THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What do you really want in your life? This is a very important question to be asked on a daily basis in order to avoid embracing only what is comfortable and convenient in life, but has no eternal value at all. So I hope the following reflection, written by a priest, will shake you out of this complacency:

Our increasingly complex life reminds me of a cartoon of a fellow talking to the barkeeper, "*I quit drinking bourbon, and turned to pain killers, and then to gambling, sex, and working out at the gym; and then to religion, meditation, and daily Mass. But I've finally come home to bourbon."*

"Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee!" Saint Augustine said. But even there we may grow restless. Religion, as Karl Marx noticed, can be an opiate.

Counselors have found that some people, whenever they're hungry they eat. But they also eat whenever they're thirsty, tired, lonely, or bored. Mad, sad, or glad! Hearing that, I noticed that some people go to confession whenever they're lonely, anxious, or troubled. The one thought food would satisfy his spiritual thirst; the other thought the Sacrament of Reconciliation would do the same.

We are called to turn away from the insatiable demands of desire and find companionship, wisdom, challenge, and courage in God's presence. Just as the conductor begins the symphony when the orchestral chamber is silent, so do we hear the Word of God in the silence beneath our anxieties, worries, and concerns.

It takes time, practice, and persistence. I sometimes have to wait a long time before the mind quits thrashing through present worries and old arguments. And sometimes it doesn't stop at all. And that's okay too. God is in no hurry; why should I be?

No one does anything right the first time. Or if they do, the second time will not be right. God has no patience with perfection, but he blesses persistence.

P.S. My personal take on this issue is contained in this catchy phrase I also saw in a cartoon: *"The sky is blue, the grass is green and lots of colour in between*." In other words, *"Save me, O Lord, for I cannot save myself."*

Fr. Slawek

ALL SOULS MASS—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2—7 p.m.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: For the month of November a basket will be placed at the foot of the altar for envelopes for All Souls. The envelopes are at all exits at the back of the church. You can list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the envelope and place it either in the basket at the foot of the altar or in the collection basket. All names will be remembered at the Masses during the month of November.

OCTOBER 25, 2026

WHAT IS THE PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN?

PreAuthorized Giving ("PAG") is plan to assist you in supporting your Parish through regular financial offerings.

The operation and maintenance of your parish is made possible through the generous and regular offertory giving of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on your time, the PAG plan will assist you in establishing a systematic giving program.

The PAG plan creates a win / win situation for you and Holy Spirit Church. Enrolment for the PAG plan is a very simple procedure. When you enroll, your offering will be automatically withdrawn from your designated bank account on the 20th day (or next business day) of each month. This amount will electronically be deposited to the Parish's account.

The PAG plan does not cover the special collections; therefore, we encourage you to continue using the envelopes made available at the back of the church.

IMPORTANT—FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion will be on **November 1st** at **9 am Mass**.

Enrolment Mass for Confirmation will be on **November 1st** at **11 am Mass**.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Holy Spirit Conference

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us the spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

St. Vincent de Paul

By remembering our neighbours who ask for help through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are all touched by God's love and build up His Kingdom on earth.

Thank you all parishioners for your contributions!

Children's Liturgy

For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.

COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Everyone welcome

ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 27

9 a.m. **Private Intentions.**

Wednesday, October 28

9 a.m. + **Repose of the soul of** David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Thursday, October 29

9 a.m.. + **Repose of the soul of** Allen Glynn req. by Sharon DeCosta.

Friday, October 30

9 a.m. **Intentions of** Birthday Blessings for Anthony Amarasingha req. by his wife.

Saturday, October 31

4:30 p.m. **Intentions of** thanksgiving Anthony Amarasingha.

Sunday, November 1— ALL SAINTS

9 a.m. **Intentions of** all Parishioners.

11 a.m. **Intentions of** all Parishioners.

If you are admitted to the hospital for surgery, please call the Parish office prior to your admission if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Upon admission at the hospital, identify your religion as Catholic. If you do not disclose that you are Catholic, no Priest, Deacon or Catholic Lay Minister will be informed and, thus, will not be able to visit you and bring you communion.

Carry the card requesting the services of a priest so that if you arrive unconscious at an Emergency Room you can be cared for spiritually.

