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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**OCT 25, 2026**



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM




## Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Council, *Michael Mullin-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 8: 30am.**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

*Mass Intention today Oct 18 +Colleen Lawson*
*Oct 26, Mon 9am ( St Mary's School Faith Day)*
*Oct 27, Tues 11am - Funeral Mass for Tony Farwell*
*Oct 28, Wed 9am- +Al & Mildred De Souza by Dierdre Arzheimer*
*Oct 29, Thurs 9am*
*Oct 30, Friday 8:30 (Adoration of B-Sacrament) +Ferlen Valles*
*Oct 31, Sat 9am- + Ferlen Valles*
*Oct 31, Sat 4pm (ALL SAINTS) +Esperanza & Antoino Salunga by Sophie Velasco*
*Nov 1, Sun 10am (ALL SAINTS) +Deceased members of St Mary's CWL*

## OCT 31- NOV 1, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

| | 4 pm | 10 am |
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| LECTORS: | John Logel | Michael Stephenson |
| EMHC: | Par Rutherford | J. Goulin & S. Hollywood |
| USHERS: | Darrell & Nick Manley | Joe O'Kane & Ed Nemec |




## COLLECTIONS OCT 17-18

**Sunday Offering - $860, Mission Sunday - $200, Golf Tournament -$475**

**RESPONSIBLE VOTING: A MATTER OF FAITH AND CONSCIENCE** - The Catholic Church teaches that voting is an important exercise of civic responsibility, and Catholics have a moral duty to form their consciences before choosing their political leaders. The Church does not tell the faithful which candidate to elect. It teaches them how to make that decision responsibly, morally, and conscientiously. Voting is not merely a political privilege; it is a responsibility before God and society. A Christian voter should pray, study the issues, examine the candidates' records, and vote according to a conscience formed by the gospel.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

CWL: Nov 2, 9:30am/Parish Council: Nov 18, 9:30//Parish Christmas Potluck: Sunday Dec 13: 11am/

## PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Joan Farwell, Lexter Mendez, Patrick King, Helen Dettman, Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**ALL SOULS' DAY, NOV 2ND** (REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES) "All Souls Day" envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Holy Mass will be offered for their intentions on November 2 (All Souls Day) and on all Fridays throughout November. Our remembrance and prayers for the faithful departed are deeply rooted in our Christian faith in the Resurrection and eternal life. Through our prayers and the celebration of the Eucharist, we entrust our departed loved ones to God's merciful love, trusting in His promise of eternal life.

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD: THE CATHOLIC - PAGAN DISTINCTION** - Deuteronomy 18:10-11: "Let no one be found among you who practices divination, sorcery, engages in witchcraft, or a medium or spiritist, who consults the dead." The passage warns against divination, sorcery, consulting mediums, and seeking forbidden knowledge from the dead. The central issue is the attempt to obtain supernatural knowledge, guidance, or power through occult practices rather than trusting in God. Catholics agree that such practices are forbidden. However, when Catholics pray for the dead, they are not summoning spirits, seeking secret knowledge, or asking the dead to reveal the future. They are asking God to have mercy on those who have died. The distinction is between attempting to control or obtain information from the spiritual world and entrusting the deceased to God's mercy through prayer. The Bible explicitly supports praying for the dead. 2 Maccabees 12:44–46: "It was a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

**CWL NEWS** - The CWL Project "Helping Others" begins Oct.24 and runs until Nov. 15/26. Please donate "Personal Care Items" such as soap, shampoo, socks, gloves, touques, diapers and much more. There are tubs in the foyer for your donations and a list of ideas to donate on the bulletin board. Items are needed for all ages, from infants, teenagers to adults. Our prayers are with Pope Leo on his path to good health. Condolences to Joan Farwell and her family on the loss of a dear husband and father, Tony. Condolences to Magda Casteels Zoelman, her family and extended family here in Grafton, on the loss of a dear husband, father and grandfather, John Zoelman. They reside in Bowmanville, but have strong family ties to St. Mary's, Grafton with many members of John & Magda's family in this area. The next CWL meeting is Nov. 02/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Membership envelopes will be sent out the first week of November. Follow the instructions within. Please pray for members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families after the training tragedy at Wainwright, Alberta, last weekend. To those who lost their lives, "May they rest in Peace!"