

PARISH COUNCIL-FINANCIL HEALTH REPORT - As Chair of the Parish Council, I am pleased to share a very positive update on the financial health of our parish. Thanks to your generosity and continued support, our General Account now has a balance of \$32,885.15(as of November 3, 2025), and our Bingo Account has \$3,891. This improvement allows us to care for our parish more proactively and responsibly. Over the past few months, your contributions have helped us make several wise financial decisions: Purchased a snowblower for the parish. This will save us from having to hire snow removal services throughout the winter. Purchased a new printer, reducing ongoing rental costs and saving money month after month. That's a wonderful sign that we are on the right track. Well done, everyone! As we enter winter, we know that unexpected expenses always arise. Please continue your support so we can maintain this strong financial footing. A special note of thanks to Jackie Innis and our Bingo team. The Bingo fund is a vital resource that makes restoration projects possible. If you have a few hours a month to spare, please consider helping with the Bingo team. Your time directly helps preserve and enhance our beautiful church. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to St. Mary's Parish. *Michael Mullin*

COBOURG ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS HUMANITARIAN SERVICES - St. Mary's Parish extends a sincere thank you to the Cobourg Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Humanitarian Services for their generous donation of a wheelchair to our parish. Their commitment to helping individuals and families in our community is truly appreciated. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs collect, refurbish, and loan medical and assistive equipment—including wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches—to anyone in need, free of charge. This ministry has made a profound impact on countless lives, offering support and dignity during times of challenge. If you have medical or assistive equipment that you no longer need, please consider donating it to their program. Your unused items can make a meaningful difference in someone else's life. Contact info: Ph. 905-373-4887.

ST. MARY'S CWL - Members, please remember to pay your CWL fees by Nov.30/25. Follow the instructions in your Membership envelope. On Nov.10/25 St. Mary's CWL members are presenting "Mary's Suitcase" to grades 5 & 6 students at St. Mary CES. The suitcase is used to teach the Rosary to the students. The suitcase is filled with items that help make the Rosary easier for students to understand and make it more interesting. The members will continue this initiative each month. Mary's Suitcase was put together by the St. Mary's CWL. A special thanks to member Kathy Ancker who chaired this initiative. PARISHIONERS, November is HELPING OTHERS Month when you are asked to donate PESONAL CARE ITEMS to the CWL for those in need. There is a list of items on the bulletin board that are needed and a tub by the front door of the church to place your items in. This is a 3-tiered initiative: The Parishioners donate. The CWL collect. St. Vincent de Paul distribute. Thank you for your generosity. It is so appreciated. The next CWL meeting is Dec.01/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

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**FEAST OF THE DEDICATION
OF ST. JOHN
LATERAN BASILICA**



November 9, 2025



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

**WEEKEND
MASSES**

**SATURDAY
4PM**

**SUNDAY
10AM**



**"STOP MAKING MY FATHER'S
HOUSE A MARKETPLACE"**

Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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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

Mass Intentions for today: Nov 9 - Memorial + Betty Anne Ugolini

Nov 10, Mon - NO MASS

Nov 11, Tues 9am (St Martin of Tours, bishop) REMEMBRANCE DAY

Nov 12, Wed 9am (St. Josaphat, bishop) +Deceased members of Auger family by Vicky Auger

Nov 13, Thurs 9am

Nov 14, Fri 9am +For All Souls

Nov 15, Sat 9am

Nov 15, Sat 4pm (33rd Sunday Ordinary) - For the people of the parish

Nov 16, Sun 10am (33rd Sunday Ordinary) +Deceased members of St Mary's CWL

Nov 15-16 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS:

Dave Hughes

Kathy Ancker

EMHC:

Pat Rutherford

Judith Goulin

USHERS:

Darrell & Nick Manley

Rob Ugolini & Ed Nemec



Collections Weekend of Nov 1-2, 2025

Sunday Offering - \$ 2,500

Building Maintenance -\$270



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

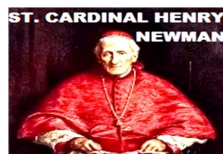
Terry Korotki, Dalton McDonald

POPE LEO XIV –



Pope Leo has proclaimed St. John Henry Newman (Converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism), a Doctor of the Church during Mass celebrated in Saint Peter's Square in the Vatican, on the Feast of All Saints. This title of Doctor of the Church is rarely bestowed. The title of Doctor of the Church is conferred on those who have made a very significant contribution to an understanding of the faith through their insights, through their work, through their preaching and teaching and St. John Henry Newman was certainly a case in point. Pope Leo also declared St John Henry Newman, along with St Thomas Aquinas, as a patron saint of the Catholic Church's educational mission. Newman was a highly original thinker, who combined a vast knowledge of the Fathers of the Church with a keen appreciation of the contemporary culture and a deep understanding of human nature.

As a result, his works, though composed in the nineteenth century, remain relevant and thought-provoking today. His motto, 'heart speaks to heart', well expresses his ability as a thinker to engage personally with those who read him.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA ([Feast day, Nov 9](#)) Today, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, a unique observance that focuses on a sacred building rather than a saint.



This Basilica of St. John Lateran, located in Rome, with the inscription over the main entrance, "The mother and head of all churches in Rome and in the world," highlights its importance as a place of worship and the focal point of Catholicism. The term "Lateran" comes from the name of the family who owned the land where the basilica was built. In 313 AD, Constantine converted the palace of the Lateran family into a church, marking a pivotal moment in the history of Christianity. It was the first church dedicated to Christ and served as the papal residence for many centuries. As the cathedral church of the Pope, it represents the central authority of the Catholic Church and serves as a reminder of our shared faith and communion in Christ. In celebrating the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we are reminded of the importance of unity within the Church calling us to work together in faith, service, and love.

PRIEST SITS DOWN AFTER HOMILY - The priest sitting down after the homily is a practice that had been observed for centuries and is rooted in tradition and biblical meaning. This moment of silence allows the congregation to digest the homily's content and fosters a contemplative atmosphere, enriching the worship experience by allowing time for internalization of the gospel message. Furthermore, such moments of silence in the liturgy enhances faithful spiritual experience of the Mass.



CATHOLIC CHURCH'S OPPOSITION TO ALL FORMS OF EUTHANASIA: "As Catholics, we uphold the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We believe that every single life matters. We are committed to protecting everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We offer hope, mercy and love to those who suffer – not abandonment and death. No Catholic is permitted to take part in MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying), be it for themselves or for another person. This is because all forms of euthanasia and assisted suicide are gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, our Creator. From our Lord we learn that we are never alone in our suffering. His special love for the sick and his acts of healing call us, too, to be close to any who suffer and strive to lessen their pain whenever possible.

REMEMBRANCE DAY (Nov 11) Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is the day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is the day when a believing community should re-dedicate itself by the prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

SAGRADA FAMILIA CHURCH - The Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona takes record for tallest church in the world as construction nears its end for the central tower, which is set to be finished in 2026. Now towering 162.91 meters tall, the basilica in Barcelona now takes the record from the Ulm Minster in Germany, which had been considered the tallest since 1890. Once the central Tower of Jesus Christ is finished, the basilica will stand at 172 meters tall. Its completion will mean a historic moment in the ongoing construction of the Sagrada Família, which began almost 150 years ago.