

Thirty – Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.

Saturday, November 16, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Hugh Clauzel by Mike and Ann Boriel
Thanksgiving from Bellarmine and family.

Sunday, November 17, 9:30 a.m. + For the repose of the Soul of Theresa Cheng by Peter and Dionisia – Dee Chan
+ For the repose of the Souls of Rosa, Paulo, Alfredo, Mother in Laws and Father in Laws by Elizabeth Guzzo and Family
11:00 a.m. Mass – Pro - Populo

+ For the repose of the Soul of Andriy Zhovanyk by Jean – Robert and Joanne Bernier

Monday, November 18, No Mass

Tuesday, November 19, No Mass

Wednesday, November 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass + For the Personal Intentions of Diana Jamal by Carol Gaboury

Thursday, November 21, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+ For the repose of the Souls of Lisa and Rudolfo by Elizabeth Guzzo and the Cavalierri family

Friday, November 22, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

For the personal Intentions of Antonetta and Family; and for all Deceased Family members and Friends by Elizabeth Guzzo

Saturday, November 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass Pro - Populo

Sunday, November 24, 9:30 a.m. Mass - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and World Day of Youth

+ For the repose of the Soul of Cyril Benson by Karine Langley

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Andy De Groot by Jean – Robert and Joanne Bernier

THIRTY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION: Our gospel reading today is taken from the final chapter of the story of the ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. In chapter 14 the story of the Passion will begin. In this chapter, Jesus looks to the future and talks about the things that are to come and about the end of time. He has encouraged his disciples to face wars, disasters and persecutions. There will be a 'time of distress' to be endured by all. Jesus' words become much more dramatic as he talks about cosmic events. He uses the language customary at the time to speak of the end of the world. The climax will be the coming of 'the Son of Man'. Jesus takes this concept from the Book of Daniel and applies it to himself. At his glorious return his followers will be gathered together from all corners of the earth. People have questioned and speculated about the end of the world, and in particular about the time of its happening. Having spoken of the signs that will precede it, Jesus gives a warning: no-one but the Father knows the time of the end. It is useless to speculate about all this, but, as the gospels repeatedly urge us, we are to live in readiness for the end of our lives. The final message of Jesus' teaching in Mark's gospel is that we should 'Stay awake!' We are called to live in imitation of the Son of Man, who came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us. Do we look forward to the gathering together of all God's people? What have we learnt from the liturgical reading of the Gospel of Mark this year? Let us pray for trustfulness and courage as we face life's trials. Let us pray for serenity and confidence in the loving kindness of God, whose plans for the world will come to completion in a way and at a time we do not know

Collection – November 2, and 3, 2024: Envelopes: \$932.30., Loose: \$476.55; St. Vincent de Paul: \$222.50; Vigil Lights: \$146.10; Clergy Support: \$220.00; Mass Intentions: \$407.00; All Souls: \$205.00; Nigerian Community: \$250.00; Grand Totals: \$2,909.45.

Collection – November 9, and 10, 2024: Envelopes: \$650.30., Loose: \$553.30; St. Vincent de Paul: \$100.40; Vigil Lights: \$38.60; Clergy Support: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$5.00; Catholic Mission: \$145.00; Grand Totals: \$1,512.30. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS: ALL SOULS ENVELOPES for the month of November, in remembrance of the Faithful departed, during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, are now available at the entrance of the Church. Once completed, they may be dropped into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Completed envelopes will then be placed on the Altar of Sacrifice and all those named will be remembered, throughout the month of November.

2024 – 2025 NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: HAVE ARRIVED! And You are welcome to purchase a copy or more of the new Sunday missal at the parish office for \$8.00 each.

The prayer of the poor rises up to God: On this World Day of the Poor, we announce our annual Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, For the Poor collection to take place at all masses the weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1. Funds go to SSVP Ottawa South Conference(St Peter's/ Holy Cross/ St Bernard Parishes). Your generous donations provide those in need with grocery gift cards and SSVP store vouchers for clothing and housewares. For the Poor envelopes are available at the church entrance and in your envelope box, cheques payable to St Peter's Parish. The need is great, ever growing. We thank you for answering God's call to service with open and willing hearts.

ADVENT 2024: November 30 and December 1, IS ADVENT. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ADVENT WREATHS:** There will be a special blessing of Advent wreaths at the beginning of all Masses. Be sure to place your wreaths in front of the Altar before Mass begins.

ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS NOVENA - SIMBANG GABI: All are invited to 9 days of Novena Masses for Christmas from December 15th - December 23rd, It is a great source of spiritual nourishment to all of us, as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Jesus Christ. Invite your families and friends and come share in this wonderful time of Reflection. Please note that there will be No Weekday Morning Mass celebrated during our novena.

Sunday Morning Smile: Everyone asked a 100-year-old man and his 98-year-old wife for their health secrets. The old man said, "I'll tell you my secret. I've been married for 75 years. I promised my wife when we got married that when we quarrel, the loser has to walk for 5 kilometres. So I've been walking 5 kilometres every day for past 75 years!" Everyone applauded and asked again, "But how come your wife is very healthy as well?" The old man answered, "That is another secret. For 75 years every single day she has been following me to make sure I really walk the full 5 kilometres!"

RENEWED IN LITURGY: Come rediscover the meaning, history, beauty, and power of the Mass through the Renewed in Liturgy series. Sessions are on Friday: November 22, 7 - 9pm at the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St. with speakers, Bishop Scott McCaig, Fr. Sean Wenger, and Fr. Daniel Van Delst. Free. Please register online at www.renewedinliturgy.com

PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY: Dear God, thank you for my family, I put them in your hands today. I can't control everything that happens to them but I can remember to cover them in prayer. Please keep them safe. Increase their faith. Protect them from falling into temptation. This I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Ottawa Nigerian Community will be having a Christmas Concert on Saturday evening December 7th, 7:00 p.m. here at St. Peter's. Admission is free. All are invited to attend.

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Ottawa Catholic Young Professionals Night: Join other young professionals at Notre Dame Cathedral for an evening dedicated to exploring the role of Artificial Intelligence through the lens of Catholic teaching. In a world increasingly influenced by AI, it's essential to understand its impact on society, work, and personal life. This event is perfect for business owners, job seekers, and anyone eager to discuss technology from a faith-based perspective. Thursday November 28th, 2024. 7 pm. Café des Tours. Entry fee is \$5.

SPIRITUAL BANQUET FOR JUBILEE YEAR: Get ready for the Jubilee Year 2025 with this series of spiritual reflections on Luke's Gospel at Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael Street North. Speaker: Bible scholar, Bishop Yvan Mathieu Dates: Wednesday, December 18, 7-9pm (note date and time change) and Saturday, January 11, 10am-12pm To register: parishoffice@ottawachinesecatholic.org

Prayer for Stress and Strength: Dear Lord, I come to You today for rest. My responsibilities in life are beginning to weigh me down, and I feel tired and overwhelmed. I pray for strength to keep doing what I'm supposed to do. I don't want to give up on my responsibilities, but I need the strength to keep going. When I'm tired, please give me rest. When I'm weak, please refresh my body and spirit. Thank You, Lord, for the strength I have in You. In Jesus' name Amen.

