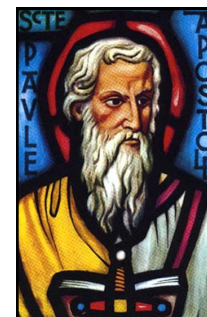


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## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gospel Summary

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbor as our self.

### Reflection for Families

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbor, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Read your parish bulletin together (or newspaper, etc.) to see where your family might live out this gospel message. What neighbor is in need of your help? Keep in mind that whatever you do for this person, you do also for God.

### Discussion Starters

1. A time I remember when someone showed compassion to me was when...
2. The thing about me that make it difficult for me to love completely is...
3. One sacrifice I make in order to follow these two commandments is...

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 28

*Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles*  
**5:30pm**

- Vincenza Darmanin

### Sunday, October 29

**9:00am**

- +Joseph & Giovanna Grech

**10:30am**

- +Natalino, Rosa & Anthony Taliana
- +Emanuela Micallef & Joseph Bugeja
- +Silvana Dewe & Grace Bugeja
- +Tony Axiak
- +Emanuel & James Magro
- +George Portelli
- +Benjamin Paul Haber

**12:00 noon**

- +Missa Pro Populo

### Monday, October 30

### Tuesday, October 31

### Wednesday, November 1

*All Saints*

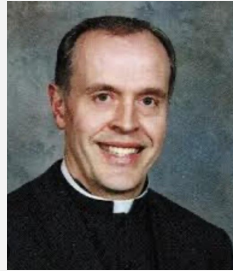
### Thursday, November 2

- All Souls

### Friday, November 3

- +Deceased members of the Camilleri Family
- +Nina Schembri

## From our Pastor's Desk...



As we enter the month of November, we have some important announcements and reminders for you.

- **Collection for the Needs of the Canadian Missions:** We apologize for forgetting to announce this collection a few weeks ago. We will do it on the weekend of **November 5th**. Please be generous in supporting the missionary work of the Church in Canada.

- **Shepherd's Collection:** The annual Shepherd's Collection will take place on the weekend of **November 19th**. The purpose of this collection is to help retired priests in the archdiocese who are entitled to a monthly pension after they retire at the age of 75. Please show your gratitude and appreciation for their faithful service to the Church.

- **Praying for the Deceased:** November is the month when we pray for our deceased loved ones and recall the Church's teaching on praying for the dead. On **November 2nd**, we will celebrate two Masses: the usual Mass at **9:15 am** and a second Mass at **7:00 pm**. During the 7:00 pm Mass, we will read the names of all those who have died in our parish this past year. Families are requested to bring photographs of their loved ones which will be inserted in the special parish binders. The parish has also purchased a special remembrance book which will be placed in the sanctuary during the month of November. You are invited to list the names of your loved ones in this book. During the month of November, there will be a special prayer of the faithful to remember our beloved dead.

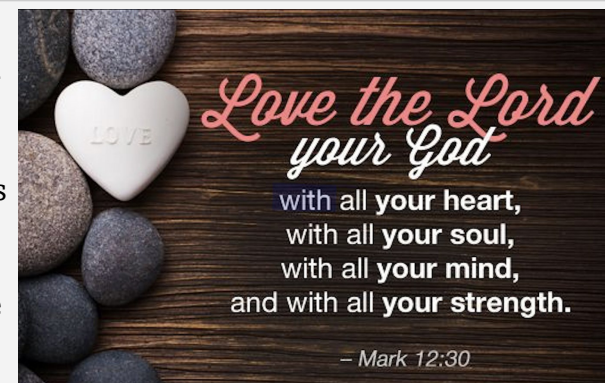
**Special Candles:** Speaking of November, I have ordered special candles which can be purchased at the parish office. These candles can be lit in memory of your loved ones or as a sign of your prayers for them.

Thank you for your attention and participation in our parish life. May God bless you and your families.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** One of the most commonly used words in today's culture is "love." It has become so familiar in our regular language that people use the same word to describe their sentiments towards pizza, their pets and their children. Clearly a different level of love exists between those three things but this common usage of the word can slowly lead us to lose the meaning of love in its truest sense. In the Gospel today, Jesus boils down all of the commandments into loving God with all our being and loving our neighbour as ourselves. In order to fully love God and our neighbour, we need to remind ourselves what the true definition and expression of love is. Love is ultimately a sacrifice. It is willing the good of the other, which involves us foregoing our own interests for theirs. St. Teresa of Calcutta beautifully says that for "love to be real, it must cost—it must hurt—it must empty us of self." As stewards, we should always keep this understanding of love in our minds because stewardship is essentially a life of love. With this true understanding, we will not be surprised when we face difficulties or suffering in our ministry. Likewise, it helps us ask ourselves if we're being too comfortable in our generosity and challenges us to give even more of ourselves. Let us seek to constantly serve God and our neighbour in our parish community out of a deep love for them.

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*Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.*



## BISHOPS' COLLECTION

A special collection for the needs of the Canadian Church will be taken up next weekend (November 4th/5th). Donations are used to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity.

As usual, envelopes are to be found in this week's bulletin or at the back of the church.

May God bless your generosity and kindness.



This coming Friday, **November 3rd is the First Friday of the month**. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, followed by some time of adoration and benediction.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES



We are delighted to announce that we will be starting classes in preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming weeks. Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm in preparing your children for these important sacraments.

If you have not yet registered your son or daughter, please do so as soon as possible. You can find the registration form and more information on our website at [stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org](http://stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org). Alternatively, you may scan the appropriate QR code below to register online. Once we have all the registrations, we will contact you with the details of the classes and schedules.

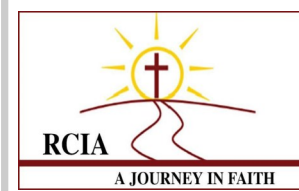
As you prepare your children for these sacraments, we also encourage you to attend Sunday Mass regularly with them. This is a vital part of their faith formation and a great opportunity to grow closer to God and the community. You can check the Mass times and locations on our website as well.

We are here to support you and your children in your faith journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

First Holy Communion



Confirmation



**Opportunity for those who wish to become Catholic or who are Catholic and have not received Eucharist and or Confirmation.**

Classes are on Saturday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Classes are held in the parish rectory.

Contact the parish office and speak to Fr. Roy or the parish secretary if interested.

**VOCATION REFLECTION** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## INVITATION TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD AT ASSUMPTION CEMETERY

On **Sunday, November 5th at 3pm**, we invite you to join us for a special mass at Assumption Cemetery to pray for our loved ones who are buried there. This is a beautiful way to honor their memory and to express our hope in the resurrection.



## ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX PRAYER GROUP

The first meeting of this prayer group will be on **Monday, November 6th** at 10 am in the parish hall. Please join us after the 9:15 am Mass for a coffee and then come together to pray and to present your prayer intentions.

## PARISH TRIP NEWS

Due to our upcoming Parish Trip to St. Jacobs Farmers' Market, **the morning mass on Thursday, November 9th is cancelled.**

The parish office will be closed on that day as well. Please note that tickets for this trip are now sold out.

