



November 7th, 2021 —
Thirty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time



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

PARISH OF

ST. JEROME

Roman Catholic Church

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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-centered 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.



Saints of the Week

Tuesday 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wednesday 10th St. Leo The Great

Thursday 11th St. Martin of Tours

Friday 12th St. Josaphat



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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 9:15 am 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

Nov 6 to Nov 13, 2021

† denotes a Mass for a deceased person

♥ denotes a Mass for a living person

Saturday, Nov 6, 4:00 pm In Church:

† Carol Ann Meating by Linda Mizzi

† Elena Naccarato by Frank Naccarato

Sunday, Nov 7, 9:00 am In Church:

† Ilonda Vernelli by Mario Celetti

Sunday, Nov 7, 11:00 am In Church:

♥ Intentions of All People in The Parish

Wednesday, Nov 10, 9:15 am In Church:

† Connelly Family by Sr. Roberta Low

Thursday, Nov 11, 9:15 am In Church:

Remembrance Day

♥ Intentions of Sisters of St. Joseph & Associates by Rene Nadon

Friday, Nov 12, 9:15 am In Church:

† Deceased members of Rosso & Casola Families by Attilio & Mary Rosso



Sunday Collection: October 31st, 2021

Sunday donations	\$3,627.50
Building Fund	\$235.00
On-line giving	\$375.00
World Missions	\$255.00
Total income	\$4,492.50



*Thank you for your
generosity!*



As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and collectively address the climate crisis, we must ensure that with all our plans, people and the planet come first. As Catholics, as Canadians, we must also ensure that all future economic activity operates in full recognition of the human rights of all persons involved, including their right to a safe, sustainable, and healthy environment. We can ensure that Canadian companies are not complicit in human rights abuses, including environmental degradation, and we can contribute to a global standard in which the protection of human and environmental rights is an enforceable obligation.

[SIGN THE PETITION FOR HREDD](https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/take-action/)

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Sunday Missals for 2021/2022 will be available starting Nov. 14th
Suggested donation \$5.00

November – Month for Remembering

The month of November is a good time to remember our loved ones that have died. One way to include them in prayer is by having a Mass said for them.

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention, that he offers privately, is that he will celebrate the Mass well, according to the rubrics provided by the Church in the Roman Missal. The second is a public intention where he applies the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention.

Often when priest are vesting they offer a quiet prayer signaling their intent, their desire, to pray the Mass well. The second intention, known as the Mass intention, is announced publicly through various church communication means and usually at some point during the mass on the designated day.

Often, people request a Mass for a specific intention. They may be for deceased family members and friends, or for special intentions for the living, such as a wedding anniversary or birthday. These special mass intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.



Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

Family and Life

Celebrating the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year

Since 19 March 2021, Pope Francis has invited the Catholic faithful to celebrate a year dedicated to the family and deepen our understanding of his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, "The Joy of Love". The *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year will conclude with the 10th World Meeting of Families, which will take place in Rome and will also be celebrated in local dioceses, 22 – 26 June 2022.

The Office of Family and Life at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has created this online resource page to explore the pastoral insights of *Amoris Laetitia* through video resources, the official text divided into chapters along with reflection questions, an overview of what Catholic dioceses and eparchies of Canada are doing to celebrate this year, as well as relevant Church documents and prayers for the family. All of these resources offer ways to learn, pray, and discern. Together they represent the CCCB's ongoing accompaniment and support of today's 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

Remembrance Day, November 11th



The purpose of Remembrance Day is to remember and honour 3 groups of people: men and women who died serving our country; men and women who served our country who are still living (our veterans); and men and women who are serving our country at this moment in areas where there are wars and conflicts or peacekeeping missions.

We remember and honour these 3 groups of people by sharing stories of their experiences, wearing poppies, laying wreaths, having moments of silence, and so forth.

All these actions are good and meaningful. However, from a Christian perspective, if this is all we do, there is something missing. As people of faith, we ought to go 1 step further. We ought to let God enter the picture. Practically speaking, this means that, during our celebration of Remembrance Day, we rely on our belief in God to shape what we think, what we say and what we do.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44



[Jesus said,] "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

MARK 12:43

Ouch!

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were

poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity *despite* their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How open are you to the needs of others?
- ★ How generous does this make you?

Dear Padre,

My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?

It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



JOE ALHEAD / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Wis 1:1–7

Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the
Church

Wis 6:1–11

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop

Wis 7:22b–8:1

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr

Wis 13:1–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 14

Thirty-third Sunday in
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Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32



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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 **100 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**.