



Let us pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.

“We loved them in life; let us not forget them in death.”
- St. Ambrose

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 13 Nov. 2022

Saturday, 12 Nov. / St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Luigi & Giovanni De Cicco (Irma Pisciola)
5.00 pm Mass: † Dionisio Sr. Alcantara (Janet Aguirre)

SUNDAY, 13 NOV. / 33-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon
- 2nd Collection: Shepherds' Trust

9.00 am Mass: † John & Olga Pereira (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (family)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Shoba Ryan (friends)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 14 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Deceased Souls, Colaco / Kamath /
Miranda & Sequeira families (Lillian D'Souza)
12.00 pm Memorial Mass: † John Juricki
7.00 pm Mass: † Catherine Reardon (family)

Tuesday, 15 Nov. / St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Simeona Trinidad (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Apolonia S. Baclig (Vinah Garcia)
7.00 pm Liturgy: Pro Populo

Wednesday, 16 Nov. / St. Margaret of Scotland

8.00 am Mass: Int. Joy Camacho (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Abraham & Eleanor Martin
(Christine Martin)

Thursday, 17 Nov. / St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

8.00 am Mass: † Patrick De Caires (SVDP Conference)
7.00 pm Mass: † George & Cynthia (Christine Martin)

Fri., 18 Nov. / Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

8.00 am Mass: † Vincent Boila (Aruna)
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members, Credo & Crasto (family)

Saturday, 19 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Crasto family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
- RCIA Early Initiation

SUNDAY, 20 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

9.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Jimenez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Deceased family members (Joseph D'Souza)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday, Glenn Arroya (Gina)
1.30 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Malachi 4.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12; Luke 21.5-19

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

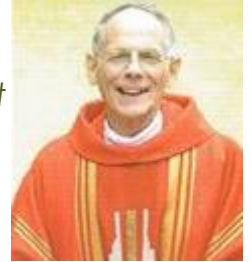
Barbara Aker, Restituto De Ocampo,
The **40 victims** of the **karaoke bar fire**
in **Saigon** in **September**.



2nd Collection

13 November, *Shepherds' Trust*

The 2nd collection on 13 November will be for the support of our retired priests through the *Shepherds' Trust*.
[r.: **Monsignor John Pilkuskas**]



Each year, grateful parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto contribute to the Shepherds' Trust.

The *Shepherds' Trust* has a mission to provide comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us: our retired Priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic Priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives.

We want all our Priests to be able to retire safely and with dignity. The *Shepherds' Trust* allows us to help achieve this goal.

On your *Shepherds' Trust* special collection envelope, please print your own personal Sunday envelope number in the space provided.

COMING UP

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24 Nov. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
27 Nov. **1st Sunday of Advent**
- 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**;
- St. Vincent de Paul *Bundle Up* Sunday;
- CWL (11:30 am)
29 Nov. **Fr. Edwin:** 42nd Ordination Anniversary (1980-2022)
5 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
6 Dec. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)
7 Dec. Advent Day of Confessions;
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
8 Dec. Feast of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**
10 Dec. Catholic Women's League Advent Reflection (2-4 pm)
11 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
14 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
15 Dec. St. Albert School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
17 Dec. **Pope Francis:** Birthday (1936)
18 Dec. **4th Sunday in Advent**;
- 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

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For more information on Parish activities, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.



RCIA *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* Early Initiation, 19 Nov.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

Saturday, 19 November

some of the participants who have been involved since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year will celebrate the *Early Initiation Rites*.

The RCIA is for adults who want to be Baptized; those who are Christian and not yet Catholic; and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information on how you can help as a sponsor and prayer partner, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion



Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Soon the families will begin receiving Information packages to register the students in this process. We look forward to resuming the in-person family instruction meetings that will be held early in the New Year.

Confirmation

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive Confirmation in Grade 7. The Information packages will be available soon.

November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

**An alternative:* The Parish has a procedure to submit names via email. The email address for the November book is:

mariagorettichurch@gmail.com

Feel free use this option to submit names; it will eliminate the need to line up at the Book in the Church.

☺ Your sabbath smile

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. The Lord drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a *Fury*. David's *Triumph* was heard throughout the land.

When Jesus taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer, the Latin for "Thy will be done," is: "*Fiat voluntas tua.*"

And Honda: We read that the Apostles were all in one *Accord*.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 19 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

Catholic Women's League

- ☐ *Advent Day of Reflection, 10 December, 2 – 4.30 pm*
- ☐ *Advent Shrine Day Trip, 18 December*

Check the details for these events on page 3 in the website bulletin.

Knights of Columbus

- ☐ *General Meeting: 20 Nov., 1.30 pm*
- ☐ *50/50 Draw, 4 December*



All members are asked to assemble in the North Classroom for the next general meeting at 1.30 pm on 20 November.

