



PARISH OF THE
ST. JEROME

Roman Catholic Church

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October 31, 2021
The 31st Sunday
In Ordinary Time



Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: : 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: : 9:00 a.m.
: 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday : 9:15 a.m.
Thursday : 9:15 a.m.
Friday : 9:15 a.m.

Weekday Mass at St. Gerard Majella, 211 Pentagon Blvd.

Monday: 9:15 a.m. , Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.

Parish Covenant & Mission

Covenant: As a hope-filled, Christ-centred people, the community of St. Jerome Parish will strive to make Christ visible as we reach out to love, serve and support all God's people.

Mission: In love and service St. Jerome Parish will seek to meet its covenant commitment through life giving liturgy, religious education, outreach and community building.

Pastor:

Rev. Alex Saurianthadathil

Administrative Assistant:

Richard Liskauskas

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 10:00 a.m. to
Noon;

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Friday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Saints of the Week

1. All Saints Day: Monday
2. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: Tuesday
4. St. Charles Borromeo: Thursday

New to the Parish? Welcome! Make sure to introduce yourself to our parish staff, and fill out a Parish Registration Form.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated after a preparation program is completed. Phone the office or fill out online form to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the intended date of marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick: First Wednesday of the month at the 9:15am Mass or by appointment.

Vocations to the Priesthood/Religious Life: Please speak to the Pastor or visit: www.beapriest.ca or www.csjssm.ca

Parish Prayer Line: Please call Marian Helpers prayer line at 1-800-462-7426. Press 2 to add your intentions.

24/7 On-Call Priest: Please notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinator to contact the priest on-call.

Communion to Shut-Ins: Please notify the parish office.

Bulletin Submissions: Deadline for items to be considered for printing is Wednesday morning. Please note that all submissions may be edited.

Four Simple Ways to support the Parish:

- 1) Through traditional Sunday Offering Envelopes
- 2) Pre-Authorized Debit Plan
- 3) Online on our web-site
- 4) E-transfer to stjerome@diocesessm.org (please include name and address in comment box).

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Mass Intentions Oct 30 to Nov 5, 2021

† denotes a Mass for a deceased person
♥ denotes a Mass for a living person

Saturday, Oct 30, 4:00 pm In Church:

† Marilyn Scott by Erika Scott Guzzo

Sunday, Oct 31, 9:00am In Church:

† Deceased members of Majic Family
by Vivian Majic and Family

Sunday, Oct 31, 11:00am In Church:

♥ Intentions of All People in The Parish

Monday, Nov 1, 7:00pm In Church:

All Saints Day

Tuesday, Nov 2, 9:15am In Church:

Intentions of All Souls

Wednesday, Nov 3, 9:15am In Church:

† Souls in Purgatory by Irma Giovanatti-Bre

Thursday, Nov 4, 9:15am In Church:

† Gayle Mendicino by Mary Anne & Norm

Friday, Nov 5, 9:15am In Church:

♥ Intentions of All People in The Parish

Sunday Collection: October 24th, 2021

Sunday donations	\$3,189.60
Building Fund	\$101.00
On-line giving	\$100.00
Total income	\$3,390.60



*Thank you for your
generosity!*

On-line preparation for
First Reconciliation.

See Fr. Alex's letter below for
more information.

Thank you for your patience.



Have you finished raking your
leaves yet? Come do ours!
Volunteers needed for raking
leaves. Come on Wednesday
Nov 4th afternoon or Thursday
Nov 5th afternoon. Thank you!



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1



ALL SAINTS' DAY

On Monday November 1st,
Feast of All Saints, there will be
a Mass at **7:00 pm.**

FEAST OF ALL SOULS NOVEMBER 2



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On Tuesday November 2nd, Feast
of All Souls, there will be a special
Mass at **7:00 pm** when those from
the parish who have died during
the past year will be remembered.
There will be a special candlelight
ceremony. Please come and
support grieving families.

[My Dear Parish Family,](#)

Greetings in the Lord! It is an honor to address you for the first time as your new pastor. My name is Fr. Alex Joseph Saurianthadathil, but you may call me Fr. Alex. I am so happy to join this wonderful parish of St. Jerome and look forward to continuing in ministry and being blessed with the opportunity of meeting new families throughout this academic year.

