



This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 10th	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm mass: †Victor Moygannon and †Mary McParland / Family
Sunday, November 11th	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Remembrance Day 9:00 am mass: †Alexander Thompson / Peter and Madeleine †Justito Bernardo / Family (2nd Intention) 11:00 am mass: Health of Jack Baran / St. Cecilia's Adult Choir †Patrick Keil and †Tony Stephen / Cynthia Amarasinghe (2nd Intention)
Monday, November 12th	Memorial of Saint Josaphat 9:00 am mass: †Robert Schrader / Anne Schrader 10:30 am mass: Southwood Care Centre: For all parishioners, living and deceased
Tuesday, November 13th	Ferial 9:00 am mass: †Caleb Page / Saint Vincent de Paul Society Health of Gerald Provencher / Anthony Zaradic and Family 8:30 pm mass: C.W.L. Memorial Mass
Wednesday, Nov. 14th	Ferial 7:00 am mass: Marie Bourassa / Fraser Family 9:00 am mass: †Yvonne Lemay 6:30 pm: Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, November 15th	Ferial / Saint Albert the Great 7:00 am mass: Dusty Cammer / Loesha and Gord Henshall 9:00 am mass: †Deceased Relatives / Anon.
Friday, November 16th	Ferial / Saint Margaret of Scotland / Saint Gertrude the Great 7:00 am mass: †Deceased Relatives / Rose Fortier 9:00 am mass: Alois and Elizabeth Dauk / Fred & Loretta 7:00 pm mass: K of C 4th Degree Mass
Saturday, November 17th	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary 9:00 am mass: †Eloise Reyes / Family
Saturday, November 17th	External Solemnity of Saint Cecilia 5:00 pm mass: †Frank Ward / Family
Sunday, November 18th	External Solemnity of Saint Cecilia 9:00 am mass: †Justo Bernardo / Family 11:00 am mass: †Josephine and †Julian Boyko / Rose Marie

Dear Parishioners,

Reflective thoughts for this Sunday's Readings:

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death - tortured limb by limb, burned alive - rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance - that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabeans died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever. The Sadducees don't believe in the Resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief, they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir.

But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be "children of God" - sons and daughters born of His Resurrection.

"God our Father," today's Epistle tells us, has given us "everlasting encouragement" in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm.

The Maccabeans' persecutors marveled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make. And we have even greater cause than they for hope. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word - that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face, be content in His presence.

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A musical celebration to honour our patroness, Saint Cecilia, will be held next Sunday evening, November 18th, at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and guests are invited to attend. A reception will follow.