November 8, 2026 A.D.
The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Tues Nov 10 ***St. Leo the Great***
6:00 pm +From the Book of Remembrance
6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting in the parish hall

Wed Nov 11 ***St. Martin of Tours***
8:30 am +From the Book of Remembrance

Thurs Nov 12 ***St. Josaphat***
8:30 am +From the Book of Remembrance

Fri Nov 13 **8:30 an** +From the Book of Remembrance

Sat Nov 14 ***The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:00 pm +David Wagner by Rita Wagner

Sun Nov 15 **9:00 am** +Edd Typer by Julie Typer
11:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's

KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING

Wisdom is something we must seek, and faith is something we must continually nurture. The wise bridesmaids are prepared when the bridegroom arrives because they have brought enough oil for their lamps. The foolish however, are unprepared and discover that they cannot borrow the oil they need at the last moment.



This speaks powerfully to our lives today. We can become so caught up in work, family responsibilities, worries, technology, and the busyness of everyday life that our relationship with God slowly gets pushed aside. We may tell ourselves, *"I'll pray more later," "I'll go back to church when things settle down," or "I'll deal with that relationship another time."* But Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will call us.

Our "oil" is the daily nourishment of our faith - prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, acts of kindness, forgiveness, and serving others. These seemingly ordinary choices prepare our hearts to recognize Christ when He comes to us, both at the end of our earthly lives and in the opportunities He places before us each day.

Wisdom is found by those who sincerely seek her. We do not have to be perfect or have all the answers. We simply need to have hearts willing to search for God and allow His wisdom to guide our choices. "*The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction."*

St. Paul also reminds us that, as Christians, we live with hope. We grieve and face difficulties, but not as those who have no hope, because Christ has conquered death. This hope should change the way we live - with greater trust, compassion, patience, and encouragement toward one another.

So today, let us ask ourselves: Is my lamp still burning brightly, or have I allowed the cares of the world to diminish my faith? We cannot wait until a crisis comes to begin preparing our hearts for God.

Let us keep our lamps burning through prayer, love, forgiveness, and faithful living. May our lives reflect the words of Jesus: *"Keep awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* And may others see the light of Christ shining through us.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

Please use our donation e-transfer email:
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Do not enter a security password as the funds will be directly deposited into the bank.

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COATS FOR KIDS

During the month of November the Knights of Columbus is once again collecting new and gently used winter coats, mittens, socks and boots for needy children and adolescents in our community. If you wish to donate please place your item(s) in the box at the back of the church during the month of November. Financial donations are also welcome, payable to the Knights of Columbus. For more info or money donations please contact:

Tim Grawey 905-834-6791
or Tom Lannan 905 835-1841.
Thank you for your generosity!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

As Catholics, we believe that our love for our deceased loved ones does not end with death. We entrust them to God's infinite mercy, trusting in His promise of eternal life.



The Catholic Church teaches that we can pray for the souls of the faithful departed, particularly those undergoing purification in purgatory, as they prepare to enter the joy of heaven. Our prayers, along with the offering of the Mass, are ways we can assist them on their journey toward eternal life. This belief reminds us that we remain united in Christ through the Communion of Saints - the spiritual bond we share with the faithful on earth, the souls being purified, and the saints in heaven.

Through our prayers, we express our faith in God's mercy, our hope in eternal life, and our continuing love for those we miss.

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

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement, ***Deo Gratias***. This collection will support the Clergy Aid Society, which provides a monthly benefit as well as health insurance to priests at age 75.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our retired priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal CPP benefits and Old Age Security, along with their benefit from the Clergy Aid Society to pay for basic needs including food, rent, and car expenses.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the ***Deo Gratias*** special collection. You may return your special collection envelope at mass or to the parish office

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PRAYER FOR WISDOM, HOPE AND READINESS

Heavenly Father, source of all wisdom and love,
guide us to seek You with open hearts
and recognize Your presence in our daily lives.
Strengthen our faith so that, like the wise virgins,
we keep our lamps burning brightly
and remain prepared to welcome Your Son
whenever He comes.
Comfort those who grieve
with the hope of the resurrection
and the promise of eternal life.
Help us to live each day
with love, patience, and kindness,
encouraging one another
and finding peace in Your promises.
May we always be watchful, faithful,
and ready to meet You,
trusting in Your unfailing love
and the joy of life everlasting.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Most Reverend Gerard P Bergie, D.D.

Pastor
Father Wieslaw Woloszyn

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
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Secretary
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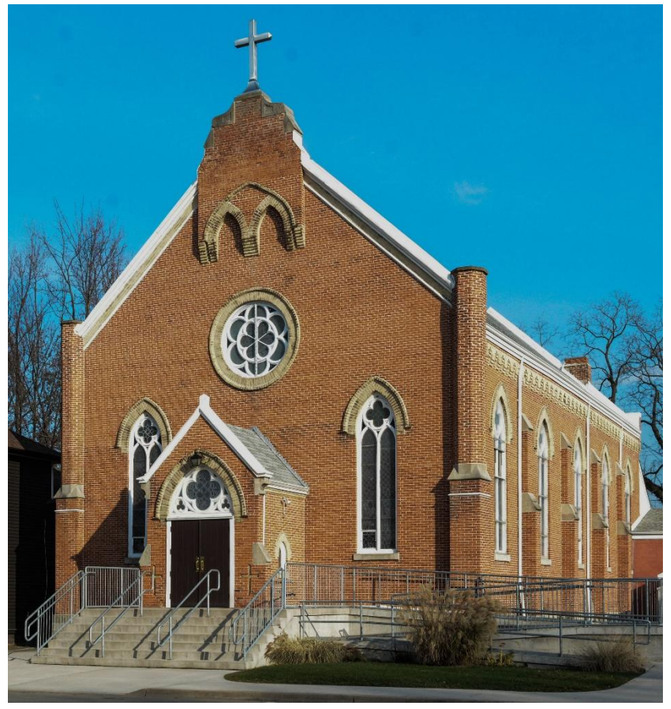
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Min. Schedule – Nov 14/15

Hospitality:
5:00 pm – Victor Gatt
9:00 am – Joe Gatt
11:00 am – Mark Morasse

Communion:
5:00 pm – Needed
9:00 am – Susan Foebel
11:00 am – Lucia Durward

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Keep awake!

Lectors:
5:00 pm – Kate Ostryhon Lumsden
9:00 am – Tim Grawey
11:00 am – Scott Durward

Video:
5:00 pm – Sandy MacIntyre
9:00 am – Dave Bilodeau
11:00 am – Albert DeLaat

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli