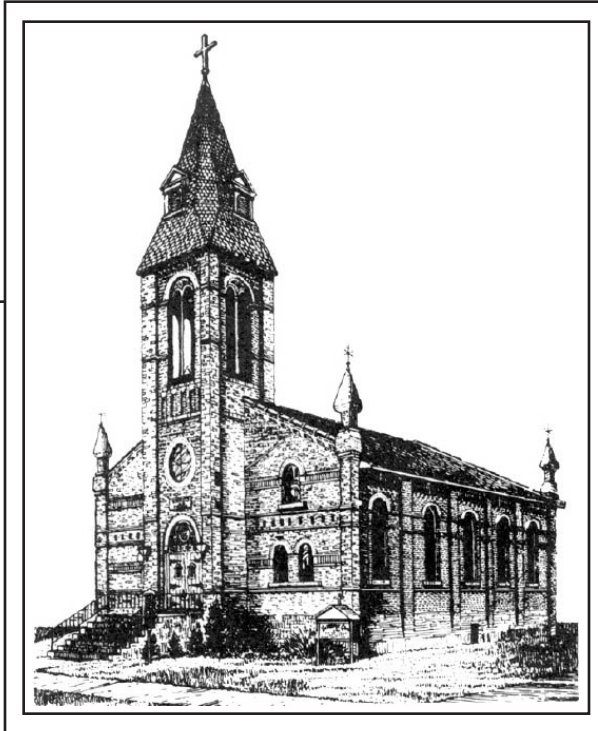


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HELL AND PURGATORY
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



When we consider the Four Last Things – Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell – we might think these are all that happen after this life. That we will all die and then face God's judgment, which determines either eternal life or eternal damnation. However, there is another realm of existence beyond earthly life—that is, Purgatory. Indeed,

everyone will die and be judged both individually (individual judgment) and collectively at the general judgment. To illustrate just how far off the mark we have become in our attitude toward the things of God, many would find this kind of talk exclusive, unfair, and overly simplistic. We want room for doubt in the finality at the end of our lives here on earth. We want to believe that the plaything of our idea of God would find Him smiling, winking at us, and giving us a thumbs-up as we enter our perceived and false eternity, even if we never chose it, desired it, or lived for it. Our sins committed in the body our whole lifetime would be nothing to us in a dangerously false claim that God is only mercy and love; therefore, it would be reasoned, I get heaven. But this is false and to our eternal peril. God has revealed to us that there is a heaven for those who live and do good and a hell—the absence of God forever by our own will—for those who do evil. Admittedly, we would prefer not to speak of evil but rather ‘some bad choices’ or to blame our sins on bad influences perpetrated by others or circumstances. Yet, “...all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.” (2 Cor. 5:10)

My point is that while few would even know about or talk of a purgatory, they quickly and easily choose to believe in a god of their own making who asks nothing of us except that we are ‘nice’ and avoid anything that is too sinful, like murder. Jesus is the Saviour who saves through His horrifying suffering, torture, and death. He took our place to erase the effects of bodily death caused by our sin, offering us the unfathomable and bright promise of eternal life with Him — which is heaven.

Seventy-eight years ago, in a 1947 radio address, then Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen spoke as if he were looking into the future, into the very time we are living in 2025, where he stated —

“Why is it that so few realize the seriousness of our present crisis? Partly because men do not want to believe their own times are wicked, partly because it involves too much self-accusation and principally because they have no standards outside of themselves by which to measure their times. If there is no fixed concept of justice, how shall men know it is violated? Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world. The great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on.”

This, to me, sets the stage for what Sheen would later describe about our contentedness in imagining the devil as a fool who tries to lead humans astray by convincing them there are no eternal consequences for sin, even when we believe we should rely on God’s mercy, love, and forgiveness without also showing mercy,

love, and forgiveness to others in this life, or to not love God at all in this life but find Him somewhat useful in our own imagined idea of heaven. But heaven without God is not heaven at all – it’s hell! Sheen says,

Nowhere in Sacred Scripture do we find warrant for the popular myth of the devil as a buffoon who is dressed like the first “red.” Rather is he described as an angel fallen from heaven, and as “the Prince of this world” whose business it is to tell us that there is no other world. His logic is simple:

*“If there is no heaven, there is no hell;
if there is no hell, then there is no sin;
if there is no sin, then there is no judgment,
then evil is good and good is evil.”*

Sheen was speaking in light of the end of World War II, when victory over a clear enemy could be confused with the lurking enemy that is the Devil, the lawless one, the liar, thief and murderer from the beginning.

