MASSES OF THE WEEK

† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, November 15
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.
For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish
10:30 a.m.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord
†Gerri Lynch on the fourth anniversary of her death, by Kathleen Lynch
†Steve Sebastyan, by Serafina Sebastyan

Tuesday, November 17
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
9:00 a.m.
†Cornelius (Casey) Post

Wednesday, November 18
Red Wednesday – for persecuted Catholics around the world
9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 19
Weekday
9:00 a.m.
†*For the souls in purgatory*

Friday, November 20
Weekday
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30 p.m.
For the protection of Canada & for the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner
William Blampied, by his wife, Helen

Sunday, November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 a.m.
For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish
10:30 a.m.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord
†Anwar Daulton Theodore, by Theresa Fanus
†Souls in purgatory, especially the most forgotten, by Jeannette of Nazareth

PLEASE NOTE:
Tues.–Fri. 9am Masses – only 1 intention per Mass (ideally)
Sat. Vigil & Sun. 10:30am Masses – up to 3 intentions

Please remember these sick people in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Zygmunt Wysocki, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Elaine Taylor, Wanda Staples, Marilyn Donoghue, Aline Lafleur Raymond, Paul O' Leary, Michaela Fong, Deacon Will Read, Judette & Marie, Cecilia, Lily Harmon, Stephanie Pinhey

(To add, re-add, or remove any names, please contact the office)

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)

First Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, November 21
4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

Sunday, November 22
9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett
10:30 a.m. Sebastien Saber

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, November 21
4:30 p.m. Marisa Fusaro

Sunday, November 22
9:00 a.m. Darrell Herauf
10:30 a.m. Barbara Rawdon – C
Sebastien Saber – EM

Vocation Prayer

That those the Lord is calling to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, we pray to the Lord.

USAGE OF PARISH HALL

With the exception of parish activities, individuals or groups wishing to rent the parish hall should note the following, based on diocesan rules:

1. Rental fee will be determined based on the event: duration and number of persons;
2. Please take any leftover food or garbage with you;
3. There is a $200 refundable cleaning deposit (returned only after premises are left clean, garbage removed, etc.);
4. General liability insurance for the event is required in case of accident or injury

Thank you for your understanding and assistance!

RED WEDNESDAY

We will observe the 9:00 am Mass this Wednesday, November 18th as **Red Wednesday**. Promoted by **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**, a Catholic charity, Red Wednesday is a day to raise awareness about global Catholic/Christian persecution and pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. An estimated 75% of religiously motivated violence is perpetrated against Christians. Please pray with us on Red Wednesday for it to end.

BENEFIT CONCERT

On **Saturday, Dec. 5** from 19:00-20:30 here at St. Theresa's, Jérôme Lejeune School will host a benefit concert featuring students from the school and an adult schola directed by Dr. Brian A. Butcher. General admission $25, students/seniors $15. Tickets at tinyurl.com/JLSConcert2026.

QUO VADIS? PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

Is the Lord calling you to be a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Adoration. Held at Café des Tours (basement of Notre Dame Cathedral). For more info., contact Fr. Connor: vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications is setting up advertisements for our church bulletin. Advertising will begin in January 2027 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

– St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

SAINT OF THE DAY:
Bl. John Duns Scotus

A humble man, John Duns Scotus has been one of the most influential Franciscans through the centuries. Born at Duns in Scotland, John was descended from a wealthy farming family. In later years, he was identified as John Duns Scotus to indicate the land of his birth; *Scotia* is the Latin name for Scotland.

John received the habit of the Friars Minor at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias Duns was superior. After novitiate, John studied at Oxford and Paris and was ordained in 1291. More studies in Paris followed until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge. Four years later, he returned to Paris to teach and complete the requirements for the doctorate.

In an age when many people adopted whole systems of thought without qualification, John pointed out the richness of the Augustinian-Franciscan tradition, appreciated the wisdom of Aquinas, Aristotle, and the Muslim philosophers—and still managed to be an independent thinker. That quality was proven in 1303, when King Philip the Fair tried to enlist the University of Paris on his side in a dispute with Pope Boniface VIII. John Duns Scotus dissented, and was given three days to leave France.

In Scotus's time, some philosophers held that people are basically determined by forces outside themselves. Free will is an illusion, they argued. An ever-practical man, Scotus said that if he started beating someone who denied free will, the person would immediately tell him to stop. But if Scotus didn't really have a free will, how could he stop? John had a knack for finding illustrations his students could remember!

After a short stay in Oxford, Scotus returned to Paris, where he received the doctorate in 1305. He continued teaching there and in 1307 so ably defended the Immaculate Conception of Mary that the university officially adopted his position. That same year the minister general assigned him to the Franciscan school in Cologne where John died in 1308. He is buried in the Franciscan church near the famous Cologne cathedral.

Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. John Duns Scotus, the "Subtle Doctor," was beatified in 1993.

Reflection

Father Charles Balic, O.F.M., the foremost 20th-century authority on Scotus, has written: "The whole of Scotus's theology is dominated by the notion of love. The characteristic note of this love is its absolute freedom. As love becomes more perfect and intense, freedom becomes more noble and integral both in God and in man" (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. 4, p. 1105).

Source: Franciscan Media