

THE CARPENTER'S NEWSLETTER



The Official Newsletter of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Oshawa

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 AM

FIRST FRIDAYS - MASS & ADORATION -
7:00 PM



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PASTOR'S DESK

My brethren in Christ,
Peace and grace of the Lord.

We shall begin the month of November, as usual, with the spectacular witness of those clouds of witnesses of which the letter to the Hebrews speaks of (Heb. 12:1). Thus we celebrate the feast of All the Saints on November 1st. And the very next day, we celebrate All Souls, our brothers and sisters who are still undergoing their purification, awaiting the joy of heaven (cf. CCC. 1030-1032). This beautifully shows the union of the entire church which is triumphant in her members who now enjoy the beatific vision of God in heaven, suffering in her loved ones awaiting purification, and militant in us - her members fighting yet the good fight of faith - as we navigate our path of faith in this world.

I enjoin all of us to keep our departed brethren in prayers specially this month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Have a wonderful month!

Fr. Victor Amole
Pastor

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GOSPEL INSPIRATION

I BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Written by Fr. Victor

A devoted Christian mother after returning from the morning Mass celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints turned to her eight year old boy and asked, "would you like to be a saint?" He promptly responded saying, "I don't intend to be a priest!" Such is one of the many conceptions about sainthood in the Christian world.

Sainthood is not an exclusive of a few. Every November 1st the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All the Saints, known and unknown, especially the canonized, that is those whose sanctity of life is approved and put forward for emulation and intercession by the Church. The feast of All Saints, among other things, is a reminder of our common vocation to holiness: "Be holy for I the Lord your God I am holy".¹ It is also an apt reminder of our common destiny to be with God at the end of it all in the beatific vision. As Pope Francis puts it, the Saints are those who never lost focus of their vocation.² Their faith powered their hope towards its object, love who is God. To the saints, the love of the Lord is better than life.³

The saints are those who did battle with the world and with themselves and are victorious. They are victors. The Book of Revelation says of them, "who are these people, dressed in white robes, and where have they come from?... These are the people who have been through the great trial; they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb. That is why they are standing in front of God's throne and serving him day and night in his sanctuary."⁴

The saints wear the crown of victory now because they had lived out the beatitudes - feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless poor, visiting the sick and prisoners. It is not so much of the big feats they achieved but the much love they put in the little they were able to do in the lord's name. Faithfulness in the little things of life earned them the crown of life, for "a little thing is a little thing but faithfulness in little things is a great thing"⁵

St. Augustine, commenting on the prayer Our Father, reminds us of our relationship to the saints when we say "your kingdom come". In those words we are expressing our desire to be caught up in the destiny of the saints. "This it is that thou dost long for; this desire in thy prayer, that thou mayest so live, that you mayest have a part in the kingdom of God, which is to be given to all saints"⁶

We share a common destiny with the saints for where we are they once were, and where they are we ought to be and are invited to be. To reach their present abode, the "Blessed Rules" of the beatitudes must be followed with utmost love.⁷ To enjoy the blessedness of the saints we must not look to the big shots but pay attention to the seemingly inconsequential ordinary things and events with pure love of God.

The Saints, our heroes and heroines of faith were not necessarily people with no history of sin, but people who had the right attitude to sin. They fall rarely but rise promptly. And they did their little, ordinary parts in extraordinary ways. St. Theresa of the Little Flowers for instance remains one of the most astounding saints who teach us the value of the "little" as the key to sainthood. Blessed Theresa of Calcutta teaches us the same lesson with her charism with the poorest of the poor in India. Associating in love with the little brings exaltation. The little, gradual steps of the saints have taken them eventually to the mountain of God, in eternal happiness. Those little, gradual steps are expected of us if we are to join them in the kingdom of eternal joy which lasts forever.

1. See Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16, Lumen Gentium, chapter V.
2. Pope Francis, Homily on the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, 2013.
3. Psalm 63:3.
4. Revelation 7: 13-15.
5. Alfred Broomhall, Hudson Taylor and China's Open Century, Book Four: Survivors' Pact. (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1984), p.154.
6. Philip Schaff, ed., A Select Library of the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church, Vol. VI, Saint Augustine: Sermon on the Mount, Harmony of the Gospels, Homilies on the Gospels, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1887), P. 276.
7. See Matthew 5: 3-10



UNIVERSAL INTENTION OF THE POPE

Missionary People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

AROUND THE PARISH

FAITH STUDY: NICENE CREED

This Fall we shall have parish faith study using the novel Nicene Creed study material of Bishop Robert Barron. It will run for 6 weeks beginning from November 3rd, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to participate. All are welcome!

