Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Are We There Yet?
How can it be that
The "typical questions" of children pass down from generation to generation?
They do.
Our family car was half way to Colorado and I was about six or seven and I clearly remember asking my mother that famous, time-honored question, "Mommy, are we there yet?" It was a real question, and I wasn't quoting someone else, so I thought.
By now I have heard child after child ask exactly the same question of a parent, in exactly the same words. Maybe it is an innate instinct, like geese flying south or robins pulling up worms.
As we become mature, we human beings do learn to wait, to live with the "not yet." We call it "delayed gratification." We may want to be home, for instance, but to get there from work, we might have to walk to the bus stop, wait for the #10, hand over the fee, stand until there is a seat, sit down at long last, wait some more, get off, walk 50 blocks (it seems), unlock the door, and finally, finally, finally, put our feet up and relax. Some days this can be annoying, but usually "we get used to it."
But we shouldn't get overly used to it. That is the point of this week's readings. Since we are not children, we can overlook the joy or pleasure when our goal finally arrives. Do you even remember to taste food when you finally get your dinner? Did you remember to enjoy in quiet detail the friend you haven't seen (at least virtually) in a year?
Sunday's First Reading reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at dawn; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. The Responsorial Psalm boldly names our craving for God! It says, "my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." And, the Gospel adds, stay awake, make preparations. Do not be foolish. Do not forget to be ready. We are like parched ground without rain. We have huge fractures in our surface.

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

Monday, November 9 *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)
9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls & Maria Cirillo Froment

Tuesday, November 10 *St. Leo the Great*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)
9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Conrad Bellefleur

Wednesday, November 11 *St. Martin of Tours*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)
Remembrance Day
9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Maria Cristina Tamayo

Thursday, November 12 *St. Josaphat*
(8:25 a.m. rosary)
9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Felice & GiuseppinaTomeo

Friday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
(8:25 *a.m. rosary)*
9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Frank Zalokar

Saturday, November 14
4:30 p.m. † Holy Souls & Richard Murray, Tom Cortese & Karen LeBoiron

Sunday, November 15 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish
11:00 a.m. † Holy Souls & Fernando Sr. Patron
5:00 p.m. † Holy Souls

Our souls ache for the gentle, courteous and tender outpouring God wants to do not a thing like hurricanes or floods, but like a mother feeding her newborn.
Let's face it. You and I desire God more than anything else. At the center of our souls is a thirst that will never be slaked unless the God of all creation comes in person to be living water for us.
"Your kindness is a greater good than life," the psalm says to God. What? But life is so essential, so to be preserved, so valuable that we fight like a cornered wolf when it is threatened. Even so, in spite of all our flurry, God's delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else we know, greater even than being alive. It is worth the wait, no matter how long.
So, be excited like a child. Let yourself say "I want," like kids do. But also, be calm like an adult. Know that when our desires are thwarted we can wait, as wisdom waits for us.

Prayer Intention for the Month of November:
For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



Dear Lord,
We remember today all those who fought for peace and justice,
No words can fully express the appreciation we have for all those who have made sacrifices and continue to make sacrifices.
Bless them, Lord!
Many gave their lives to thwart the cruelty and evil of dictators and to establish equality, freedom and peace,
For those who have died, we pray that they be with you in peace and joy, and that their families find comfort and peace. Amen.

"SAINT JOSEPH" SUNDAY MISSALS

Are available and can be found on the bookstand in the church. To cover the cost, a donation of **$6.00** would be appreciated. Thank you.

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

This weekend, special collection for priests' retirement, Deo Gratias. This collection will support the Clergy Aid Society, which provides a monthly benefit as well as health insurance to priests at age 75. Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the Deo Gratias special collection.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND #19

BLD Charismatic Covenant Community District of St. Catharines.

A Weekend to renew, reconnect & rekindle the Love in your marriage. It will be the BEST GIFT you give each other. 2026 November 14-15 Saturday-Sunday at St. Ann Catholic Church 5740 Buchanan Ave NF ON L2G 3V3. Web site bldstcatharines.org or email info@bldstcatharines.org

"Bukas Loob sa Diyos" (Open in Spirit to God)

CWL Membership fees are now due and may be brought to the November meeting, placed in the blue envelopes available in the parish envelope boxes, or sent by e-transfer to Dina Marchionda (dina.marchionda@gmail.com).

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection

November 1 $6,108
World Mission $1,442

Praying for the Holy Soul. Let us remember the Holy Souls in our daily prayers. May God, in His infinite mercy, bring them into the joy and peace of His heavenly kingdom.

-St. Gertrude the Great

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES



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.

ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL
presents **FILIPINO NIGHT**
INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES

Saturday November 21, at St. Thomas More Church Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the program starts at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available for purchase after Mass on the weekends of October 31/November 1, November 7/8, and November 14/15.

Please get your tickets in advance as tickets will not be available at the door.

Come enjoy a delightful evening of Filipino flavours and vibrant culture as we come together in support of our parish community.

2ND ANNUAL BISHOP'S FUNDRAISING GALA. This year's Light the Way Gala is taking place Friday, November 27th 2026 5:30-11:00 Niagara Falls Convention Centre 6815 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3Y9. Join an evening of celebrating Bishop Bergie's vision for dynamic parishes, with proceeds supporting faith formation for the laity and the education of our seminarians. Enjoy a live and silent auction, wonderful food and company, entertainment, and a word from Bishop Bergie himself. Tickets $250.00 each or table of 10 $2500.00 are available through the diocesan website.



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation session held on third Thursday of the month **November 19** from 6:00 to 7:00p.m. Anyone planning to attend must have already been in contact with the parish office.



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!



Please come out and support St. Thomas More Bingo **November 11, December 2**.
Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.
Your support is greatly appreciated!

