

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
in  
Ordinary Time

October 19 & 26,  
2025



**MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 2**

(L) indicates a living intention

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>October 18</b>            |                                          |
| 4:30 pm          | Agnes & Perter Holloran      | Marie & Family                           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 19</b>            |                                          |
| 9:00 am          | John Basciano                | Basciano Family                          |
| 11:00 am         | Our Parishioners             |                                          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>October 20</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Joe Abousaleh (L)            | Gemma Soriano, Mike Abousaleh and Family |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>October 21</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Greg Bagshaw                 | Betty & Andy Quinn                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>October 22</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Antoine & Fernande Garofalo  | The Family                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>October 23</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Angela Yip                   | Gemma Soriano and Bo In Choi             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>October 24</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Margarita Ramos              | Hector Andreu                            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>October 25</b>            |                                          |
| 4:30 pm          | In Thanksgiving              | The Torres family                        |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 26</b>            |                                          |
| 9:00 am          | Our Parishioners             |                                          |
| 11:00 am         | Antonio Anoia                | The Family                               |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>October 27</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Jason Muise                  | The Family                               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>October 28</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Greg Bagshaw                 | Lise Emsley                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>October 29</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Maduabum Miguel Chibueze (L) | Agnes Maduabum                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>October 30</b>            |                                          |
| 8:30 am          | Alex Della Rocca             | Rosemarie and family                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>October 31</b>            |                                          |
| 4:00 pm          | Zee Sante                    | Anna Donald                              |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>November 1</b>            |                                          |
| 4:30 pm          | Patrick Guerrero             | Patricia & Luciano Guerrero              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>November 2</b>            |                                          |
| 9:00 am          | Giuseppe Furino              | Bastone-Spriggs Family                   |
| 11:00 am         | Our Parishioners             |                                          |

### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

**October 19:** Gabriel Ezinwa Okeke and Veronica Ezinwa Okeke, requested by Agnes Maduabum

**October 26:** Frederick and Barbara Kray, requested by Helen and Manfred Adam

**November 2:** The legionaries, deceased members of our families, and deceased legionaries, requested by Legion of Mary - Our Lady Refuge of Sinners, Praesidium - St Thomas à Becket Parish

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear parishioners,

It was good to return to St. Thomas à Becket Parish on the weekend of October 4 & 5.

I enjoyed seeing some of the familiar faces from the past and the numerous new faces from the present. Besides the three weekend liturgies, there were so many other activities going on that first weekend of October.

I look forward to working on and participating in the numerous activities and ministries with this parish community of St. Thomas à Becket into the future. In this jubilee year of Hope, it gives me great hope to participate in such a vibrant parish community!

Keep well in mind, body and spirit!

*~ Fr. Fred*

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Oct 5:** Offerings: \$ 5,897.00 Building Maintenance Fund: \$1,655.00

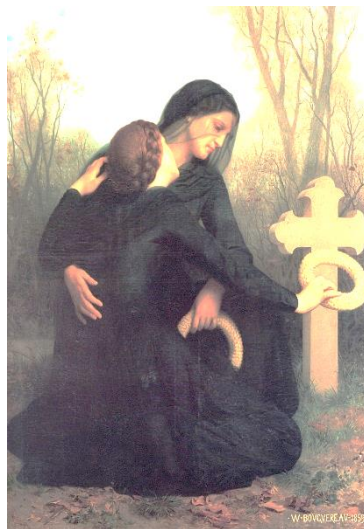
**Oct 12:** Offerings: \$ 8,108.54 Religious Education: \$ 1,591.00

**Upcoming Special Collections:** Nov 9 – Helping Others

Nov 23 – Building Maintenance Fund

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** The Bereavement Group meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 21, in Cahill Hall. All those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend the meeting, led by trained animator Bill Curran

### **ALL SOULS DAY COMMEMORATION - NOVEMBER 1 & 2:**



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at our parish on Saturday Nov 1, at 4:30 pm and Sunday, November 2, at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. All parishioners, families and friends are welcome to join us, and are invited to bring a photo of their deceased loved one(s) to be placed below the altar during the Mass.

### **BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD:**

All are invited to inscribe the name(s) of their deceased loved ones in our Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be available at the back of the church November 1. If you have inscribed a name (or names) in the past, it is not necessary to add them again. Every year on November 2, we will honor and remember in prayer all the

souls listed in this book. The book will remain available throughout the month of November.

## **WHAT IS ALL SOULS' DAY AND WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?**

If Jesus' Resurrection taught us anything, it's that love transcends death. Though death physically separates us from our loved ones, our memory and love for them endure. As humans, we constantly seek ways to honor the deceased long after they are gone. Each year, the Catholic Church dedicates a special feast day—All Souls' Day—to remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially for those believed to be undergoing purification in Purgatory as they await their heavenly reward.