MEN'S GROUP: THAT MAN IS YOU

Join us on Thursday, November 4th from 6:00am-7:30am. The topic will be "The Battle for Your Own Soul" speaker John Sablan. All men are welcome. Registration is free. Please contact the Parish Office for more

ENCOUNTER

Everyone is welcome to join 'Encounter'; a new initiative by the Chaplaincy which runs every second Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. On November 12, join us for adoration, praise and worship music, confessions and a testimony shared by our special guest Kimberly Torio, a Regen missionary from the Office of Catholic Youth.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The chaplaincy would also like to extend a warm invite to everyone who would like to participate in the last Theology on Tap of 2021. Join us for this month's Theology on Tap on November 30th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the parish hall to hear Sr. Margaret Moran from the Daughter's of St. Paul! Sr. Margaret will be sharing about how to live a spiritual life in an age of social media.

ADVENT RETREAT

After our study of the Nicene Creed which ends on the 8th of December, we shall conclude with a preparation for Christmas with our Advent Retreat on the 9th and 10th of December. There will be priests available for confession, and we shall have a prayerful time in adoration of the Lord. Please mark your calendars to prepare yourself for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The parish is happy to announce a Christmas Concert for December 12 this year! It has been a trying time for all, no gain saying. With this concert we shall begin our celebration of the birth of the Lord in a special way and look forward to getting back to better times.

We invite individuals and groups with musical talents to signify interest by contacting the Parish office. It will be great to celebrate as a parish community and share in the joy of expecting our saviour. Let us celebrate joy!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of the children of our parish in grade 2 or greater will have the opportunity to enroll for preparation for First Holy Communion as registration for catechism will commence in December. We shall announce the dates for registration before the end of this month of November. Please be on the lookout at our weekend celebrations and also announcements from our parish elementary schools.

CATHOLIC MOMS' GROUP

Come join our St. Joseph the Worker Parish Catholic Moms Group. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm via zoom. Email: sjw@catholicmomsgroup.com Also check out www.catholicmomsgroup.com.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION

November 5 is the first Friday for the month. As usual we shall have Mass in the morning at 9am and also in the evening at 7pm followed by an hour of Eucharistic adoration while confession is also available. Come let us adore the Lord.

WILLS

At the time of one's passing, the surviving relatives are usually asked to consider donations to a charitable organization in lieu of receiving flowers. Our parish can also be considered as a recipient of these contributions. Declaring your intention for these gifts in advance helps to inform your relatives of your desire to support your parish or an archdiocesan charity. The archdiocese has made available a card which parishioners can include with their will indicating their preferred recipient for these gifts. These cards are available from the parish office. Thanks for considering your parish always, now and hereafter.



CHAPLAINCY NEWS

THE LATEST BUZZ

Men's and Women's Groups: Eager to journey with a group this school year? Join a women's or men's group to grow in the spiritual life while developing lifelong friendships. We've only just begun so join us!

Christmas Concert: Have you heard? Fr. Victor is hosting a Christmas Concert on December 12th in the parish hall. Dust off that musical instrument and warm up those vocal cords! Claim your spot as a performer in this concert! Not musically inclined? No worries! Contact Conchita and Shannon for how you can contribute in other ways.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 2021

12 ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Testimony, adoration, praise and worship music, prayer, confessions and a social.

Join us at 7 p.m. sharp in the church for this event! You won't want to miss it!

30 THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us in the Parish Hall from 7-9 p.m. to hear Sr. Margaret Moran from the Daughters of St. Paul tackle the topic of how to live the spiritual life in an age of social media.

December 2021

4 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 5 p.m. mass for Christmas fun! Decorate the tree, grab some dinner and that hot cup of cocoa with marshmallows!

WISDOM WEDNESDAY RECAP

HOW TO FALL IN LOVE AND STAY IN LOVE WITH THE WORD OF GOD.

1. Start with the gospels to get to know Jesus' voice, personality & how he interacts with people.
2. Read the Mass Readings! Get a hard copy or download the Living with Christ app for free!
3. Use a commentary or other resources like Inside the Bible, the Catholic Dictionary or the Bible in a Year Podcast to help gain context.
4. Remember the Bible is more than a book. Don't be afraid to explore and discover how God will speak to you!



Women's Group Kick-off



Encounter Night



Men's Group Kick-off

ADVENT IS COMING...

FUN FACT:
THERE ARE EXACTLY
24 CHAPTERS IN THE
GOSPEL OF LUKE, AND
24 DAYS IN DECEMBER
LEADING UP TO
CHRISTMAS.



Why not join us on a journey to Christmas through Scripture? All those exciting details can be found on an Instagram and flocknote real soon, so keep your eyes open for more details coming to a parish near you!

