

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON CREMATION - The Catholic Church has a long history of teaching that the human body is sacred and should be treated with respect. This teaching is based on the belief that the human body is created in the image and likeness of God, according to Genesis 1:27. Because of this, the Church has typically preferred that the bodies of the faithful have a traditional burial after death. However, the Church also recognizes that there are valid reasons why some people may choose to have their loved ones cremated. For example, cremation may be necessary for sanitary reasons, or it may be the only option available in some parts of the world. In these cases, the Church permits cremation, but it does not encourage it. The Church also teaches that cremation should not be chosen for reasons that are contrary to the faith. For example, cremation should not be chosen to deny the resurrection of the body, or to express indifference to the human body. Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place at some time after the Funeral. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” If a Catholic chooses to have their loved one cremated, the Church asks that the cremated remains be treated with respect. The remains should not be scattered, divided, or kept in mementos. Instead, they should be buried in a sacred place, such as a church cemetery.

CATHOLIC CHURCH STAND ON EVOLUTION - The Catholic Church does not oppose the theory of evolution and supports theistic evolution, which posits that God guides the evolutionary process. In the 1950 encyclical “Humani Genesis”, pope Pius XII stated that there is no intrinsic conflict between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that believers maintain that God is the creator of all things and that human souls are directly created by God, not merely the result of material process. The Catholic Church maintains that evolution and faith can coexist.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - A big thank you to St. Mary’s School for their incredible support with the Thanksgiving food drive. The students held a fun competition where for every two food items donated, they earned a “feather” for their class. Their enthusiasm and generosity truly shone through — and thanks to their efforts, all of our cupboards are now full! We are so grateful to the students, staff, and families who made this drive such a success. Your kindness will make a real difference for many in our community.



ST. MARY’S CWL - Thank you CWL members for the Thanksgiving Display at the front of the church. It makes us all feel so thankful for our food each day. The next CWL meeting is Nov.03 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

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29th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

October 18-19, 2025



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin (Chairperson)- 416 300 8680*
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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.
Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.
First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 9am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Oct 20, Mon - NO MASS
Oct 21, Tues 9am
Oct 22, Wed 9am - +Steven Casteels by Mom, Dad & family
Oct 23, Thurs 9am
Oct 24, Fri 9am
Oct 25, Sat 9am
Oct 25, Sat 4pm (30th Ordinary Sunday) Al & Midred De Souza by Deirdre Arzheimer
Oct 26, Sun 10am (30th Ordinary Sunday) Memorial +Tom, Willy, Reyni Meeks by Vince & Diane Meekes

Oct 25-26 WEEKEND MASSES

	4pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Dave Hughes	Joanna Mecozzi
EMHC:	Deirdre Arzheimer	Bernadette Murray
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane & Rob Ugolini



Collections Weekend of Oct 11-12, 2025

Sunday Offering - \$1,190
Building Maintenance -\$50



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Terry Korotki, Gladys Leclerc, Dalton McDonald

POPE LEO XIV – (This month of October, Pope Leo invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives) “As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world. May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives, become missionaries of peace and mercy, witnesses of peace and love greater than our failures or divisions." HEEDING THE CALL OF THE POPE, HOLY ROSARY IS SAID 10 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.



FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025 - Pope Leo XIV calls on every Catholic parish to take part in World Mission Sunday today, 19 October: “Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth." he said. World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. This special day unites Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: supporting the Church where it faces its greatest challenges. The central message for this Jubilee Year 2025 is “Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples”. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves.



ALL SOUL’S DAY ENVELOPES - Envelopes for “All Souls’ Day” are available at the back. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones and put the envelope back to the box or drop it in the collection basket before November 2nd. Masses for their intention will be said on November 2 @ 9am and in all Fridays of the month of November. Offering Mass for the dead is a practice rooted in the belief in the power of intercession and the communion of the saints. The Mass is a mysteriously spiritual experience that not only unites us with the Church on earth, but also to all those suffering souls in purgatory. The Church has taught for many centuries that our prayers at Mass for the dead can help them complete their "time" in purgatory.



WHAT MAKES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DIFFERENT? (Key Aspects of Catholicism's Uniqueness): The Papacy, Sacramental Theology, The Eucharist, Tradition & Magisterium, Veneration of Saints, Global Cultural & Historical Impact) **Global Cultural & Historical Impact:** Catholicism’s historical, social, and ethical influence is profound. It has contributed to education, health care, arts, social justice, and missionary work globally. Its rituals, holidays, and moral teachings have shaped cultures throughout Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia. The Church’s unique engagement with social and ethical issues while maintaining universal beliefs creates a distinctive presence in both local and global affairs.

WORLD FOOD DAY (Oct 16) - World Food Day, held this year on 16 October, has been an annual reminder that food insecurity and malnutrition remain ever-present. As the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN FAO) celebrates its 80th anniversary, an estimated 1 in 12 people globally still face hunger. This leaves around 700 million people experiencing hunger. In addition, nearly 2.3 billion experienced moderate or severe food insecurity last year. And with climate change, geopolitical conflicts and continued food price inflation, we could see food insecurity become more precarious rather than decline. His Holiness Pope Leo and the FAO Director-General agreed on the need to do more and better, together, to address global development and humanitarian challenges, especially to address hunger and ensure food security for all – working together for peace.