### **The Origin of the Feast**

The tradition of observing a day for the dead dates back to the early 11<sup>th</sup> century. According to legend, a pilgrim living in the Burgundy region of France claimed to have had a vision of souls in Purgatory enduring the pain of purification. The pilgrim approached Father Odilo of Cluny in the Burgundy region of France, to ask if a special day of prayer could be set aside to commemorate the deceased.

In response, Father Odilo, instituted All Souls' Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to be observed by his monastic community with alms, prayers, and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering souls. He also decreed that those requesting a Mass for the departed should make a monetary offering for the poor, thus linking almsgiving with fasting and prayer.

It was soon adopted throughout the Western Church, often with the monks offering prayers and singing the Office of the Dead for the Holy Souls. Shortly thereafter, the Benedictines and Carthusians adopted the practice, and the wider Church followed, formally observing the Feast of All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All Souls' Day and All Saints' Day

All Souls' Day immediately follows All Saints' Day (November 1st), a feast during which the Church celebrates all the faithful who share in the full glory of heaven—the official saints and the un-canonized martyrs.

These two closely connected days remind us to be inspired by the saints and to strive for sainthood ourselves. At the same time, they encourage us to trust in God's abundant mercy and his great desire for us to be with him in eternity

### ***Prayer for the Deceased***

*In your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;  
deliver them now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away:  
welcome them into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,  
but fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
forever and ever.  
Amen.*

## **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you a caregiver? We warmly invite you to join the Caregiver Support group that offers a combination of prayer, sharing, support, guest speakers, and opportunities for socializing. Our meeting will take place on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in Cahill Hall.

Upcoming presentations:

October 31 Cathie Macaulay from Pastoral Home Care

November 28 CLSC Services

December 19 Christmas gathering.

No registration is required. For more information contact Rina at 514-915-7586

## PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514-area code unless otherwise indicated.

### PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

|                      |          |                        |                |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Siro Di Marco (2027) | 977-6442 | Cindy Finn (2027)      | 624-0546       |
| Frank Vissani (2025) | 998-0311 | Robert Boulé (2026)    | (438) 838-1902 |
| Eric Chevrier (2026) | 246-8525 | Michael Randall (2025) | 980-5015       |

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

|                                  |                       |          |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Altar Guild                      | Anna Donald           | 620-2258 |
| Altar Servers                    | Parish Office         | 626-4111 |
| Baptism Preparation Team         | Parish Office         | 626-4111 |
| Choir Director                   | Brendan Kelly         | 944-7220 |
| Children's Choir                 | Kimberley Ricafort    | 827-4132 |
| Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator | Rosemarie Della Rocca | 620-1930 |
| Head Sacristan                   | Anna Donald           | 620-2258 |
| Lectors                          | Tobias Koikaran       | 693-5514 |
| Liturgy Team                     | Rosemarie Della Rocca | 620-1930 |
| Ushers                           | Joe Ojeda             | 941-7914 |

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### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Adult Faith Formation         | Elsa Rivera             | 626-4111 |
| Angels of Mercy               | Sarah Sajedi            | 827-6408 |
| Catholic Women's League       | Marie Meier             | 965-9919 |
| Community Aid                 | Parish Office           | 626-4111 |
| Couples for Christ            | Don & Irene Salvanera   | 620-1319 |
| Helping Others:               | Parish Office           | 626-4111 |
| Knights of Columbus           | Norm Cousineau          | 624-8753 |
| Legion of Mary                | Juliana Abu             | 585-9206 |
| Marriage Course               | John & Nathalie Bondyra | 695-7896 |
| Pastoral Home Care            | Ailsa Lee Loy           | 626-7265 |
| Prayer Line                   | Christine Charron       | 694-3958 |
| Responsible Pastoral Ministry | Rina Callard            | 626-4111 |
| Social Club                   | Rina Callard            | 695-6995 |
| Youth Ministry                | Amanda Davis            | 626-4111 |

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### RESOURCES AND SERVICES

|                                                           |                |
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| A.A.                                                      | 376-9230       |
| Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)                          | 866-9803       |
| Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services | 931-7311       |
| Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints                     | 752-4683       |
| Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine                  | 931-7311       |
| Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?                 | 344-2686       |
| Spiritual Support Line                                    | 1-888-305-0994 |
| Violence S.O.S. Hotline                                   | 1-800-363-9010 |
| West Island Women's Shelter                               | 620-4845       |

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Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

RCIA: Elsa Raschella 514-626-4111 ext. 222

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

**HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015**