If you do not currently belong to a church community, I invite you to consider sharing with us at St. Jerome Parish. Welcome! In case you may not know, if you live within the physical boundaries of this parish, you are already an *unregistered* member of it. If you would like to learn more about our parish community, please check out our website at <https://stjeromeparishssm.com> or contact the parish office: 705-949-1072.

The past 2 years have presented many challenges; however, things are looking up! With the lifting of many Covid-19 restrictions, the comfort level to return to the public celebration of Mass is beginning to increase. With this, the church also has begun to plan and prepare for the reception of the sacraments for the year 2021-2022. The celebration of any sacrament in a person's life is a special moment of grace and blessings poured out by God. These sacred signs are opportunities for us to come to know God's presence in the world around us and to help us grow in a deeper relationship with Him. Above all they are vital in forming us on our faith journey.

We are so excited to introduce a **new online preparation course for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation**, called the Signs of Grace: You Are Forgiven. Anyone with a computer or laptop can access the program from anywhere. It is a paid program so each candidate will have to purchase a seat, at the cost of \$50.00. If there is more than one candidate in a household, only one seat needs to be purchased. If this causes any financial burden for the family, please let me know.

The candidate will be given a 3-month time period to complete the course. In this way, you can do the preparation at your own convenience from your home. The course consists of 7 sessions, filled with child-friendly videos and engaging activities. It may be started at any time following the **Orientation Meeting**, which will be held **at 7:00 pm on November 23rd at St. Jerome Church**. The course must be completed by the end of February, 2022. In addition to online learning, there is a church participation component. **Each candidate must attend at least 5 weekend masses**, either on Saturday or Sunday, **during the 3-month time period**, to qualify for the celebration of the sacrament. **Please submit the application form to St. Jerome Parish office or your attending School office by Tuesday, November 16, 2021.**

The celebration date of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be determined after the completion of the course. Those who successfully complete this course, as well as any candidates who completed the Reconciliation Program from the previous year at our Church, will be eligible to enroll for the online sacramental preparation for First Communion, after the March Break.

Please read carefully:

- These sacraments are available to those who have been baptized into the Catholic Faith.
- Candidates should be in Grade 2 or 3 (as of September 2021) or higher.
- If the applicant was not baptized at St. Jerome Parish, a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required by the Orientation Meeting.
- If you are not a registered member of St. Jerome Parish, please have a letter of permission signed by the priest of the parish you attend in order to celebrate the sacrament with us.

I thank you in advance for taking the initiative in your child's faith formation and I wish you the very best in this academic year as you continue to help, guide and accompany your child in their journey to knowledge and wisdom. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 705-949-1072, or Hilda Bojko, at 705-946-2998.

May God bless you and your family!
Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Alex Saurianthadathil
Pastor of St. Jerome Parish

November the Month of Remembrance and Great Hope

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly kingdom. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

Take to Heart These Words

“Hear, O Israel!” (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of “pledge of allegiance” that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God’s personal name. In its place they substitute the word *Lord*. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: “I will be your God and you shall be my people” (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God’s people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. “Hear, O Israel!” “Take to heart these words” (Deuteronomy 6:6).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?*
- ★ *How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?*



*[The scribe said to Jesus,]
“To love your neighbor
as yourself” is worth more
than all burnt offerings
and sacrifices.”*

MARK 12:33

Dear Padre,

Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs,"



"tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound

issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 7
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



**Time Change
November 6/7
Move Your Clocks
Back 1 Hour**



Vulnerable Persons Registry

A free and confidential service aimed at improving the safety of vulnerable persons during emergencies. Check to see if you or a loved one qualify and gain peace of mind!

705 942-7927 Ext 3041

info@soovpr.com www.sooovpr.com

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Stay tuned for information on how to sign up.

ST. JEROME'S CHURCH PROTOCOLS

The church will be open 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass is set to begin. The **south entrance (Carmel Road entrance) will remain closed**. People are asked to line up and **enter the church through the north entrance**.

Attendance is **first come first serve** with **80 people** being the **maximum** number who can attend. Parishioners must **sanitize their hands** at one of the sanitizing stations. All **people must wear a mask** in order to enter the church.

Parishioners attending Mass will be asked to give their **contact information (name and telephone number)** to a volunteer in the north foyer of the church. Please **observe social distancing** maintaining a physical distance of **2 metres or 6 feet**.