CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

The lives of the saints teach us that it is possible to live passionately amidst the complexity of the present, without neglecting the apostolic mandate to "shine like stars in the world" (Phil 2:15). This is also the meaning of the Beatitudes proclaimed in today's Gospel. The Beatitudes bring with them a new interpretation of reality. They are both the path and the message of Jesus the Teacher. At first glance, it seems impossible to declare as blessed those who are poor, or those who hunger and thirst for justice, the persecuted or the peacemakers. Yet, that which seems inconceivable in the world's thinking is filled with meaning and light when brought into contact with the Kingdom of God. In the saints, we see this kingdom approaching and becoming present among us. Saint Matthew rightly presents the Beatitudes as a teaching, depicting Jesus as a Master, who transmits a new perspective on things, which is reflected in his own journey. The Beatitudes, however, are not just another teaching; they are the teaching par excellence. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is not just one of many teachers, he is the Master par excellence. Moreover, he is the Educator par excellence. We are his disciples and are in his "school." We learn how to discover in his life, namely in the path he has travelled, a horizon of meaning capable of shining a light on all forms of knowledge.

Responding to today's challenges may sometimes seem beyond our capabilities, but this is not the case. Let us not allow pessimism to defeat us. One of Saint John Henry Newman's best-known hymn "Lead, Kindly Light," we come to realize that we are far from home, our feet are unsteady, we cannot interpret clearly the way ahead. Yet none of this impedes us, since we have found our Guide: "Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on; Lead, Kindly Light, The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on." I would like to say to you: let us disarm the false reasons for resignation and powerlessness, and let us share the great reasons for hope in today's world. Let us reflect upon and point out to others those "constellations" that transmit light and guidance at this present time, which is darkened by so much injustice and uncertainty. Through your lives, let the "great multitude" shine forth, of which the Book of Revelation speaks in today's liturgy, and which "no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages," and which stood "before the Lamb."

Life shines brightly not because we are rich, beautiful or powerful. Instead, it shines when we discover within ourselves the truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves. Every single creature has a role to play. The contribution that each person can make is uniquely valuable. We are called to form people, so that they may shine like stars in their full dignity. - Pope Leo XIV

Coming Up This Week

UNITED CONFERENCE by F2F MINISTRIES
Oct 31st - Nov 1st

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS
Nov 2nd , 12:15PM & 7PM

F2F MINISTRIES
Nov 5th , 7PM - 9PM

BELOVED
Nov 6th , 7PM - 9PM

†VIVIAN KROGSTAD FUNERAL MASS
Nov 7th , 11:30AM

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
9AM 11AM 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Mon-Sat: 12:15PM
Wed: 7:00PM
@ Sherbrook: Fri: 10:15AM

RECONCILIATION
Thu: 7PM - 8:30PM
Fri & Sat: 11AM - 12NN

MUSICAL ADORATION
Thu: 7pm - 8:30PM

BELOVED
1st Fridays: 7PM - 9PM

ROSARY & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPERTUAL HELP
Wed: 6PM

ROSARY
Sat: 11:45AM - 12NN

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

All Souls Day

let us honor and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us.

NOVEMBER 2ND - ALL SOULS DAY

MASS TIMES

12:15 PM

7:00PM

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4-6

November: Month of All Souls

During the month of November, the Church prays for the faithful departed. Please feel free to write the names of your faithfully departed loved ones in our Book of Remembrance. The Book is located in the back of Main Worship area by the votive candles.

Priest Study Days Nov 2-7 Schedule

Monday: 12:15PM & 7PM Mass
Tuesday: 12:15PM Mass
Wednesday: 12:15 Mass TBA
No 7PM Mass
Thursday: 12:15 Mass TBA
Adoration 7PM
Friday: 12:15PM Mass
No Confession
Saturday: 12:15PM Mass
Confession 11AM - 12NN

Holy Mary,
Mother of God:
Pray with us for our priests!

Men's Ministry

Men of Holy Family Cathedral,

Every Catholic man is called to grow in holiness—but he cannot do it alone. He needs a deepening relationship with God, a committed life of prayer and formation, and brotherhood with men who challenge, encourage, and hold him accountable to a life of virtue.

Cor exists to help men answer that call. Through prayer, formation, and fraternity, Cor forms and strengthens Catholic men as missionary disciples, drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Cor is Latin for "heart," reflecting a fundamental truth: our faith, our relationship with God, and our transformation as men of holiness all begin in the heart.

Cor

All men are invited!

Mark your calendar!

