

33th Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 16, 2025

“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another” Luke 21.6

Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus stands before the Temple. His disciples marvel at its splendor. But Jesus tells them that it will ultimately be destroyed. That happened in the year 70, when Roman troops destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem. Such a terrifying prophecy troubled his listeners. They therefore wanted to know the signs that would mark the beginning of such a disaster. But Jesus changes the course of His speech. Even greater catastrophes are to come - and these events will be used for the appearance of false messiahs who will proclaim the imminent end.

These are frightening signs, but not for the Christian, because “we know that God works all things together for good for those who love him” (Rom 8:28). Likewise, anyone in their present circumstances may see only hardship everywhere, but the Word of God, Jesus, is always near to sustain us.

St. Josemaría says: “It seems to you that the world is collapsing on you. You do not see a way out: you cannot overcome the obstacles. So once again you have forgotten that God is your Father - almighty, all-knowing, merciful Father. What worries you is in reality for your good, although your bodily eyes do not see it now!”

Parish News

***The youth meeting** will take place today at 11:30 am in the parish hall. Holy Mass will follow at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

***The Parish Charity Group** meeting will be held today after the 12:30 pm Mass.

* **Today, November 16 - Bake Sale:** Join us after all Sunday Masses at 9 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm to enjoy delicious homemade treats and support our Scouts, Guides, and Cubs in raising funds for their summer camps and activities. Your generosity helps them have meaningful and fun experiences!

***Today we celebrate the 9th World Day of the Poor** under the theme: “You are my hope,” combined with the Jubilee of the Poor. Caring for the poor is not limited to material help. Prayer without deeds is empty, and love without prayer becomes mere philanthropy.

****On Sunday, November 23, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.** On this day one can obtain a plenary indulgence for oneself or for the deceased under the usual conditions, as well as by publicly (together in church) reciting the Act of Consecration of the Human Race: “Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race...”

***Sunday, November 30, is the First Sunday of Advent.** Rorate Masses will be celebrated every Saturday of Advent at 8:00 am. Breakfast and coffee will follow. Remember to bring lanterns. Children are welcome!

***The Mission Bazaar** will take place on Sunday, December 7: after the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses – take-out lunch and lottery; after the 12:30 pm Mass – lunch. We ask for cakes,

lottery items, and help – info: Sr. Maria 226-347-9447.

***The “wypominki” (prayers for the deceased)** are read in church from November 9 to 30 during the Rosary and after Mass. On Sundays they are read only during the Rosary.

***Envelopes for the “wypominki”** are included in the envelope set. They may be placed in the Sunday collection. Additional envelopes are available at the back of the church.

***A partial indulgence** for the deceased can be obtained in November by visiting a cemetery with prayers for the dead and fulfilling the usual conditions for an indulgence: being in a state of grace, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

***The Building Fund** is designated to cover construction, renovation, and maintenance projects in the church, rectory, and parish grounds. We invite your support four times a year (in February, May, September, and November). Envelopes are included in your donation set and are also available at the church entrance. God bless you for your generosity.

***Donations November 9:** W-D \$3,595; B-F \$705; Church Needs in Canada \$20; Donation \$150; Donation for CWL \$2,000 (Polonia Centre). **Thank you!**

Other Announcements

***Today the Scouts** invite everyone for cake in the hall under the church after the 9 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm Masses.

***Advent Retreat for Young Adults.** We invite young people (ages 18-35) to a weekend retreat at the Holy Family House (121 Victoria St RR#1, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0) to deepen their Catholic faith and appreciate the beauty of Advent, both

in the Church and in their daily lives. The retreat begins on Friday, December 5th at 7:15 pm and ends on Sunday, December 7th at 1 pm. Cost: \$275 (includes accommodations, all meals, and other fees), \$225 for those registering by November 7th. Registration at <https://dol.ca/advent-retreat-for-young-adults>

***Christmas Retreat for Young Adults.** Youth Teams of our Lady in Canada invites all young adults 18-30 to join us for a retreat from December 26 to December 30th at the St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton. This year's retreat will focus on “*Treasure in Heaven: The Works of Mercy and Discernment*”. The cost for the retreat will be \$350, should there be any financial concerns please reach out. Inf: Karolina Jach: phone: 226-789-1228; email: ytolcanada@gmail.com

***Catholic Men's Retreat** in Holy Family Retreat House - November 28–30, 2025. Join us as we conclude the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee with a special retreat for men, led by Fr. John Shiha. Together we will reflect on how Hope gives us courage, strengthens our faith, and guides us to live with renewed purpose. The retreat includes inspiring conferences, the celebration of the Sacraments, quiet time for reflection, and uplifting fellowship. Cost: \$300 per person. Registration or info: 519-738-6136 or www.hfjh.ca/upcoming-retreats

***Bulletin Ads:** We are accepting paid business advertisements for 2026. Contact Mirka: 519-253-5863 or email: htcwindsor@dol.ca

Greetings



On the occasion of the feast of St. Cecilia, we sincerely thank Sr. Anna and our choir members for their beautiful singing during Holy Mass.

Your ministry enriches our community. We wish you God's blessings, joy in singing, and continual inspiration. May St. Cecilia watch over you! Thank you!

From the Diary of St. Faustina

“One night, one of our sisters who had died two months earlier came to me. I saw her in a terrible state. She was completely surrounded by flames, her face painfully distorted. It lasted only a moment, and she disappeared. A shudder went through my soul, for I did not know where she might be suffering - whether in Purgatory or in Hell - but I doubled my prayers for her. The next night she came again, but I saw her in an even more dreadful state, in even more terrifying flames, and despair was written on her face. I was greatly surprised that after the prayers I had offered for her, I saw her in an even worse condition, and I asked: ‘Have my prayers not helped you at all?’ She answered that my prayer had not helped her and would not help. I asked: ‘And the prayers that the entire Congregation offered for you - have they brought you no help either?’ She answered that they had not. Those prayers had gone to the benefit of other souls. Yet I did not stop praying. After some time she came to me again at night, but now in a different state. She was no longer in flames as before, and her face was radiant; her eyes shone with joy. She told me that I have true love of neighbor, that many other souls had benefited from my prayers, and she encouraged me not to stop praying for the souls suffering in Purgatory. She also told me that she herself would not remain in Purgatory much longer.” (Diary, 58)



***You are warmly invited to the Solemn Mass and Banquet celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Polish School at the Holy Trinity Parish and the 60th Anniversary of the Ursuline Sisters SJK in Canada.** The Solemn Mass will take place on Saturday,

November 22nd, at 3 pm in our Church. The Banquet will be held the same day at 4:30 pm at the Caboto Club. Tickets are on sale at the following prices: \$120 for adults, \$80 for children and youth (ages 5–17) and graduates (up to 25 years old). Tickets can be purchased after Mass in the parish hall or from Mariusz Zalewski: 519-992-1207, Sr. Teresa Sroka: 519-990-3628, or the Ursuline Sisters' residence: 519-256-7115.

Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for the souls suffering in Purgatory, for the dying, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for sinners in my family, and also in my own house. Amen.

A Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Most compassionate Jesus, have mercy on the souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thyself our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their sighs, look with pity upon the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by virtue of Thy Passion, release them from the pains due to their sins. O most merciful Jesus, let Thy Precious Blood reach down into Purgatory and refresh and revive the captive souls who suffer there. Stretch out to them Thy strong right hand, and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.