL SAINTS ~ ALL HALLOW'S DAY ~ HALLOWMAS: This coming Friday we celebrate all the saints of the Church, known and unknown, formally acknowledged or not, who exemplified holiness characterized by: a deep love of God and neighbour, humility and steadfast faith, extraordinary virtue and perseverance.

Sanctity is not the special preserve of a handful of spiritual heroes. It is the ordinary goal of the Christian life which includes the creativity of human freedom. Contrary to popular perception, to recognize and canonize someone a saint is not to declare that the entirety of their lives was morally perfect, ethically blameless or unconditioned by the cultural norms and limitations of the age in which they lived. To be a saint is to desire and love God who is Goodness and then love goodness for others. A saint is undivided in this desire to love the Lord our God with all one's heart, and to love one's neighbour as one's own self. There will only be saints in heaven!

Heaven is at once the most intense kind of activity as the fulfillment of all our desires in God and the glory of resting in the embrace of the Holy Trinity with all of glorified humanity: saints, family and friends.

JESUS, THE ONE WHO RESTORES SIGHT: In this Sunday's Gospel, Bartimaeus, on regaining his sight from Jesus, joined the crowd of disciples. New evangelizers are like that: people who have had the experience of being healed by God, through Jesus Christ. And characteristic of them all is a joyful heart that cries out with the Psalmist: "What marvels the Lord worked for us: indeed, we were glad" (Ps 125:3). Today, we too turn to the Lord Jesus, Redeemer of Man and Light to the Peoples with joyful gratitude. Let us put away, then, let us put away all blindness to the truth, all ignorance. *From a Homily by Pope Benedict XVI; October 28, 2012*

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND: Be sure to “fall back” one hour Saturday night.

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

October 28 – November 2

Tuesday

NO MASS

First Friday 9:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

For All Who Handed on the Catholic & Apostolic Faith to Us
Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

+ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time +

November 3, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. For Our Faithful Departed and Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

November 2

November 3

Readings

Susan Coulas

Lisa Sullivan

Communion

Neil O'Reilly

Terry Recoskie

Offertory

Bruce Sullivan

John Jeffrey

Richard Luckasavitch

Jason Dombroskie

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ken Hudder, Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially, *Suzanne Mickus, Agnes Mask, Greg Sullivan;*
Bernice Peplinski, Agnes Chippior.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Simon and St Jude, apostles

Friday - ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday - ALL SOUL'S DAY

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays
at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: ALL SOULS: Is this Saturday. *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.* [CCC 1030]

✠ REQUIESCAT IN PACE ~ Rest in Peace ✠

As we remember our faithful departed, let us especially remember those with funeral rites that took place in our parishes since November 1, 2023:

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| Jerry Green | Joan Marie Potvin | Thomas Cybulski | Glenn Prince |
| Beverly Hare | John Bray | Doreen Dombroskie | Cathy Serran |
| Greg Sullivan | | | |

**Eternal rest grant to 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.**

SO WHAT ABOUT HALLOWEEN?: Children obviously love costumes and “trick or treating”. Adults also have a natural fascination for the grim realities surrounding death and the signs of our mortality-like skeletons, ghosts, and monsters that embody our deepest cultural fears and anxieties.

When deciding what to do on Halloween, it's important for parents to remember the Christian origins of the holiday (All Saints - All Hallows Eve) and to celebrate accordingly, rather than in a way that glorifies or is dismissive of the reality of evil and the devil. The danger lies in costumes and activities that deliberately glorify evil, or when people pretend to have special powers or dabble in magic and witchcraft, even if they think it's just for entertainment.

In the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18, it talks about not trying to consult the spirits of the dead, not consulting those who dabble in magic and witchcraft and the like because it's a violation of the commandment, that people are putting other things ahead of their relationship with God and their trust in his good and loving providence. The danger of some cultural observances of Halloween is that somehow God is lost in all of this; the religious dimension is lost and then people end up glorifying evil.

It's also important to remember that the devil and evil spirits do not actually have any additional authority in human affairs on Halloween or any other time. It only seems that way. It's because of what people are doing that they might be actually inviting more evil into their lives, and worse, conniving with it.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,297.00 (Envelopes: \$1,757.00; Loose: \$152.00; Visitors: \$40.00; E-transfers: \$110.00; Building Fund: \$25.00; World Mission: \$213.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./96; 10:30 a.m./83]

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025: will soon be issued. Please contact the parish office to obtain your box! If you use e-transfer, you are still issued a box which contains special collection envelopes authorized by the diocese.

Make your financial gift in support of our parish count. Use church envelopes for a secure and personalized contribution. **YOUR SUPPORT, OUR COMMUNITY.**

BIBLE STUDY: Gospel readings on Sundays this year are mostly from the Gospel of Mark. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish is offering a Catholic Bible study on Wednesdays at 7-8:45 p.m. For details contact John Morris, 613-729- 6647.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: date changed to Fridays at 9:45 a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are available at the back of the church. Please take and fill your shoebox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the link by Parish Office by Sunday, November 17th. Thank you.

CWL TICKET DONATION - CWL – ticket donation can be dropped off in the collection basket or Maureen at the church office or give to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) before **October 27th**. If you are donating \$100 or more and wish to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that along with your donation. Thank you.

“GRIEF LITERACY” PRESENTATION: Please join us on Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m., George Vanier School for a presentation on "grief literacy". Jenna Stamplicoski will help us to help our loved ones in their grieving process. "What to say when we don't know what to say". Open to all interested in the wider community. Sponsored by the Holy Canadian Martyrs Catholic Women's League.

THE SEARCH: 7-week video series hosted by Chris Stefanick, is being offered in the Holy Canadian Martyrs sacristy meeting room on Wednesday evenings (Oct 30 to Dec 11). This series will lead us to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning & purpose of life with a visually stunning & intellectually stimulating approach. Timing: 7:00 p.m. - dessert & refreshments, 7 :15 to 8:15 p.m. - video & discussion. All are welcome. For further information contact Greg or Mary 613-756-6643 or Joanne 613-756-6267