MASSES OF THE WEEK

† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, October 25
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.
MASS CANCELLED
10:30 a.m.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord
†Leo Desmarteau
For the protection of St. Theresa church and all Catholic churches in the world, by Jeannette of Nazareth

Tuesday, October 27
Weekday
9:00 a.m.
For all priests, by Morgan Kenny

Wednesday, October 28
Weekday
9:00 a.m.
†*For the souls in purgatory*

Thursday, October 29
Weekday
9:00 a.m.
†Rayne Plettell-Kenny, by Morgan Kenny

Friday, October 30
Weekday
9:00 a.m.
†Steve Ellacott, by cousin Dave

Saturday, October 31
Weekday
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
†Anna Diduch, by the family

Sunday, November 1
Thirtieth 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
For peace & eternal life for Marie Therese Elza, Cy, & Hugues, by Marie, Judette & Jude
†Elena Martucci, by Julieta & family

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

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For mental health ministry ~
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)

First Reading: Exodus 22.21-27
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, October 31
4:30 p.m. Daniel Boyer

Sunday, November 1
9:00 a.m. Denise Corbett
10:30 a.m. Children

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 31
4:30 p.m. Cathy Major

Sunday, November 1
9:00 a.m. Wendy Schieman
10:30 a.m. Sebastien Saber

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

This Sunday, Oct. 25, please join us in welcoming Archbishop Damphousse at the 10:30 am Mass! A reception will follow in the hall, where Bibles will be on display in various languages from around the world.

EMPTY YOUR POCKETS

At the Masses this weekend, we will be accepting donations for the Centretown Food Centre. Did you know that the Food Centre is a major service of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee (CCSAC)? St. Theresa Parish was a founding member of CCSAC in 1967 and continues its involvement today. The 22 churches of Centretown Ottawa, forming CCSAC, work together to address the poverty and social needs in our community.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Theresa's annual Christmas bazaar is approaching quickly! On Sat., November 14 (9:30am – 2pm) in the hall, crafts, jewelry, books, crystal, china, toys, furniture & more will be on sale! Come for Christmas shopping and support the parish in the process!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Do you know someone who believes in social justice and solidarity among peoples and who would like to participate in awareness and mobilization campaigns to build a world of justice and peace? Invite them to become a member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada and join a democratic movement with more than 13,000 members across the country! For more information, contact Michael LeBlanc the D&P animator in your region at 306-205-2334 or email mleblanc@devp.org.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The 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.

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.

SAINTS OF THE DAY:
Sts. Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of North America officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron people in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec.

The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years, Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were tortured and forced to watch as Huron converts were killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his return, and died peacefully at home. But his zeal led him back: after a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646, he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18, Father Jogues was killed. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day.

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32. He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his martyrdom in 1649. René Goupil, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noel Chabanel were also martyred. These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930.

Reflection
Faith and heroism planted belief in Christ's cross deep in our land. The Church in North America sprang from the blood of martyrs, as has been true in so many places. The ministry and sacrifices of these saints challenges each of us, causing us to ask just how deep is our faith and how strong our desire to serve even in the face of death.

Patron Saints of North America & Norway

Source: Franciscan Media

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

- St. Theresa of the Child Jesus