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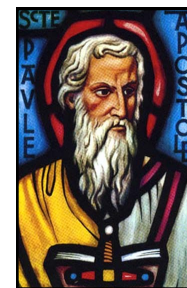


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## 31<sup>ST</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gospel Summary

Some, not all, of the Jewish leaders wanted people to recognize them for the high position they held. They wanted to sit in the best seats at banquets and in the synagogues. They wanted people to make a fuss over them when they met, so they were certain to wear clothing and items that would distinguish their high position. Jesus assured these leaders that the only way they would truly be exalted would be to be humbled.

### Reflection for Families

Few people can humble us as quickly as our children. They might embarrass us by their public behavior, or they might make reference to our age or choice in clothing style. What will our response tell them about us? When we try to maintain our position of authority over them, we are likely to heighten the confrontation. We know from experience that we gain little ground. Often humor is the best antidote. It may require some wit on our part to respond lightly to their criticism or public behavior, but usually another time will present itself to share with them how we were really feeling at the moment. Their respect for us will develop as they continue to see us model appropriate responses without using our weapons of power and authority.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Some support and recovery groups suggest that we try to do an act of kindness each day for someone and not let anyone know we did the act. This is a way of acting humbly when we serve another anonymously. Try to think as a family of someone who might benefit from an action on your part. Plan a way of doing it so that no one knows you were responsible. Pay attention to opportunities in the future and perform random acts of kindness as often as possible.

### Discussion Starters

1. Someone whose leadership style I really admire is.....because...
2. I am most likely to show my power and authority when...
3. I know people who try to make themselves important. When they do this I...

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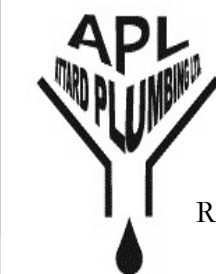
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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 4

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*  
**5:30pm**

- Philip Bielecki (birthday)
- +Nina Schembri

### Sunday, November 5

**9:00am**  
 • +Carmen Muscat

**10:30am**

- +Benjamin Paul Haber
- +John Clark
- +Doris Micallef
- +Anthony & John Sultana
- +Charlie, Albert & Anthony Taliana

**12:00 noon**

- +Missa Pro Populo

### Monday, November 6

- +Shirley Joyce Camilleri

### Tuesday, November 7

- +Eugenio Sturino & Mariano & Amalia Stellato

### Wednesday, November 8

- +Vincent & Phillippa Bartolo

### Thursday, November 9

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

- +All Souls in Purgatory
- +Deceased family members & friends

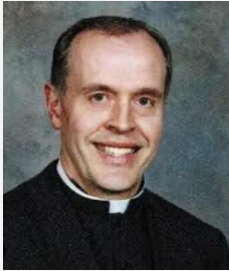
### Friday, November 10

*St. Leo the Great*

- +Sam Fenech



## From our Pastor's Desk...



As we enter the month of November, we are invited to reflect on the mystery of the communion of saints and our responsibility to pray for the souls in purgatory. On November 1st, we celebrated the solemnity of All Saints, honouring all those who have reached the glory of heaven and who intercede for us before God. On November 2nd, we will commemorate All Souls' Day, remembering all those who have died in God's grace and who are still undergoing purification in purgatory.

The Church teaches us that we can help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers, sacrifices, and almsgiving on their behalf. One of the most powerful ways to do this is by gaining indulgences for them. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, which has already been forgiven in confession. The Church grants indulgences by applying the merits of Christ and the saints to those who fulfill certain conditions. There are two kinds of indulgences: plenary and partial. A plenary indulgence removes all the temporal punishment due to sin, while a partial indulgence removes only part of it.

To gain a plenary indulgence, one must perform a prescribed work (such as visiting a cemetery or a church), go to confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Pope, and be free from any attachment to sin. Only one plenary indulgence can be gained per day, and it can be applied to oneself or to a deceased person. A partial indulgence can be gained by performing any good work with a contrite heart, or by reciting certain prayers (such as the Eternal Rest or the Requiem Aeternam). A partial indulgence can be applied to oneself or to a deceased person as many times as one wishes.

I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to show your love and mercy to the souls in purgatory, especially during this month dedicated to them.

I also invite you to join me for our first group meeting on Monday, November 6th, at 10:00 AM in the St. Joseph's room. (Coffee and pastries will be served following the 9:15 am Mass) We will be learning more about St. Therese of Lisieux, one of the most popular and influential saints of modern times. St. Therese was a Carmelite nun who died at the age of 24 from tuberculosis. She is known as the Little Flower of Jesus because she practiced a simple and humble way of holiness that she called "the little way". She taught that we can please God and become saints by doing small things with great love, such as offering our daily duties, joys, and sufferings to Him. She also had a great devotion to the Child Jesus and the Holy Face of Jesus, and she offered herself as a victim of love for the salvation of souls. She is the patroness of missionaries, France, Russia, those suffering from HIV/AIDS or tuberculosis, florists and gardeners, orphaned children, those who are homeless, and aviators.

St. Therese is also famous for her promise to spend her heaven doing good on earth and to shower roses upon those who ask for her intercession. She said: "After my death I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth." Many people have experienced her powerful intercession and have received roses as signs of her presence and love.

I hope to see you at our group meeting, and I pray that St. Therese will inspire us all to follow her little way of holiness.

### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS (for all our departed brothers and sisters)

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You, the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



**SUNDAY MISSALS** are available from the parish secretary during office hours. The cost for these missals is \$5.00 each.

### NEW OFFICE HOURS - TRIAL PERIOD

Sunday - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (in the Church foyer)  
Monday - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Tuesday to Friday - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** Our time here on earth can be viewed through the image of a marathon. The great prize for running the race well is eternity in heaven where we will be eternally united with God. On the Solemnity of All Saints Day we contemplated those holy men and women who have run the race before us and reached their heavenly destination. St. Bernard says that "calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself ... In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints." It is spiritually fruitful to contemplate the saints because it helps us keep the end goal of our marathon constantly at the forefront of our minds. Moreover, the saints provide us an example of how to run the race as well. The saints always utilized the gifts that God gave them to serve Christ and His Church. They each did this in their own unique way dependant on their particular gifts and vocation. We too as stewards should follow their example and use our particular gifts to help us run the race well. St. Bernard also says that "we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession." Therefore let us seek the intercession of the saints and look to follow their example in order to deepen our resolve of being good stewards of Christ. On we contemplate those holy men and women who have gone before us and reached their heavenly destination. The saints always utilized the gifts that God gave them to serve Christ and His Church in their own unique way dependant on their particular gifts. As stewards we should seek their intercession and follow their example by using our own unique gifts to serve the Church.

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

**VOCATION REFLECTION** "The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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### ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX PRAYER GROUP

The first meeting of this prayer group will be on **Monday, November 6th** at 10:00 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.

### BISHOPS' COLLECTION

A special collection for the needs of the Canadian Church will be taken up this weekend. Donations are used to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity.

May God bless your generosity and kindness.



We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. After the Mass, please introduce yourself to Fr. Roy in the gathering area located at the back of the church. If you would like to register as a new parish member, you can call the office or sign up on the parish website.

### INVITATION TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD AT ASSUMPTION CEMETERY

This **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.



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the sanctuary. Parishioners can add the names of deceased family members and friends to be remembered in our prayers. This is to honor our loved ones and those parishioners who have passed away with faith. May they rest in peace.

### 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.



### DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.