November 18 | December 16
January 20 | February 24

For more information and to register please email
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CATECHISM & PARISH NEWS

PURGATORY IS REAL: WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACH?

On All Souls' Day, Catholics remember the faithful departed and offer prayers for the holy souls in Purgatory. But what exactly is Purgatory, and is it biblical?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is the final purification of those who die in God's grace and friendship but are not yet perfectly purified before entering heaven (CCC 1030–1032). It is not a second chance at salvation, but the final preparation of souls destined for eternal life with God.

At death, each person faces the particular judgment. Those who are perfectly purified enter heaven, while those who die in God's grace but still need purification undergo Purgatory. Those who definitively reject God face eternal separation from Him.

THREE ESSENTIAL BELIEFS ABOUT PURGATORY

The Church teaches that there is a final purification after death, that it differs from the punishment of the damned, and that our prayers can assist the souls undergoing this purification.
The word Purgatory comes from the Latin ***purgare***, meaning "to cleanse" or "to purify." To understand this teaching, let us consider two important questions.

1. DID JESUS ALREADY PAY THE FULL PRICE FOR OUR SINS?

Yes. Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus Christ redeemed us from sin and opened the way to eternal life. His sacrifice is perfect and sufficient for our salvation.
However, forgiveness does not always remove every consequence of sin. Our sins can leave behind wounds and attachments that still need healing and purification. Purgatory is not a replacement for Christ's saving work; it is the final purification made possible by His grace, preparing souls for the perfect holiness of heaven (Revelation 21:27).

2. IS THE WORD "PURGATORY" FOUND IN THE BIBLE?

Although the word Purgatory does not appear in Scripture, Catholics understand this teaching through the Bible, Sacred Tradition, and the Church's teaching authority.

Three passages are particularly important:

- **1 Corinthians 3:10–15** — Purification Through Fire. St. Paul describes a person's work being tested by fire and writes that the person "will be saved, but only as through fire" (v. 15). Catholics see this as consistent with purification after death, though the passage does not explicitly name Purgatory.
- **2 Maccabees 12:39–46** — Prayer for the Dead. Judas Maccabeus and his companions pray and offer sacrifice for fallen soldiers, expressing hope in the resurrection and forgiveness of sins. Catholics recognize this as an important biblical foundation for praying for the dead. This book is included in the Catholic Bible but not in most Protestant biblical canons.
- **Matthew 12:32** — Forgiveness in the Age to Come. Jesus says that a particular sin will not be forgiven "either in this age or in the age to come." Some Catholic theologians understand this as consistent with purification after death, though it is not a direct proof of Purgatory on its own.

THE CHURCH'S TEACHING THROUGH THE CENTURIES

Christians prayed for the dead long before the Church formally defined the doctrine of Purgatory. The Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century clarified and reaffirmed this teaching. Pope Benedict XVI also reflected on purification after death in his 2007 encyclical Spe Salvi, describing it in the light of God's justice, mercy, and transforming love.

