

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

I place my hope in God!

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy.

raise your voices in
THANKSGIVING
to the LORD

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SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Carol Concert
December 21
More details to follow!

TODAY: SHEPHERDS' TRUST

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. 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.



We welcome into our Christian Family
Nico Alexander Rosato
Luca Vincenzo Silvaroli

ENROLLMENT CEREMONY

The Rite of Enrollment for children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation will be held on the following dates.

Our Lady of Fatima School:

Sat. Nov. 22 at 5pm Mass: First Communion
Sun. Nov. 23 at 12:30 pm Mass: Confirmation

St. Margaret Mary School:

Sat. Nov. 29 at 5pm Mass: First Communion
Sun. Nov. 30 at 12:30pm Mass: Confirmation

Public & Private Schools

Sat. Dec. 6 at 5pm Mass: First Communion
Sun. Dec. 7 at 12:30 pm Mass: Confirmation

To renew the volunteer ministry of Holy Communion in our Parish.

St. Margaret Mary Parish, an extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion for your presence, service and support to our parish. Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Nov. 11

For those who attended the meeting, we will have a seminar on **Friday, November 21, 2025, from 12:30pm to 2:30 pm**, and at the end of the seminar, we will renew the Ministry. I appreciate and thank everyone who helped our parish as an extraordinary Holy Communion Ministry. We are looking forward to being involved and helping at St. Margaret Mary's parish.

CHILDREN LITURGY

Children's liturgy programs are offered by many parishes within the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto to present the Sunday Mass readings and Gospel at an age-appropriate level for young children. These programs, typically held from September to June, involve children being called forward after the opening prayer and taken to a separate space for simplified readings, discussions, songs, and activities. Volunteers from the parish lead these sessions, and the children return to the main assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Please bring your children to the mass on Saturday at 5pm mass. We now offer Sunday at 11:00 am as well.

Good to know from Fr. Jude Xavier, November 16, 2025

From a Catholic point of view, *Judgment* is indeed one of life's ultimate realities alongside death, heaven, and hell. These are sometimes called the "Four Last Things."

Judgment fits within Catholic teaching.

1. The Reality of Judgment

Catholic doctrine teaches that every person will face judgment after death. This truth flows from God's justice and mercy because our choices in life have eternal consequences, and God respects human freedom. "It is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment." *Hebrews 9:27*.

Judgment is not arbitrary or vindictive, but the revelation of truth: how a person has freely responded to God's grace and love.

2. Two Kinds of Judgment

a. Particular Judgment

Immediately after death, each soul undergoes particular judgment, where one's eternal destiny is determined.

The soul stands before Christ, the Just Judge (2 *Corinthians 5:10*).

It sees its entire life with perfect clarity, not as we rationalized it, but as it truly was.

- Based on the soul's state:
- Those who die in God's grace and friendship, but still need purification, go to Purgatory.
- Those who die in perfect grace enter Heaven immediately.
- Those who die separated from God by mortal sin go to Hell, the state of definitive self-exclusion from God.

This judgment is personal; it reveals how one's free response to God has shaped one's eternal destiny.

b. General or Last Judgment

At the end of time, there will be a final, public judgment when Christ returns in glory.

"He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." — *Nicene Creed*.

At this Second Coming.

- All the dead will be resurrected, body and soul reunited.
- The full truth of each person's life, and of human history, will be revealed.
- God's justice and mercy will be manifest to all.
- The righteous will enter eternal life in both body and soul; the wicked will face eternal separation.

This judgment shows that our lives are not isolated; every action has cosmic and communal significance.

3. Judgment and God's Mercy

Catholic teaching always holds justice and mercy together. Christ is not only the Judge but also Saviour, the One who desires all to be saved (1 *Timothy 2:4*). Judgment is therefore not meant to terrify, but to call us to conversion now, while mercy is still available.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that "The truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare." CCC 1039. In addition to that, "God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God is necessary." CCC 1037. So, the Catholic view is not of a cruel judge, but of a loving Father who honours our freedom and invites repentance to the end.

4. Living in Light of Judgment

The awareness of judgment is meant to inspire:

- Conversion — ongoing repentance and growth in holiness.
- Hope — that God's mercy is greater than our sin.
- Responsibility — that our choices matter eternally.

St. John of the Cross summed it beautifully: "At the sunset of life, we shall be judged on love."

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!



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after each Mass

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