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY RECAP

ORGANIZATION TIPS & TRICKS

1. Make use of a planner and calendar. Both hardcopy or digital work well. Your brain power is precious! Spend your energy on getting things done as opposed to memorizing what needs to get done!
2. Pick a saint and make them your study buddy. When things get tough, ask them for their intercession. They especially come through on exam performance! (Look up St. Joseph of Cupertino!)
3. Work on self-discipline. Waking up at the first ring of your alarm clock, capping your time spent on social media may not seem like much; but precious time has been reclaimed for important tasks!



SAINTS OF THE MONTH

SAINT FEAST DAYS & QUOTES

November 1 - All Saints' Day

November 2 - All Souls' Day

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God , and no torment shall touch them ...they are in peace "Wisdom 3:1-3

November 3 -Saint Martin de Porres

"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

November 4 -Saint Charles Borromeo

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."

November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 10 -Saint Leo the Great

"The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive."

November 11 -Saint Martin of Tours

"With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword."

November 12 -Saint Josaphat

November 15 -Saint Albert the Great

"The greater and more persistent your confidence in God , the more abundantly you will receive what you ask ".

November 16 -Saint Margaret of Scotland

"I thank You, Almighty God, for sending me so great a sorrow to purify me from my sins."

November 17 -Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

"How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns?... and bears it for me!"

November 18 -Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Peter and Paul

November 21 -Presentation of the Virgin Mary

November 22 -Saint Cecilia

"Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light."

November 23 -Saint Clement

"Do not think that we say that these things are only to be received by faith, but also that they are to be asserted by reason. For indeed it is not safe to commit these things to bare faith without reason, since assured truth cannot be without reason."

November 24 -Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

November 25 -Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 30 -Saint Andrew

"How blind man is when he refuses to open his heart to the light of faith!"

STORY OF A SAINT

Saint Margaret of Scotland

(c.1045-November 16th 1093)

Patron Saint of those who suffer the death of a child,
large families, learning, queens, Scotland, widows

Margaret was born in a time of political upheaval. Her father, Edward d'Outremer, heir to the English throne, was exiled to Hungary where Margaret grew up. When she was twelve, her family was allowed to return to England, but then they were forced to flee again. Margaret's family was given refuge by King Malcolm III of Scotland. The king fell in love with the beautiful young Margaret, and the two were married at the royal castle in 1070.

By her good example and power of persuasion , Queen Margaret convinced the king that prayer and spiritual life were important. Margaret also promoted a return to the practice of religion and education among her subjects. She also initiated synods of the bishops , which she participated in , to deal with abuse and scandals in the Church . Margaret was a devoted mother to her six sons and two daughters. She instructed them in the Catholic faith. Her son David went on to become king of Scotland and is also a canonized saint.



Ernesto Morelli	Amelia Mauricio	Myrna Rodrigo	Eleanor O'Connor	Ken Noel
David Gushue	Fidel Libiran	Domingo Rodrigo	Carole Cappe	Gerald Noel
Josephine Gushue	Pareng Legaspi	John White	Gloria O'Connor	Eustina Noel
Ruthann Alvares	Anacleto Legasti	Grace White	Malvan O'Connor	Shirley Harry
Jane Depenha	Francisco Diaz Sr.	Jean Vallee	Edward Smaglinski	Elizasbeth Horsford
Bruce Depenha	Henry Carta	Raphael Cormier	Ester Smaglinski	Jessie Noel
Hector D'Souza	Jill Gushue	Lorraine Cormier	Isabelle Helwig	Lincoln Julien
Rafael Colón Bocanegra	Patrick Cassidy	Donald Cormier	Kevin Ricketts	Reynold George
Julia Elvira Fajardo	Ruth Cassidy	Claire Cormier	Joanne Leyze	Gord Sheridan
Miguel Àngel Fajardo	Rhonda Cassidy	Judy Widdifield	John Leyze	Grant Chisholm
Cristina Fajardo	Mauro Caldarola	Gladys Fryklund	Theresa Leyze	Rita Chisholm
Tony Gushue	Frank Caldarola	Melvin Fryklund	Lee Thibideau	Adrian Landry
Janis Gilmour	June Ross	Clarence Fryklund	Leona Thibideau	Florence Landry
Mauro Caldarola	Dave Ross	Eileen Fryklund	George Thibideau	Jim Chisholm
Frank Caldarola	Concetto Trovato	Kevin Fryklund	Bernard Thibideau	Donnie Landry
Josephine Caldarola	Concetta Trovato	Bruce White	Bonnie Thibideau	Stella White
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Flavio Mazariegos	Doris Sabljic		Linda Miller	Margaret Mulhern
Raquel Mazariegos	Ivan Sabljic	Maureen Greenhalf	Jack O'Donnell	Dan MacLean
Leta Anderson	John Sabljic	Robert Watson	Jean O'Donnell	Katherine MacLean
Tony Anderson	Ernie Leyland	Alice Watson	Lynch Family	Joe and Kaye Campbell
Ralph Spadafore	Mary Morphy	Barbara Tanner	Egan Family	John and Carol MacLean
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Jose Cerqueira Desousa	Festus Anyanka	Mary Watson	May & Thomas Pett	Gregg Brigham
Alex Brown	Richard Chukwura	Gervacia Sumalinog	Madeline Ohanlon	James Frame
Paul Brady	Ada Cecilia Anyanka	Hilario Sumalinog	John Ohanlon	Agnes and Hugh Frame
David Brady	Victoria Okafor	Alfredo Sumalinog	Collin Ohanlon	Gord and June Willson
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Peter Atovebi	Joanna Valdez	Marion McCarthy	Bruno Giro	