3. WHY SHOULD WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

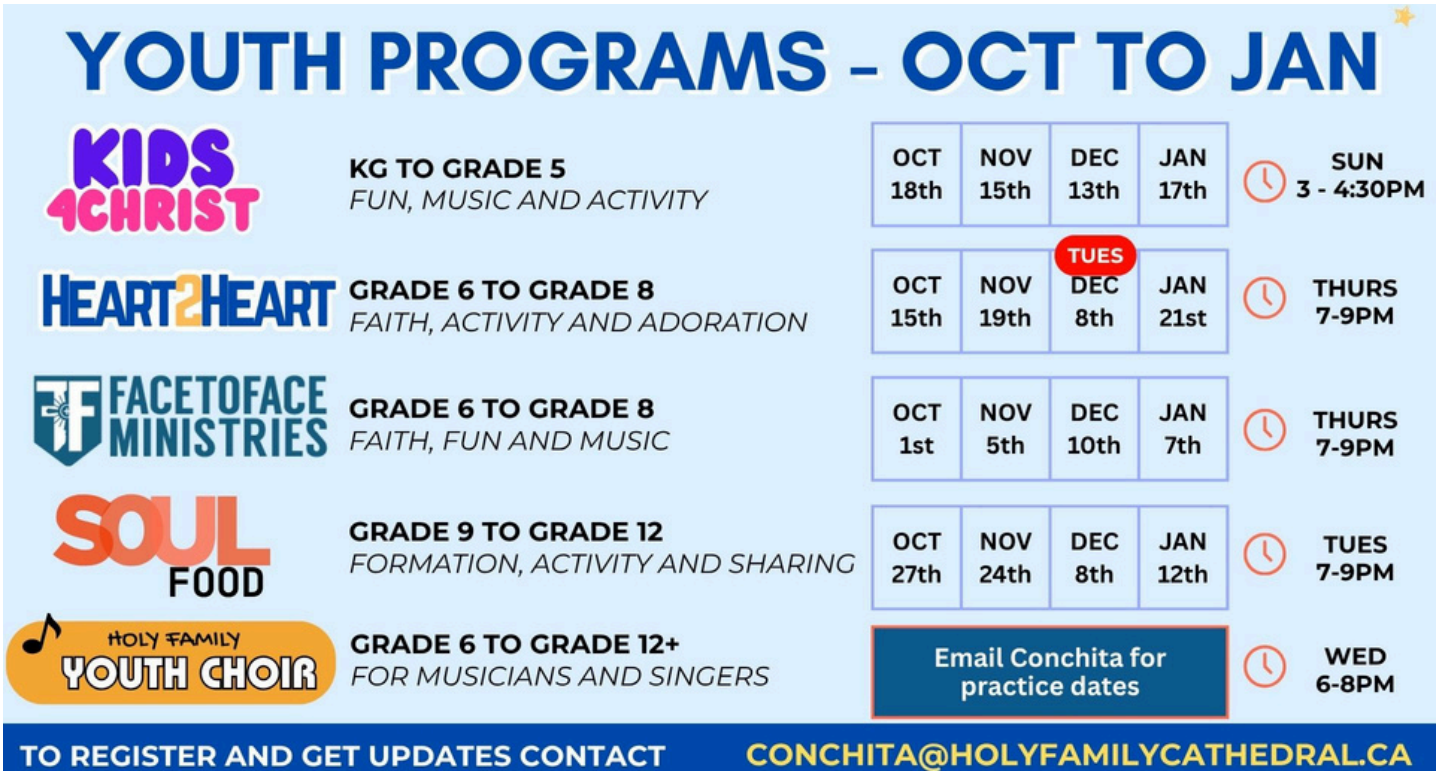
Because love does not end at death. When we pray for our departed loved ones, offer Masses for their souls, and perform works of charity in their memory, we express our faith in the Communion of Saints and our trust in God's mercy.
All Souls' Day is more than a time to remember those who have died. It is an invitation to pray for them, entrust them to God's loving care, and reflect on our own preparation for eternity. Let us remember our departed loved ones in prayer and ask the Lord to welcome them into the fullness of His heavenly kingdom.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

IDENTITY. Members may wear pins and scarves with the Catholic Women's League crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice. Join us for our next meeting November 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm. The social justice committee will be presenting intimate partner and family violence in our midst. No need to be a member, come and explore how the CWL can empower you to love your neighbour!

- Fees are now due for members. $45.00 can be paid by cheque, cash, or e-transfer (cofhfcwl@gmail.com). The local council receives $4.50 of the fees the rest are distributed to National, Provincial, Diocesan councils and insurance.
- Annual budget and policy review meeting will be held November 8, 2026 10:15-11:45 in the Bishop Klein room. Please make an effort to attend.

PARISH LIFE & INFORMATION



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 2
12:15 & 7PM Mass for *ALL SOULS*

Tuesday, November 3
12:15 pm Mass for *†Joseph Novecosky*

Wednesday, November 4
12:15 pm Mass for *†Joseph, †Chris, †Ava Novecosky*
7:00 pm Mass for *†Cesar Flores*

Thursday, November 5
12:15 pm Mass for *Iosyn Fonseca*

Friday, November 6
12:15 pm Mass for *Johanna Fashola*
10:15 am Mass @ Sherbrooke for *Ron Adams*

Saturday, November 7
12:15 pm Mass for *+Norman Steier*

Prayer Requests

This list is for those who are in need of prayer, whether they be sick or well, living or deceased. If you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be listed, please call the parish office: 306-659-5800

†Toribio Ramos
†Pius Ojong Okpa
†Braydon Bretzer
†Peter Fashola
†Cesar Flores
†Anthony Ifejilimalu
†Austin Gerein
†Sophie Irlbeck
†Vivian Krogstad
Eileen Materi
Melissa Go
Nori Cheong
Russ Gill
Rose Friske
Ben Friske
Hyacinth Fonseca
Isa Glodoveza
Pilar Glodoveza
Joelle Buckle
Rosalind Matchett
Sharon Therens
Jannette Magdugo
Zenitha Joppa Atebe
Robert Huebert
Maryan Principe & family

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