



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2025 October 26

30th Sunday Year C Luke 18:9-14
Ordinary Time

26 October



God, I thank you that I am not like other people...

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Please Note:

CHANGE IN SATURDAY MASS TIME

As the days are getting shorter and it gets darker earlier, the Saturday Vigil Mass time has been changed to 4:30 PM. This new time will begin November. Thank you for your understanding.



MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection October 19 \$5,888
The Needs of the Canadian Church \$725

As we gather, let us remember and pray for ...



Monday, October 27

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Antony & Vironi Nirakassery

Tuesday, October 28

St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Nicole Chartrand

Wednesday, October 29

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Michael Colaneri

Thursday, October 30

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Anna D'Ippolito

Friday, October 31

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Lucy Zarra



Saturday, November 1

All Saints

5:00 p.m. †Michael Colaneri



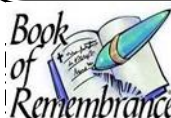
All Saints' Day
&
All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Sunday, November 2

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †deceased Theberge family

5:00 p.m. †Pietro Vacca



PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Parish Book of Remembrance will be on display in the church. This sacred book contains the names of parishioners who have died and were buried from our parish community. We kindly ask that no names be written directly in the Book of Remembrance. If you wish to have loved ones remembered at the Masses during November, please use the **All Souls envelope**, fill in the names, and place it in the basket provided.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer Intention for the Month of October

For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

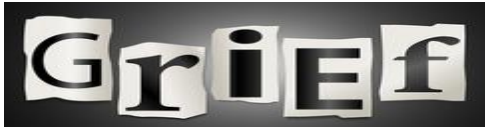


THE ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL is inviting all youth of the Parish from Ages 12-18, Grades 7-12'to attend our Youth Trivia Night on Saturday November 8th, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Have fun testing your trivia knowledge, spend time with friends and enjoy some tasty snacks. The event is free of charge.

Registration is required and will take place after all Masses the weekends of October 25th and 26th and November 1st and 2nd at the back of the Church.

Or by contacting Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca



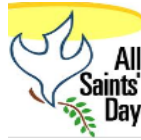
LEARNING HOW TO GRIEVE –One Day at a Time

Date: Sat Nov 8, 9:30am-3:30pm **Led by:** Anna Racine

Cost: \$70 (includes lunch) "Learning how to grieve in your own way and on your own terms is the first step to healing."

To register call **Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre**

905 356-4113 or email reservations@carmelniagara.com



ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

On November 1 and 2 we will

celebrate the feast of All Saints and the

commemoration of All Souls. At all the Masses for the entire month of November, we will pray for the souls of your loved ones. Please submit the names of those deceased for whom you wish parish prayers and Masses offered -- on the special envelopes provided.

We ask that you submit the names at your earliest convenience; please print names clearly.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic

movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. Development and Peace Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity.

The organization also champions women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. To learn more, visit devp.org.

November 1-2

ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

These two days together honour the dead. We display the parish Book of the Dead with the Easter candle close by. The trees turn barren and the chill of the late fall settles in to stay. November opens a season of the year when our thoughts turn toward the fear of death, the hope of eternal life, the gratitude we feel for God's gifts, and the charity we owe to others. November 1's celebration remembers the saints whose excellent lives make them sure models of redemption. We recognize all the saints of heaven in a universal celebration, a festival of the triumphant Church of the resurrection in the new and holy city of Jerusalem. The saints, in a way, are God's harvest. God has reaped the fruits of good sowing and gathered the mature faithful into the eternal storehouse.

We also "remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep" (Eucharistic Prayer II), those who need forgiveness for their sins, who yearn to see the face of God. That day especially, and the entire month, is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones.

Mass for All Souls for those parishioners who have died in the past year and who were buried (November 4) in memory of their loved ones.

Anna Josephine Orsini
Mary Anne Ferencich
Giamattista Romanelli
Amelia Angelica Campigotto
Assunta Pizzi
Juan Carloa Rios
Victor James Costiff
Maria Luce Sebastiano
Rosemarie Ann Baldin
Louise Elisabeth Denis
Maria Grazia Evangelista
Frances Funda Pocknell
Barbara Jean Shanahan
Francesca Cavezza



Antonia Antonietta Ruscitti
Giovanni John Mignelli
Maria Caicco
Victoria Anne Luskey
Wanda Quaranta
Emilien Mel Lebrasseur
Valeriano Ayroso
Lusia Zarra
Catherine Frucci
Anna D'Ippolito
Anna Muraca
Marie Nicole Chartrand
Noreen Smith
Gerard Peter Levesque
Thomas Tom McCracken
David Gullucci