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## Praying for Our Dearly Departed



To ask "Where is Purgatory" is to presume that it is a location, a place one can find in space and time, in the physical universe in which we have our existence. The Church does not speak of Purgatory as a place.

Pope John Paul II, on a number of occasions, had spoken of Purgatory as a state of being, a condition in which we find ourselves. It has to do with the status of our relationship with God, a concept quite different than thinking Purgatory to be a place somewhere out there in the cosmos.

The notion of Purgatory is another way of saying that we not only have faith, we have hope. If ever God offers us hope it is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and the faith response of the Church in calling us to pray for all souls who have passed over from this life into the next. We pray for the dead because we hope. We hope not only for them but we offer ourselves and others around us the gift of hope. Hope is one of the greatest gifts that Christians can give to those around us who think that they live hopeless lives in a hopeless world. The Christian virtue of hope is real because the resurrection of Christ is real and because his stupendous miracles are real.

Praying for the dead is not, as some claim, senseless. Praying for the dead is something that has been done by the Communion of Saints from the very beginning of Christianity. Praying for the dead is a statement of faith, of hope and of love. Just like as caring for the crippled, the lame, the blind, the oppressed, those cast aside by society and those forgotten is at the very heart of Christ's ministry. In all that Christ did and in all that He said, He was always drawing us to the forgotten, the left out, and those whom the world has cast aside. Praying for the dead is at the very heart of all that Jesus Christ was about.

### More Ways to Pray

Visit a Cemetery: obtain a partial indulgence by praying at a cemetery during November or a plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery each day between Nov. 1 and Nov. 8.

Go to Mass on Nov. 2: obtain a plenary indulgence after devoutly reciting the Our Father and the Creed.

Pray the Eternal Rest prayer (Requiem aeternam): Obtain a partial indulgence year round, when reciting: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*Join us as we pray for our departed loved ones at Holy Mass on All Souls Day Friday, November 2 at 6:30 pm*



### NO Mass on Mondays

#### Tuesday, October 30

8:00 am + ALDINA & JOAO RAPOSO - Canto family  
+ ANA JOSEPH - Sonja and Bill Black

#### Wednesday, October 31

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm  
7:15 pm + IPPAZIA DeLORENZIS - Anne Cher  
+ DORVALINA ARAUJO - Eduarda & Jose Tavares  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, November 1 - All Saints Day

8:00 am + PATRICIA WHALEN - Dale Ezekiel  
+ KATHY TRENT - Ron

#### Friday, November 2 - All Souls Day

(no morning Mass today)

\* **6:30 pm** + SOULS IN PURGATORY - Irondina Canto  
+ For all deceased family and friends

#### Saturday, November 3

8:00 am + for all deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of Hamilton Diocese  
5:00 pm + BASIL & DOWDALL O'DACRE - family  
+ INES & JOSE DeSOUSA - Elsa & Noella  
+ ELIZABETH THIES - Mary Cooper

#### Sunday, November 4

9:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners  
11:00 am + BILL WYNEN - Gertie and Martin

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*Merciful Father,*

*hear our prayer and console us.*

*As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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Donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are gratefully accepted at the church exits today, and every last weekend of the month. Thank you for your generosity.

## Pallottine Fathers' Mission Collection 2018 Weekend of November 10/11, 2018

Over the past 5 years our parish has financially and prayerfully supported the Pallottine Fathers Missionary work in developing countries.

Again this year they are asking for our generosity through this yearly collection, which will be held November 10/11.

St. Ambrose Parishioners have assisted with the building of a Ukrainian orphanage; building a formation house and chapel for priests in Ivory Coast, Africa; and supporting the Pallottine missionary work in Peru and southeast Asia.

Thank you for your continued benevolence.

### *Book of Remembrance*

During the month of November parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance, located in front of the statue of Our Lady. Those listed will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

### Prayer Network

There are times when we need help. We are not alone, but part of a loving community of faith and we can rely on other members of our community to help us in our time of need. Our prayer network consists of persons who are willing to pray for the prayer intentions that are telephoned to them. If you, or someone you know, have a need for prayer, please call Peggy at 621-9828.



Our monthly **bridge/euchre card party** will be held **Saturday November 10 at 6:30 pm**. Cost is \$6.00 at the door. A light lunch is served prior to cards, and a 50/50 draw is held. Everyone welcome.

### Regenerate(d) 2018

"Branches of the Word" fall conference on **November 17th, 2018** from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Canada.

Regenerate(d) 2018 will feature dynamic talks from Catholic speakers. The conference will begin with an address by Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and this year's main celebrant and homilist. The theme of this year's conference is "Confirmed"

For information [www.branchesoftheword.org](http://www.branchesoftheword.org)

## All Souls Day

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**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** Catholics around the world will commemorate "All Souls Day".

At St. Ambrose Parish, an evening Mass at **6:30 pm** will be held to pray for the souls of our family members and friends who have died.

### Advance Care Planning - Guest speaker

#### St. Ambrose Church - Tuesday, Nov 6

Imagine you have been injured or become ill and are brought to the hospital. Do you know who will make YOUR health care decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself? Ontario law on health care decision making is very different from other provinces. Accidents and illness can happen to any of us, and at any time you may not be able to speak for yourself. Advance Care Planning is about deciding who will speak for you and giving that person the information they need to step into your shoes if necessary.

You may already have a power of attorney for personal care but have you told your attorney what they need to know to respect and honour your wishes? Join us as we welcome Hospice Waterloo Region to talk about these important conversations. While we stumble and postpone these important conversations, Advance Care Planning is a gift you give yourself and those that you love .... It is never too late until it is..... Join us November 6<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

### Healthy Humour, Healthy Hearts!



Everyone is welcome on **Wednesday October 31 from 10:30 to 11:30am** - Join our parish nurse, Myra, for her monthly "Healthy Humour, Healthy Hearts" hour in the Parish Hall.

### Youth Ministry Volunteers

Youth Ministry, also sometimes referred to as youth group, is an age-specific religious ministry. The Catholic church views the youth as an important and integral part of the Church as a whole. Youth ministry aims to involve and engage with young people, making them feel welcome within the Church community.

Unfortunately, this ministry is lacking in our parish and I would like to encourage some adults to come forward to take the lead in initiating a youth group. If you are interested or have questions please contact me at the parish office. *Fr. Irek*