"It actually takes *three* to make love, not *two*: you, your spouse, and God. Without God, people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find out that there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty, life is unfinished."

- **Fulton J. Sheen**, *Seven Words of Jesus and Mary*

A Special Gift WEDDING FLOWERS

Our Parish thanks **Francesca Fernandes** and **Steven Grisani** for their gift of the beautiful flower arrangements following their Wedding on 27 August. May God bless and guide you.

Altar Servers

Training resumed 5 November

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will continue at 9 am each Saturday until 26 Nov. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and be in Grade 2 or over.



Turning Weapons into Plowshares

² ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2.1-4

The following is excerpted from a speech at the Western New York Peace Center's Annual Dinner on 12 Nov.2021. The King's Bay Plowshares were the recipients of the Peace Education Award.

We see once again our man-made temporary ,artificial systems of domination and oppression (in this case, the fossil fuel companies and their subservient governments) flailing about, still frantically, pathetically, absurdly trying to impose boundaries on what charges are possible and impossible, permissible and impermissible carefully gauging and comfort level of their stakeholders and shareholders as the earth burns. The halls are of course heavily sprinkled with lobbyists, war criminals, international liars and thieves. And in the streets the global community keeps vigil-hammering on those impenetrable electronically-controlled, remotely operated steel doors. As one commentator lamented, our leaders apparently still want to pretend we can save ourselves by turning greenhouse gas emissions into a commodity to be bought and sold on the global market without even mentioning the scientific consensus that essentially calls for an immediate moratorium on fossil fuel extraction. Can we as a people recover the hope, the imagination, or even the basic grounding in reality that will be necessary to kick those steel doors of obstruction down?

It is increasingly appears as if our survival will depend on the answer that our collective resistance brings to the question. We identify ourselves not by what we know, but by the question we ask. Both individually, as well as in our collectives and movements we locate ourselves in the world by the demands we make of it-and maybe even more so by what we've stopped demanding, what we've determined to be unreachable or unwinnable and that which we no longer choose to exert the hope and imagination to make part of our struggle. For those like me who claim adherence to a religion, faith is expressed so much more by what we refuse to surrender to than by what we say we believe about the God to whom we bow. To paraphrase what the great Jesuit and theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin proclaimed almost a hundred years ago, "Humanity has entered an age in which faith is not determined by whether one believes or does not believe in God but by whether one believe in the

future of the world." In that spirit listen to what Arundhati Roy says about that which in our sufficiently vague political discourse we have learned to refer to as "the nuclear threat.

"It is such supreme folly to believe that nuclear weapons are deadly only if they're used. The fact that they exist at all their presence in our lives will wreak more havoc that we can begin fathom. Nuclear weapons pervade our thinking and control our behavior. They administer our societies and inform our dreams. They bury themselves like meat hooks deep in the base of our brains. They are purveyors of madness. They are the ultimate colonizer."

This sister's words capture on some level nearly all of the deeply held convictions that compel me. As a lifelong activist, I've come to see that there is no issue that we can take up in our local communities; no injustice or state-sponsored form of violence or theft or deprivation; no racially-motivated assault inflicted on our neighborhoods, that is not somehow rooted in *nuclearism*, this ongoing terroristic threat to murder our own children and those of our perceived and propagandized enemies. Unless we come to squarely confront and abolish that suicidal consensus, any movement toward social justice is programmed for failure. Nuclearism is a demonic, murderous, poisonous enterprise, operating beyond the reach of the law and the consent of the human community. It craves secrecy. It breeds impunity. By enslaving the human psyche to the idolatry of power, nuclearism underwrites all of the other forms of state-inflicted mayhem on the planet, from the border, to the jail, to the drone base, to the sweatshop, to the oil pipeline, to the toxic waste dump, to the permanent war economy.

Make no mistake, then, nuclearism is a religion. It binds us to the national security state as the arbitrator of life & death; it commands that we place our ultimate security in the absolute power to kill, which is not only antithetical to any form of Biblical faith, but also provides the most fertile ground in our nation for the moral disorder called fascism to flourish. The development and possession of nuclear weapons epitomizes idolatry, the compulsory worship of false gods, as social practice. Nuclear weapons are the idols of supremacy, and the idols we worship as a nation are not sleeping. They demand sacrifice. The god of the national security state feasts upon the blood of the poor.

What the Plowshares movement offers to the world is not a social action campaign with a roadmap for success. It is a spiritual struggle. It is a communal attempt to name the evil under which we labor, against which we cry out, and in which we find ourselves complicit, as a way of gaining power over it, a power that we hope and trust will unleash healing on all our neighborhoods, and place us again in right relationship with the earth. We must unmask the demon of militarism that every day lays waste to our community.

There is a maniacal ethos that has taken hold in the land, and creation is groaning under its violence. To stand up where death asserts its logic and extorts our allegiance: this has become the most urgent spiritual practice of our time.