The battle lines are already being clearly drawn and the basic issues are no longer in doubt. From now on men will divide themselves into two religions - understood again as surrender to an absolute. The conflict of the future is between the absolute who is the God-man and the absolute which is the man God; the God Who became man and the man who makes himself God; brothers in Christ and comrades in anti-Christ. The anti-Christ will not be so called, otherwise he would have no followers. He will wear no red tights, nor vomit sulphur, nor carry a trident, nor wave an arrow tail as the Mephistopheles in Faust. This masquerade has helped the devil convince men that he does not exist, for he knows that he is never so strong as when men believe that he does not exist.

This is the great and perilous danger of our modern times, where man believes he is a god and can solve all the problems we face with human methods alone. Our so-called progress has resulted in the death of millions in the womb and self-killing through M.A.i.D in Canada and around the world. There is no limit to what evil we can commit, and we may even come to see as good when we detach ourselves from God, which is essentially what we have done and continue to do today with ever-increasing speed and resolve.

In the midst of all his seeming love for humanity and his glib talk of freedom and equality, he will have one great secret which he will tell to no one; he will not believe in God. Because his religion will be brotherhood without the fatherhood of God, he will deceive even the elect. He will set up a counter-Church which will be the ape of the Church because, he the devil, is the ape of God. It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content. It will be a mystical body of the anti-Christ that will in all externals resemble the mystical body of Christ.

After this life, purgatory should not be seen as a soft hell but a place where the soul is purified for heaven for all in purgatory will eventually see God in heaven. We all the more need to pray for their souls, not only in November but always. And we need to be right before God now, for “the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God”. (1 Cor.6:9) Therefore, as Dr. Ralph Martin says, “We shouldn’t want to aim for purgatory because we might miss”, but we should desire to be saints as we aim for heaven itself, for heaven is Jesus. (Fr. Charles)



MASS **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tue Nov 11th
 7:00pm +Jean Stewart
 Requested by the St. Mary's CWL

Wed Nov 12th
 8:30am +Antonino Balloi
 Requested by Mary Cudney & Family

Thurs Nov 13th
 8:30am +Denis Fonseka
 Requested by Rupika & Family

Fri Nov 14th
 7:30am HOLY HOUR
 8:30am +John Allary
 Requested by Heather Allary

Intentions of Fernanda

Sat Nov 15th
 8:30am +Rita & Ray Holmes
 Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson

4:30pm Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Sun Nov 16th
 9:00am +Andrzej Gal
 Requested by Daughters & Grandchildren

11:00am For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Little, Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford,
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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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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 fourth year involved in this campaign and it has been a huge success. The boxes will be out in the hallway, and the lists of items needed will be listed on the box, I will also put some photocopies of items listed on the shelf. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the office. **The deadline for drop off is November 22nd and 23rd.**



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.



Shepherds Trust Collection – Nov 15-16 2025

There will be a second collection for The Shepherds’ Trust net weekend Nov 15/16, 2025. The mission of The Shepherds’ Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

St Vincent DePaul Society Update

As we approach the end of the year we want to extend a big thank you to our parishioners who make donations to St Vincent throughout the year with cash in the Poor Box or cheques that are sent in or payments on our website <https://ssvpcollingwood.ca/> We also want to thank Fr Charles for making the basement available for our Foodbank as well as Fr Ellard Hall for holding our monthly meeting of our members.

This year, the need of our services is not slowing down. On average we take 92 calls every month on our Helpline for Foodbank appointments and other financial emergencies like Eviction Notices, Utility Cut-offs or clothing needs. In addition to the regular foodbank we also pack up some ‘Food Security Packs’ that are targeted to help the homeless in the area or people who cannot make it to the foodbank hours. Other activities include a School Lunch Program and other needs of local students including some scholarships for Grade 12’s who are hoping to move on to College or University. Check our website for details on our other programs. Our 35 members thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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