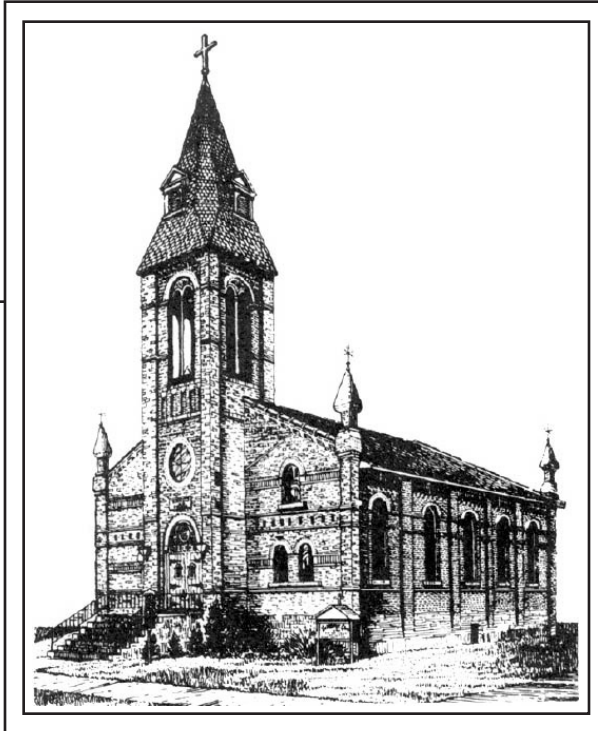


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**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### AS WITH THE SEASONS, SO WITH OUR LIVES

As I was walking the other day in this season of fall, I noticed how the scattered leaves, blowing about in the wind would appear as colourful with the sunlight but appeared gray and drab under cloud cover. I got to thinking about how each of the four seasons of nature correspond with the seasons of our lives and how each season can be seen as both beautiful and as opportunities to growth as well as also being seasons which can find us down, negative and drab compared to other seasons when we thought our perspective and sense of well-being was better. Living in Canada, as we do, all four seasons are experienced as distinct and have their beauty as well as their challenges to our bodies but also our mood.



Winter

Winter brings with it cold temperatures, changing weather patterns as well as ice and snow. It can be breathtakingly awesome and provide for sport while also being a time of darker, shorter days and weather that makes travelling and even walking somewhat of a challenge to both body and spirit. Winter is most often listed as the first of the four seasons yet psychologically as the last as it reflects the time in our lives when we are elderly and with perhaps less energy and mobility as we once knew. It represents the last and final chapters of our earthly existence and all we have known for better or worse. For some it is a challenging time in looking back to what might be perceived as our busier years in the spring and summer of our being when so much was happening, children were growing up and we considered ourselves happier, active and with little thought about the far-off and distant future. Yet the beauty of winter also reflects God's life in us still and the persistent truth that we are to live until we die, focusing on each day God gives us and the reality that our lives are not really our own but entrusted to us by God for a time until eternity. Our current times have created a culture with many giving up on the end of life due to illness, depression or loneliness with the scourge of medical assistance in dying (M.A.I.D.) Yet it is not in God's plan for us in any human season and our struggles and challenges are redemptive as we follow the One who has redeemed us to live in fact, forever. We can and should see the good news of this redemption in the song lyric, *"Sometimes when I look upon the snow, it tells me what You've done within my soul... Jesus!"*.



Spring

Spring signifies new life, sunshine, longer days and the energy and richness of life itself. In this season is echoed the newness of God's creating hand who called all things into existence. It is in this season of our lives that, it would seem, time passes too slowly when we want to grow up faster and time moves too slowly. We long to be old enough to be independent, have our license, get that car, that job, that girlfriend or boyfriend, get a good education or pursue our sense of vocation in life. When we are in fact

older, we say "Life", as George Bernard Shaw said, "is wasted on the young", only because we have the wisdom which comes from life experience when we recognize the necessity to see all seasons of our life as important and necessary parts of God's plan. It is this part of life where faith in Christ is largely shaped, grows or withers away and when living for the moment and for pleasure is an all-too-present temptation to live the 'now' at high speed and often enough, high cost. Our drives require restraint and training especially when our minds have not been fully formed and our false sense of being invincible can be our leading drive. It is precisely in this season when children are either shaped to live in this world with a sense of God's creating and loving hand and His dominion over all things, including us, or not. Our contemporary society, sadly, is not largely handing on faith and life in Christ to their children which does in fact create the illusion that we, as individuals, are the center of the universe, though we are in fact given the highest dignity and call among all of God's creation, we who are loved eternally by God.



Summer

As with the association of summer with warmth, sunshine and the exuberance of life, so this season is reminiscent of that part of life teeming with careers, raising family and hopefully living our faith in the midst of a more busy and structured life. In our time, often due to the high cost of living and a slower maturing process in society itself, people stay in their parents' home longer – sometimes well into their 30's – often with degrees that may be absolutely useless in making a living and a life in order to marry, buy a home and spend the 'productive' part of our lives building on the foundation of our years and gathered experience.



Autumn

Progressively, our age has borne the fruit from struggle of previous times when retirement wasn't always assured. This stage of life is hopefully marked by change and letting go. Admittedly, I am in the autumn of my own life as I look back recognizing the years have been so fleeting but with the sense that with the years hopefully the wisdom of God's loving plan, close relationship and sustaining hand has borne the truth that this compilation of seasons that is my life, is not all there is. In fact, I consider that if eternity with Christ is the goal, the prize and the summit of all my seasons, (and it is), then I am actually closer and therefore growing younger toward the prize of eternal life with Jesus. Personally, and admittedly, I consider the spirit of the world we have created is in deep trouble as it has moved and continues to move rapidly and with growing intensity away from the gift and reality and care of God. We need so intensely the very God we mock or simply ignore not only for our life and survival but for our flourishing in the life of the Spirit. The beautiful Psalm 90, verse 1, reminds us that *"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."* We really only have today, this season that when spent with and centered on Christ is worth living.. (Fr. Charles)

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	+Henryka Szewczyk Requested by Helen Szuta & Family
Wed Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	+Josip Malovic Requested by Erin Ackland
Thurs Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Unannounced Mass
Fri Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Mato Krajinovic Requested by wife Katherine & Family
Sat Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	
3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Fanny & Ovidio Jaramillo Requested by Jacqueline Wong & Family
Sun Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Andrew St Croix Requested by Mary Beth & Peter Sharpe

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, , Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Denis Fennessy, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Joyce Mittermeier

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**SENIOR WISH – BAGS OF LOVE**



Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* Campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts. This is our third year involved in this campaign and it has been a huge success. If anyone would like to adopt a senior, or if you know of a senior who would benefit from this program, please don't hesitate to contact Senior Wish at 705-331-3961. St. Mary's will be putting a drop-off box in between the hall and the church to support Senior Wish. A list of items will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help a senior. **The deadline for drop off here at the church is the weekend of Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Any donations after that can be dropped off at the Fire Hall on High St. This is such a wonderful thing to do for the seniors in our community who would otherwise not receive anything.**

**MISSALS**

Missals are available for purchase in the little store at the back of the church, or from the parish office. The cost is \$7.00. Please put money in the box provided. Thank You

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING**

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish. Advantages for you:

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For information on how to enroll, please contact your parish office.

**WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS MASSES**

If you would like to remember your "loved ones" in the Masses through the month of November please pick-up an offering envelope at the front of the church, fill it out and put it in the basket provided, there is also a book of remembrance to sign.



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