Catholic Women's League

Advent Day of Reflection

10 December, 2 – 4.30 pm



An Advent Reflection Day talk on “The Sixth Joyful Mystery”

Speaker: **Fr. Eric Rodrigues**, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy, Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough.



November Liturgical Notes

Prayers for the Faithful Departed



The Liturgical tradition of the Church provides constant reminders to pray for our beloved dead. Funerals are conducted as *Requiem Masses* and the Priest wears black or white vestments. Most daily Masses are offered for the deceased, and Sunday Intercessions include clear and updates prayers for the dead.

We cherish these reminders to pray for the dead. Even funeral Masses are celebrated with an emphasis on the Resurrection. This gives a focus to our prayers.

This is exactly what the Church teaches: to remember, with love. The Church continues to encourage us to pray for the dead. The CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH states clearly:

“Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

The Catechism then gives the reason for saying this:

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”

We can’t know for certain if our beloved dead still need our prayers; but if they do, how ungrateful we would be if we neglected to help with our prayers and Masses.

The month of November gives us an opportunity to pray more earnestly for them.

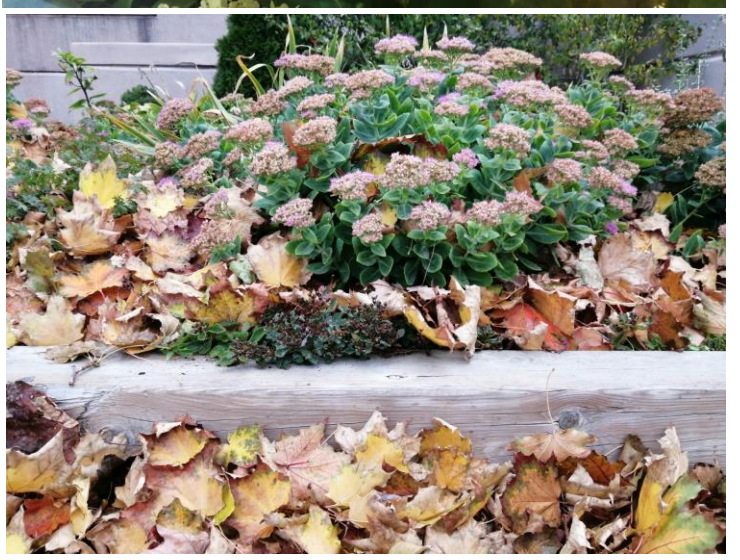
All Souls Day is a time to remember with gratitude both the dead, as well as the living who are near and dear to us, and to thank God for them.

We owe much to those who have gone before us. We would be most ungrateful if we did not remember them in our prayer and masses.

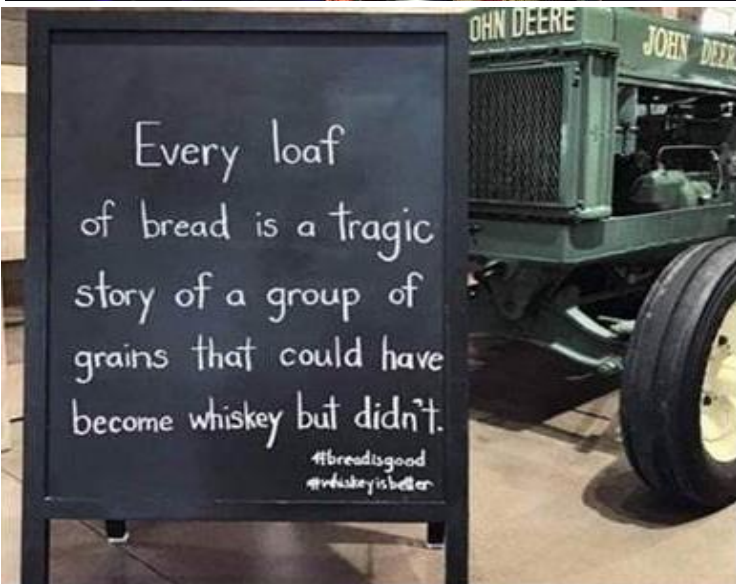
We are also deeply indebted to all our faithful and loyal Parishioners who support the mission effort of the Church, and make it possible to announce and share the Gospel.

That is why we make this month of grateful remembrance an occasion to offer special prayers for all the members of our parish family, living and deceased.





Time to Celebrate



Time to Explore



The superyacht 'Kismet,' moored near Butler's Wharf, London, downstream on the River Thames from Tower Bridge and the capital's financial district, on 20 October 2021. 'Kismet' is a 95.2m (312 ft)-long superyacht which was built in 2014. It is managed by the Moran Yacht & Ship chartering business, and is owned by Pakistani-American billionaire Shahid Khan.

