

Sunday, November 23, 2025



The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."
- Lk 23:35-37



*+ Eternal Rest to
all who have died in
the Lord, and
may your perpetual
light shine upon
them.*

*A reminder that there are no Mass
Intentions for the entire month of
November.*

*It is the month of the Holy Souls;
all those whom Jesus has called to
new eternal life with Him.*

Mini Reflection

It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas, "the bad thief." I am as close to Jesus as he was, and I ask for all the wrong things.



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all. I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**" He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**" That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love. What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

Confirmation Info Night

We invite all parents and candidates to attend a Confirmation Information Night on **Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

Books used for the classes are also available for purchase for **\$40.00**.

Registration forms will be handed out during this information night to bring to Enrollment. Enrollment information below.

Confirmation Enrollment

Confirmation Enrollment (registration) will take place **during all Masses on the weekend of December 20-21, 2025**.

Please make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate along with the registration form you receive during information night.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Char-maine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Jacintha Fernandes, Anna Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Nikola Brodar, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuervers, Teresa Marchese, Antonio Marchese, Wojtek Stanislawski, Theresa Fraiser, Beata, Arthur Moniz, Pasqua Dimucho, Camila M. Binauhai, Oliver Pinto, Elizabeth Blizniouk, Cathy DeBono, Samantha & Andrew Paliwada, Charlotte Carvalho, Zerina Vaz, Amal Abdou, Terry Blanchette, Justina Colaco

**Missals, Candles and Cards**

We have the following items for sale:

2026 Missals	\$6.00
Youth Missals	\$10.00
Christmas Cards	\$10.00 per pack of 10
Advent Candles	\$6.00

We accept cash or cheque only.

Calling All Men of the Parish

Life can be demanding whether it's concerns about our health, the weight of family responsibilities, or the pressures we carry quietly each day. We don't have to face these challenges alone.

Join us on **Saturday, December 6th, 2025**, after the **5:00 PM Mass**, for a **Special Men's Prayer Night** with the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**. This evening of reflection and fellowship, hosted by **Fr. John** and the **That Man Is You** group, is an opportunity to pause, breathe, and be renewed in **prayer, brotherhood, and the comforting presence of God**.

Come as you are. Let us lift one another up in faith and place our lives before the Lord.

All are welcome.

Christmas Gift Tree

Please return the gifts to the parish office by the **weekend of December 6/7, 2025**.

2025 Poinsettia Sale!

Outstanding Colours, quality and value. Ordering will take place, at the Church Hall, **this weekend, Nov 22-23**. Pick up will start on **Sat Dec 13th at 4PM** and after all weekend Masses. Thank you for your past support!

Chocolate Extravaganza!

Join us for our Chocolate Extravaganza! Treat yourself to a delightful selection of Lindt chocolates; perfect for satisfying your cravings. The Squires will be selling these delicious goodies on the **weekend of December 6/7th**. Don't miss out on the fun as we celebrate the festive season!

Calling All Youth!**Verso**

Join our Verso Christmas Party coming up on **Saturday, December 6, 2025 after the 5:00 pm Mass** in the upper hall. Come for an evening of fun, faith and worship!

EDGE

For students in Grades 6 & 7 aimed to bring the youth closer to Christ. EDGE nights allow young people to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, group discussions and other activities. Join us on **Friday, November 28th starting 6:30 pm**. See you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a leader for Verso or EDGE, please contact Kristina Silvester at the parish office.

For more information regarding any of our Youth Ministry programs, please contact Kristina Silvester at ksilvester@archtoronto.org or call the parish office, ext. 226.

2026 Envelopes

Envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick up in the parish hall! If you are not registered to our parish, please stop by at the office to register and receive your own box of envelopes for the year. We thank you in advance for your generosity!