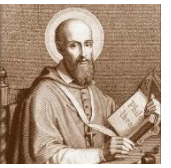
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✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 25, 2026

MASS FOR THE DECEASED AT CFB WAINWRIGHT, ALBERTA and for their families and for all deceased members of the Canadian Forces will be celebrated by Bishop Brehl **on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7p.m.** at St. Columbkille Cathedral. All are welcome.

SLO-CWL: POT O'GOLD RAFFLE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. Members and parishioners are invited to consider contributing a monetary donation towards the cash prizes. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – raffle donation** and drop it in the collection basket or give it to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) by **Nov. 1st**. All donations are greatly appreciated. If donating $100 or more and wishing to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that with your donation. *Proceeds from the raffle support health, education, and religious programs, the parish, the poor, etc., in our community, nationally and internationally.*

OFFICE HOURS: Our parish secretary is currently away on a leave of absence while she fulfills her civic duty with jury service. During this time, Fr. Burchat will be maintaining office hours for general parish matters as best he can. He is grateful for your patience and understanding. It would be most helpful if you could email any requests to the appropriate office. Priority will be given to emergencies, and some matters will wait for her return.

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

October 26 – October 31

Tuesday	**SLO**	***NO MASS***	***NO MASS***
Wednesday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mark & Katie Westen *by Miriam Westen*
Thursday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	+ Marianne Grieco Joiner *by the Henry Family*
Friday	**SLO**	***NO MASS***	***NO MASS***

+ Solemnity of All Saints +

November 1, 2026

Saturday	**SLO**	4:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving for all the Saints, known and unknown
Saturday	**SFdS**	6:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving for all the Saints, known and unknown
Sunday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving for all the Saints, known and unknown
Sunday	**SLO**	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	**SLO October 31**	**SLO November 1**
Readings	*Sean Conway*	*Joanne Olsen*
Communion	*Maxine Smaglinski*	*Pierre-Paul Filion*
Offertory	*Bruce Sullivan*	*John Jeffrey*
	Richard Luckasavitch	*Jamie Prince*

Liturgical Appointments	**SFdS October 31**	**HCM November 1**
Readings	*Dorothy Byrnes*	*Marissa Henry*
Communion		*Jerome Anderchek*
Offertory		*Martin Lepinskie*

WEEKLY ADORATION IN HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS CHAPEL:
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
SLO: Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before/after weekday Masses in the sacristy.
HCM: Before all weekday and weekend Masses. **SFdS:** Before/after Mass

ROMAN CALENDAR:
Wednesday - St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT: The Word of the Lord, resounding in the Gospel, reminds us that the whole divine law is summarized in love. In his response, Jesus quotes the Shemà in his answer, the prayer the pious Israelite recites several times a day, especially in the morning and in the evening (see Dt 6: 4-9; 11: 13-21; Nm 15: 37-41): the proclamation of the integral and total love due to God, as the only Lord. Emphasis is placed on the totality of this dedication to God, listing the three faculties that define man in his deep psychological structures: heart, soul and mind. The word mind, diánoia, contains the rational element. God is not only the object of love, commitment, will and sentiment, but also of the intellect, which should not be excluded from this milieu.

Jesus immediately adds something that the doctor of law did not actually ask: "And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Mt 22:39). By declaring that the second commandment is similar to the first, Jesus implies that loving your neighbour is as important as loving God. In fact, a visible sign that the Christian can show the world in order to witness to God's love is love for our brothers and sisters.

The Gospel makes clear that being disciples of Christ means practicing his teachings, which can be summarized in the first and greatest commandment of the divine law, the commandment of love. Even the First Reading, taken from the Book of Exodus, insists on the duty of love; a love witnessed concretely in relationships between persons, which must be relationships of respect, collaboration, generous help. The neighbour to be loved is the stranger, the orphan, the widow and the needy, in other words, those citizens who have no "defender". The holy author goes into details, as in the case of the object pawned by one of these poor persons (see Ex 22: 25-26). In this case God himself is the one to vouch for the neighbour's position.

In the Second Reading, we can find a concrete application of the supreme commandment of love in one of the first Christian communities. Weaknesses and difficulties are not lacking in this recently founded community, but it is love that surpasses all, renews all, conquers all: the love of those who, knowing their own limits, docilely follow the words of Christ, the divine Teacher, passed down through one of his faithful disciples. "You, in turn, became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit", the Apostle wrote. He continued: "For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere" (1 Thess 1: 6, 8). The lesson that we can draw from the Thessalonians' experience, an experience that is truly common in every authentic Christian community, is that neighbourly love is born from docile listening to the divine Word. It is a love that will even withstand difficult trials for the truth of the divine Word, and in this way true love grows and truth shines in all its splendour. How important it is to listen to the Word and incarnate it in personal and community life! *From Homilies by Pope Benedict XVI; 2005, 2011*

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:
- For Leo XIV, our Pope: May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Pope Leo, Diane Green, Patricia Duggan*, *Judy Sauro*, *Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Ambrose Dwyer, Andrew Etmanskie, Shirley Mask, Joey Yutronkie.*

HCM-PRAYING FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS: Every Wednesday, 5 Minutes after the Mass has ended, the faithful are invited to join in **praying one decade of the rosary** for priests and vocations in the diocese. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to lead a decade, please email westenmiriam@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: Totals will be given at a later date.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: Looking for a prayer group to attend? We meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. **at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church**. Our purpose in being, is first and foremost, to give praise to God, and to intercede for the needs of others. All are welcome. For more information call Greg or Mary at 756-6643.

SAINT BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY: meetings take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall on the last Sunday of each month from 1:00–3:00 p.m.; all who wish to learn more about the charisms and way of life of Saint Francis of Assisi or about becoming a Secular Franciscan are welcome to attend, and for further information please contact Marek Milan at 613-756-2835.

SLO CWL & THE ROSARY: The Rosary will be led by the Catholic Women's League before each Sunday Mass during the month of October.

SLO- 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 front office door (church link) by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you.

GEORGE VANIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS MARKET on Saturday, November 7 in the School Gym, Combermere. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Local vendors, bake sale, raffle and canteen.