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Lest we forget..



FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA ~ NOVEMBER 9, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, the word indulgence (Lat. *indulgentia*, from *indulgeo*, to be kind or tender) originally meant kindness or favor, but later became understood to mean the remission of a tax or debt. From a theological point of view, the word became associated with God's mercy and kindness. For our purpose, however, **"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints"** (cf. can. 992 & CCC 1471). **"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin"** (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, n.1-2).

In order to help you understand this definition further, allow me to add an additional caveat. "In the Sacrament of Baptism, not only is guilt of sin remitted, but also all the penalties attached to sin. In the Sacrament of Penance the guilt of sin is removed, and with it the eternal punishment due to mortal sin; but **there still remains the temporal punishment required by Divine justice, and this requirement must be fulfilled either in the present life or in the world to come, i.e., in Purgatory** (q.v.). An indulgence offers the penitent sinner the means of discharging this debt during his life on earth" (cf. "Indulgences: Treatment of the practice of granting indulgences, Catholic Answers Encyclopedia).

In general, a person must meet certain prescribed conditions and perform certain prescribed works before he/she is able to gain an indulgence. The "General remarks on Indulgences" from Gift of the Indulgence summarizes the usual conditions given in the Church's law (cf. Apostolic Penitentiary, Prot. N. 39/05/I):

1) **"To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed."**

2) **"A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.** In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin [If one's disposition is less than perfect or if some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial]; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist; prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff"

3) **"It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.** Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. **One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence."**

4) **"Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth."**

During the month of November, the Church offers a number of acts, which the faithful can perform in order to obtain indulgences that are applicable only to the holy souls in purgatory. These include: 1) A plenary indulgence to the faithful who: i) devoutly visit cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed, on any and each day from November 1 to 8; ii) on All Souls' Day devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed; 2) A partial indulgence to the faithful who: i) devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead; ii) devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer Eternal Rest (*Requiem Aeternam*).

A faithful can obtain common plenary indulgences throughout the year. These include: adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least 30 minutes; praying the Rosary in a church, family, or religious community; performing the Way or Stations of the Cross; reading or meditating on Scripture for at least 30 minutes; receiving the Pope's Christmas and Easter blessings, even if it is via TV or internet, if devoutly followed; devoutly attending the First Communion or First Mass of a newly ordained priest; renewal of Baptismal Promises at the Easter Vigil or on Divine Mercy Sunday; receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday; visiting a parish church on its titular feast day (including recitation of the Our Father and Creed); reciting the *Te Deum* on December 31st in thanksgiving for the year; and reciting the *Veni Creator Spiritus* on January 1st or Pentecost. There are undoubtedly more....

The faithful can also obtain partial indulgences throughout the year by performing certain actions. These include: making the sign of the Cross with devotion; reading the Bible for less than 30 minutes; using holy water devoutly (e.g., when entering a church); reciting the *Angelus* or *Regina Caeli*; praying the *Anima Christi* or *Memorare*; reciting the Guardian Angel prayer; visiting the Blessed Sacrament for less than 30 minutes; praying for the dead, even outside of cemetery visits; wearing or kissing a blessed crucifix, scapular, or medal devoutly; saying grace before and after meals. **There are no limits to the number of partial indulgences a person can gain in a day.** The faithful can use the indulgences for him/herself, or offer them for the holy souls in Purgatory. A person must also be in a state of grace and at least have the general intention to gain the indulgences.

I truly encourage each of you to obtain as many indulgences as you can and to offer them for the holy souls in purgatory, during not only the month of November but also every day. What a wonderful act of love and unity we make, when we help hasten the journey of these poor holy souls, who long to see the beatific vision of God in heaven.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA ~ NOVEMBER 9, 2025

"Jesus was speaking about the temple of his Body."



"To dedicate or consecrate" a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To "reserve" a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor."¹

"In the year 313 the Roman emperor Constantine published the Edict of Milan, granting religious freedom to Christians. Constantine himself donated the palace of the Lateran, a portion of his wife's dowry, to the Church for its first basilica. The Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and, as such, it ranks as the "mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world." From its dedication on this date in 324 until the 15th century, the Lateran was the residence of the popes."²

"The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church."¹

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"Un rito per riconoscere a Dio gloria e onore è "dedicargli" un luogo. Più volte distrutta durante il corso dei secoli, la basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano fu sempre ricostruita, e l'ultima sua riconsacrazione avvenne nel 1724. In quell'occasione venne stabilita ed estesa a tutta la cristianità la festa che oggi celebriamo. Ora, è interessante che proprio per questa festa la Chiesa scelga di proclamare liturgicamente il brano della "purificazione del tempio" da parte di Gesù. Gesto accompagnato nel Vangelo di Giovanni da queste parole: «"Distruggete questo tempio e in tre giorni lo farò risorgere"... Egli parlava del tempio del suo corpo». Ecco la grande rivelazione: ormai la dimora di Dio non si trova più nel tempio di Gerusalemme – né in alcun altro luogo "sacro" –, ma il corpo di Gesù è la vera dimora di Dio.

