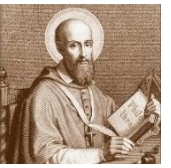
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✠ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

November 15, 2026

OFFICE HOURS: Our parish secretary has returned after fulfilling her civic duty with jury service. I am grateful for the patience and understanding of all parishioners during these past 9 weeks. *Welcome back Maureen! We have missed you! ~ Fr. John*

✠ REQUIESCAT IN PACE ~ Rest in Peace ✠

As we remember our faithful departed during the month of November, we especially remember those with funeral rites that took place here since November 1, 2025:

St. Lawrence O'Toole

John Hildebrandt
Edward Hammer
Sister Rosenda Brady CSJ
Shaun O'Malley
Alphonse Brotton
Ambrose Dwyer
Shelagh MacNamara
William "Bill" Goulet

Holy Canadian Martyrs

Theresa Coulas
Paul Harris
Ernest Peplinskie
Roger Mahon
Kimberly Maika

St. Francis de Sales

Margaret Abbott
Jamie Madigan
McGregor Madigan
Dorothy Larkin

Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

November 16 – 21

Tuesday	**SLO**	(*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)	
		9:00 a.m.	+ Ambrose Dwyer *by Barbara Conway*
			Living & Deceased Regnier Family *by Family*
Wednesday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	+ Greg & Jean Stepien *by Margaret Blank & Family*
Thursday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Raphael & Paula Pastway *by Ted & Theresa Baklinski*
	HCM	*11.00 a.m.*	*George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word*
Friday	**SLO**	9:00 a.m.	+ Jennifer Huestis *by David & Carmel Rumleskie*

+ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe +

November 22, 2026

Saturday	**SLO**	4:00 p.m.	+ Brian Rumleskie *by Ernie & Deloris Rumleskie*
Saturday	**SFdS**	6:00 p.m.	+ Jackie Blank *by Margaret Blank & Family*
Sunday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday	**SLO**	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	**SLO November 21**	**SLO November 22**
***** Please, we need more people involved in these ministries! See Fr. John.**		
Readings	*Susan Coulas*	*Ursula Jeffrey*
Communion	*Maxine Smaglinski*	*Pierre-Paul Filion*
Offertory	*Bruce Sullivan*	*John Jeffrey*
	Barry Dombroskie	*Jason Dombroskie*

Liturgical Appointments	**SFdS November 21**	**HCM November 22**
Readings	*Katrina Boguski*	*Gudrun Wegner*
Communion		*Jerome Anderchek*
Offertory		*Ken Golka*

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.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude, virgin
Tuesday	- St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Wednesday	- Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
Saturday	- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DEATH, JUDGMENT, AND HOPE

November is traditionally the month of remembrance and hope. Beginning with the feast of All Saints and commemoration of All Souls, we are also coming to the end of the Church's liturgical year when she contemplates the *Last Things* (death, judgment, heaven and hell), and the consummation of history with the glorious return of Christ.

The Christian contemplation of death is never a meditation on loss alone. It is, above all, a meditation on hope. We are not destined for an endless continuation of the present life, but for the fullness of life itself: a future opened by the love of God and secured in the resurrection of Christ. Death is therefore not merely an ending but a passage, the moment in which every falsehood falls away and the truth of our lives is disclosed in the light of God.

Judgment can seem fearful when understood as **the revelation of what we have made of ourselves through our choices and actions.** Yet Christian faith sees judgment not primarily as condemnation, but as encounter. In the presence of divine love, all that is opposed to love is consumed, purified, and healed. The God who judges us is the same God who has loved us into being, sustained us at every moment, and called us toward our true destiny in him. His judgment is the triumph of truth and mercy over every distortion of our humanity.

For this reason, immortality is not frightening when it is understood as participation in the life of Christ. We do not hope simply to persist forever; we hope to be transformed. The destiny of every human life is not an eternal isolation within the self, but communion with the living God, in whom every longing finds its fulfillment and every wound its healing.

In Christ, our movement toward death becomes an act of trust. We return our lives into the hands from which they first came, confident that nothing genuinely good is ever lost. Through his death and resurrection, Christ has entered the depths of human mortality and filled them with his presence. What appears to be an ending becomes, in him, a beginning. What seems to perish is gathered into a greater life.

Therefore, Christians do not live in fear of death, nor do they seek to evade its reality. Rather, they live in hope, preparing each day for the resurrection of the dead and the renewal of all creation. In that final fulfillment, every tear will be wiped away, every fragment of goodness will be gathered up, and all things will find their completion in the inexhaustible love of God. For nothing is ultimately lost; in Christ, all is transformed, all is redeemed, and all is made alive. **Heaven is when our joy becomes complete**.

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

THE WORD OF GOD this Sunday the second to the last Sunday of the liturgical year invites us to be vigilant and hardworking, in the expectation of the Lord's return at the end of time. The Gospel passage recounts the famous Parable of the Talents, related by St Matthew (25: 14-30). The "talent" was an ancient Roman coin, of great value, and precisely because of this parable's popularity it became synonymous with personal gifts, which everyone is called to develop. In fact, the text speaks of "a man going on a journey [who] called his servants and entrusted to them his property" (Mt 25: 14). The man in the parable represents Christ himself, the servants are the disciples, and the talents are the gifts that Jesus entrusts to them. These gifts, in addition to their natural qualities, thus represent the riches that the Lord Jesus has bequeathed to us as a legacy, so that we may make them productive: his Word, deposited in the Holy Gospel; Baptism, which renews us in the Holy Spirit; prayer the "Our Father" that we raise to God as his children, united in the Son; his forgiveness, which he commanded be offered to all; the Sacrament of his Body sacrificed and his Blood poured out; in a word: the Kingdom of God, which is God himself, present and alive in our midst. ~ *Pope Benedict; 16 November 2008*

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 the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green, Patricia Duggan*, *Judy Sauro*, *Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Anastasia "Tessie" Stoppa, Anna Mae Yeretch, Andrew Etmanskie, Ambrose Dwyer.*

LETTER OF BISHOP BREHL TO THE DIOCESE regarding diocesan pastoral planning is available at the entrance and online at pembrokediocese.com

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

ADVENT CANDLES & WREATH HOLDERS: are available for purchase at the parish office.

SLO-CWL TURKEY DINNER: is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and open to all parishioners and CWL members and families. On Sunday, December 6 in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall. Tickets are $30 each & $15 for children 12 & under. Tickets are available at the church office on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold after masses on the weekend of November 21 and 28 or call Ursula Jeffrey at 613-756-3281. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., Advent Light Service at 5:00 p.m., and buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m.