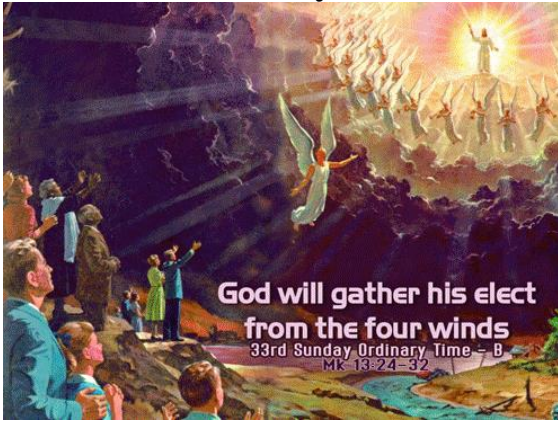
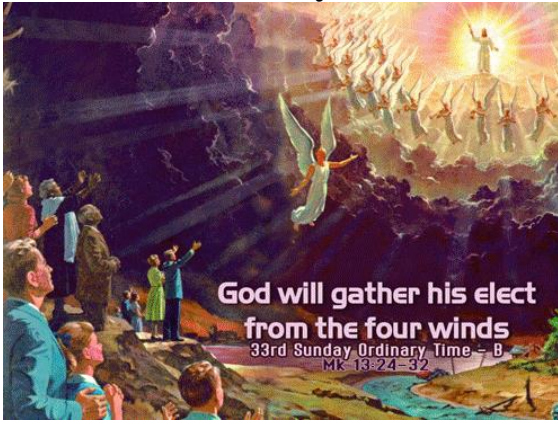
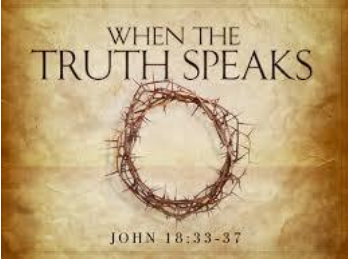
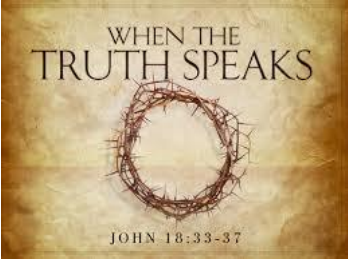


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### Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (3)

Date November	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor
SAT 16	SJM	1pm	Nuptials	Willemsen & Forestell (Int)
	SHJ	4:30pm	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> 	<b>Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>Jules Hubert</i>
SUN 17	SJM	9am		<b>Gord Pregioso [RIP]</b> <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	SFA	11am		<b>Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family</b>
<b>Convocation of Priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston</b>				
WED 20	SJM	3:30pm	LW&C	
THR 21	SFA	9am <i>Incense used</i>	Presentation of the BVM	Knights of Columbus #11655 [RIP]
FRI 22	SJM	10am	LW&C	
SAT 23	SHJ	4:30pm	<b>Christ the King</b> 	Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family
SUN 24	SJM	9am		<b>Jack Santos [RIP]</b> <i>Victor Dinis</i>
	SFA	11am <i>Incense used</i>		<b>Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory</b> <i>Jules Hubert</i>

### Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Nov 16 Sun, Nov 17	Lector – R. LeFort	Lector – D. Kerby Usher – M. Kerby
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Nov 23 Sun, Nov 24	Lector – T. O’Shea	Lector – J. Gosson Usher – J. Forestell

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### **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

My brother-in-law inherited his father's company. Although he had studied business in college, he knew years before receiving his degree, provided that he was faithful to his studies, he would have a comfortable career waiting for him after graduation. We may not all inherit the same economic opportunities as did my brother-in-law, but, as practicing Catholics, we are now heirs of infinitely greater spiritual opportunities. *You are my inheritance, O Lord*, the psalmist says. This phrase reveals the tremendous goodness of God Who not only created us but Who, in baptism, extended to us an invitation and a promise: provided that we are faithful to Him, we are heirs of eternal life. Nothing short of eternity will be sufficient to express our thanksgiving to Him for this gift. Daniel's words in today's first reading remind us not only of the gratitude which we owe to God but also of our responsibility to help souls who have gone astray from following Him. Some shall live forever, the prophet says, but others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. The truth is that eternal life is not guaranteed to us – not because God does not offer it freely, but because we are free to reject His offer. My brother-in-law, if he had neglected his studies in college would never have equipped himself to run the family business. His father may have wholeheartedly desired to give the company to him, but in doing so it would have been irresponsible if his son did not want to take the helm. Likewise, God's mercy is abundant; but we can nevertheless say "no" to God by choosing not to follow Him. As Catholics seeking (although imperfectly) to follow the Lord, we have the dignity of cooperating with God in order to draw back to Him the souls who have gone astray. By word, example, prayer, and sacrifice, we can help others to experience the joy of knowing God in this life and of living forever with Him in the next. The Church especially devotes the month of November to praying for the souls in Purgatory. These individuals died in a state of friendship with God but are still in need of purification. God is indeed their inheritance, but they experience pain because they do not yet possess Him. One way to remember to pray for the these poor souls is to conclude your grace before meals (Bless us, O Lord) in this way "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

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## Parish Volunteers



Our Parish most recently received and therefore gratefully acknowledges the time, talent, and treasure of the parishioners who sanded down and painted the main entrance to the church of St Francis, Frankford, and

installed a new noticeboard to the left of the door as one enters the church (see picture).

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who work tirelessly for the good of the Parish in the many areas of upkeep, maintenance, fundraising, cleaning, laundry, decorating, music ministry, lectoring, ushering, serving at Mass, and serving on the Parish committees, cemetery boards, and much more. Volunteers are unpaid. Without their ministry to the Parish our three churches could barely afford to keep the doors open for worship because of all the additional costly overheads for which our Sunday donations are needed: Heating, air Conditioning, snow removal, grass cutting, structural repairs, etc. **If you have a special talent and some time to offer, please consider becoming a Parish volunteer. Speak to me, Fr Don, after any Mass. Thank you.**

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## **October 2024 Parish Income**

Financial: \$9,283.15 donated to the Parish

Spiritual: 640 persons attended Mass in the month

## **St. Joseph Sunday Missals are here!**

Missals are now available from Father Don after Mass. Missals are \$6.00 each. Please bring **EXACT** change with you to purchase. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, is offering free CPR training. Garry Austin is a certified instructor from both St. John Ambulance and Red Cross. The training will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Training will start at 9.00 am and continue until the training is completed (3-4 hours). This training is open to all parishioners and family members. Whoever takes the training, will not be receiving a course certificate, but will be trained to the same standard as those who pay either St. John's or Red Cross to receive the training. There are 20 spots open each day and the course will run on the following days:-

Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.00 am until course is completed (3-4 hours)

Saturday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am until course is completed (3-4 hours)

Both courses will be held at Saint James the Minor Church Hall, 236, Edward Street, Stirling.

**The Knights of Columbus General Meetings** are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday of each month in the Parish rectory at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome to attend.

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