Il luogo dove tutti gli umani possono incontrare Dio è Gesù, un uomo, una carne umana che è anche la Parola di Dio, il Figlio stesso di Dio. Grazie alla fede post-pasquale possiamo confessare che il Cristo morto e risorto è il tempio escatologico, il luogo di incontro, alleanza e comunione tra Dio e noi!

Dio è presente ovunque, ma c'è un luogo in cui Egli abita in modo unico e speciale: se nell'antica economia tale luogo era il tempio di Gerusalemme, ora è Gesù, dimora del Dio invisibile."³

¹<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html>

² Magnificat - November 2025 Edition | ³ <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20251109.html>



The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members and friends, who you wish to be remembered at Mass, in our Book of Remembrance.

Vocation Reflection... Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



Canadians pause in silence on November 11 to remember those who died from war, and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. (Source: ORDO)⁴

*"O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. Amen"*⁵

⁴ <https://www.catholiccy.ca/blog/lest-we-forget> | ⁵ Prayer: USCCB - Prayer for Deceased Veterans



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**MON - THUR 9AM - 12PM (CHURCH)*
EVERY FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM (CHURCH)***

***IN CHAPEL, WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL.**



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Joseph, Maria & Terrance Dalgado

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Shanelle & Neil Noranho

10:00 A.M. Susanne & Gianni Onisto

Defunti famiglie Volpe & Cuoppolo - Filippo Lembo

Rosario Vella - Lelia Rabitto - Elisabetta Barbieri

Vito Sciuto & famiglia - Vito & Mike Cuoppolo

Rocco & Giuseppina Burdo - Stefano Colangelo

Giuseppe Morra - Costanza Morra - Luigi Lamanna

Carmela & Euplio Raffaele - Nancy & Vicki Masellis

Fedele & Clementina Colangelo - Luca Caccamo

Luigi & Maria Lamanna - Pietro & Elvira Fugaccia

Annarosa & Pasquale Volpe - Pasquale Scozese

Carmelo & Carmela Lamanna - Michelina Mosca

Marco, Edda & defunti famiglie Carlevaris & Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Fr. Ralph Paonessa O.F.M.

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Richard, Beverly & Joan LaFrance

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Edward Liang Hsien Liao

+ David Carls + Gianna Ramzi

+ Carole Hutchinson

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 A.M. Cora & Romy Tumaliuan

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14TH - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. Fr. Thomas Lim

7:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Andrea Barbieri

10:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$6,511.25

All Souls: \$7,009.50



Thank You

Next Sunday:

The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection

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FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registration OPEN for children
in Grade 2 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements
and attend **ONE** of the registration dates
in the Parish Hall:



Wednesday, November 12, 2025,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 15, 2025,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

CONFIRMATION

Registration OPEN for children
in Grade 7 or older



Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements
and attend **ONE** of the registration dates
in the Parish Hall:

Wednesday, November 19, 2025,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 22, 2025,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

FAITH FORMATION SERIES

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

NOV 13
FR. THOMAS LIM

THE BIBLE: GOD'S LOVE LETTER
TO HUMANITY

NOV 27
FR. THOMAS LIM

THE STORY OF SALVATION:
CREATION, FALL AND
REDEMPTION

DEC 8, 9 & 10
**THOMAS CARDINAL
COLLINS**

THE MANY FACETS OF ADVENT

SAVE THESE DATES
THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

Jan 8 &
22

Feb 5 &
19

Mar 12
& 26

Apr 16
& 30



SLMC CRAFT GROUP

Warm Hearts Warm Feet

Now accepting NEW men's socks.

Please place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

2025 Sock Collection: October 18th - Nov 23rd 2025



PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND and IRELAND

With our Pastor Fr. Thomas Lim

May 31 - June 14, 2026: 15 days

Tour Coordinator:

Theresa Sisca - Tel. 416-731-8252

[Learn more here](#)



The Many Facets of Advent

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

December 6 | Mass @ 5:00pm

December 7 | Mass @ 8:30, 11:30am & 5:00pm

December 8-10, 2025

Mass @ 7:00pm | Talk @ 7:30pm

www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/adventretreat



FATHER
YOU CALLED
SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.
HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.
AMEN

FAMILY Christmas PARTY

Saturday | Nov 29, 2025 | 6PM
Parish Hall

**Dinner, Dance, Games,
Silent Auction & so much more!**

Tickets: Adult \$60
Children 12 & below \$30



Dinner
Tickets



CHRISTMAS MARKET CAFE

December 13 & 14, 2025
After all Masses | Parish Hall

**Specialty Coffee, Baked Goods,
Plants, Crafts and More!**

*We are accepting donations for our Silent
Auction table, and baked goods, plants, and
crafts for the Market*

Inquiries:

slmparishfund2024@gmail.com

www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/christmas2025

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:



We keep in our
prayers the sick,
the homebound,
and the forgotten
members in our
community.

*"Make sickness itself
a Prayer"
~ St Francis de
Sales ~*