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ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH

"Hello," says Saint Peter. "I suppose you'd like to get into Heaven!"

"Yes, we would," says the first musician, a band director.

"Well, there's just a little test you have to take. Nothing too difficult. Related to your earthly profession," says Saint Peter.

"OK," says the band director, "I'm ready."

"How do you tune your band?" asks Saint Peter.

"Oh, that's easy," says the band director. "Concert B-flat!"

"Perfect!" says Saint Peter. "Welcome to Heaven!" he says as the band director enters.

The second musician, an orchestra director, decides to give it a try. Same kind of test, related to your earthly profession, etc.

"How do you tune your orchestra?" asks Saint Peter.

"A-440," says the orchestra director. He, too, is admitted into Heaven.

The choir director has been watching this with growing confidence, seeing how easy it was for his colleagues to pass their tests. So he steps forward and indicates he's ready for his test.

Saint Peter says, "spell 'onomatopoeia'!"

(I would have failed, too!)



HOW TO CONTINUE GIVING

We know that many parishioners would like to continue to donate to the parish on a regular basis during this time. As a non-profit organization, our parish relies heavily on your financial assistance, but especially since we are unable to open for Mass due to the current health crisis. Here are some ways to continue giving:

SECURE MAILBOXES AT THE PARISH

If you would like to make your usual weekly donation or otherwise support us in this regard, we invite you to make a donation at the parish.

We now have TWO secure mailboxes available for our parishioners.

The mailboxes are locked and under 24 hour surveillance so your donations are secure and will be checked daily.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

If you are interested in pre-authorized giving, please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form. Once the form is completed, feel free to email the form along with a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions would then be withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

ONLINE GIVING

If you would prefer to donate online, there are various options available:

1. Contribute via credit card as a one-time or recurring contribution
2. Contribute via online banking by emailing your name, address, parish name and municipality (e.g. Durham and Scarborough) to campaign@archtoronto.org, in response to which the Archdiocese of Toronto will email you account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese as a payee for the purposes of online banking. Your one-time or recurring gift will then be forwarded to our parish.

We thank all of our parishioners for their generous donations during this difficult time.

SHARELIFE

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. Given the growing needs in our communities, it is crucial we meet our 2021 Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues • help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten • deliver food to children in developing countries • form priests and deacons

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. The remaining collection days for this year is this weekend, October 30th and 31st.

Thank you for sharing life!

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If you are interested in contributing towards this new parish initiative (i.e., the printing costs associated with this publication) please contact the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

If you are interested in advertising your professional services in the Carpenter's Newsletter, please contact the parish office for more details.



INDULGENCES TOWARDS ALL SOULS DAY CELEBRATION (NOV 2)

A plenary ("full") indulgence, which is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on (November 2nd,) All Souls Day.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence on All Souls Day (2 Nov)

- Visit a church and pray for souls in Purgatory
- Say one "Our Father" and the "Apostles Creed" in the visit to the church
- Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the Holy Father's intentions (that is, the intentions designated by the Holy Father each month)
- Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day if you can get to Mass)
- Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of All Souls Day
- For a plenary indulgence be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary, "full").

You can acquire one plenary indulgence a day.

A partial indulgence can be obtained by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. You can gain a plenary indulgence visiting a cemetery each day between 1 November and 8 November. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory. A plenary indulgence, applicable only the Souls in Purgatory, is also granted when you visit a church or a public oratory on 2 November. While visiting the church or oratory say one Our Father and the Apostles Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when saying the "Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace" prayer.

As a parish, we shall plan to make a communal visit to the Catholic cemetery on November 2nd and pray for our loved ones immediately after the 9am Mass.