

The Church's year is drawing to a close. During the coming weeks, the liturgies invite us to look forward in hope to the glorious fulfilment of God's plan for creation.

At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Jewish nation was full of restless expectations – giving rise at times to uprisings seeking to throw off the yoke of Roman occupation. The Jerusalem Temple not only symbolised the nation's life and hopes; it was one of the wonders of the ancient world, filling God's people with joy and pride each time they saw it. The disciples of Jesus would have been shocked, therefore, when Jesus interrupted their buzz of admiration to foretell the Temple's destruction. This prediction was well known - at the trial of Jesus, outrage was expressed that he had spoken of the destruction of the Temple. Today's scholarship sees his dramatic disrupting of the life of the Temple, at this same time, as an act pointing to the end of the era symbolised by the old Temple.



The sun of righteousness will shine out

The restless expectations of Israel - that were the explosive background to Jesus teaching – recalled the words of the great prophets, and anticipated a turning point in history, confronting the nations of the world with Israel's special place in the designs of God. It is important to appreciate these expectations as we interpret the message of Jesus. The Jewish people did not look forward to the end of history, but to an intervention of God that would inaugurate a new era of human history. In this new era, all the institutions of Israel, such as the Temple worship, would be even more glorious. Jesus certainly brings the message that the hopes of Israel are to be realised; but it will be a realisation that shows such things as the Temple as only a pale foreshadowing of God's final blessings – 'the hour is coming when you will worship the Father, neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem' (Jn 4:21). The dismayed reaction of the disciples reminds us how attached old Israel was to their venerable institutions; and the history of the early Church shows how difficult it was for them to accept that the new order of things brought by the Saviour was the fulfilment of their hopes. In what Jesus has to say after the prediction of the destruction of the Temple, he anticipates the turmoil that will follow, as people struggle to understand the designs of God. About to experience a violent rejection by his own people, he prepares his disciples for the persecutions they will experience as they bring his message to the world.

The first Christians tended to link the new era inaugurated by the death and resurrection of Jesus with the end of the world. Some Thessalonians (second reading) had even given themselves to a 'life of idleness', as they await the end! Luke, however, warns against such an outlook; he does not interpret the prediction of Jesus and what follows as referring to the end of the world. In a separate passage (Lk 17: 20-37) he has given the teaching of Jesus concerning the end of human history. Clearly, in today's passage, he warns against interpreting the disasters of human history as signs of the coming the end.

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Readings ~ Malachi 4:1-2 ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ~ Luke 21:5-19

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – November 18 to 24

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions:

	Intention(s)	Offered by
Monday, 9am	✠ Ellin Mullin	Maxine & Doug Cramp
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Richard Wallington	Tamara Wallington
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Toni Protsack	Pierre Marchildon
Thursday, 9am	✠ Teresa Mulhall	Allan & Joanne Crooks
Friday, 9am	✠ Helen Burns	The Wiley family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Ma Jesusa Dabu	The Chouinard family
5:15pm	✠ Josephine & Tony Morrell	John & Lenore Sheppard
Sunday, 8am	...our parish and faithful parishioners	
9:30am	✠ Maria Medal	The Medal family
11am	✠ Marian Gorski	The family
12:30pm	✠ Eugene Dupuis	The Sklar family

November: Month of Remembrance

The month of November is dedicated to commemorating our loved ones who have died in the Lord. The shrine of St. Joseph will be suitably decorated and The Book of the Dead has been readied to receive the names of our dearly departed. All Souls' Day envelopes are available.

Advent Wreath Workshop – Nov. 30, drop in from 9:30am–2:30pm

Join us for this family event & make a beautiful wreath with live greens & candles for Advent! It takes about ½ hour to make a wreath plus you can decorate your own cookie & enjoy some milk, coffee, tea or juice. Little fingers can dip candles or make a Christmas ornament. \$20 per wreath with other free activities for kids. Not to be missed! All proceeds to **St ShareLife**

Rosary Group – stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass & Fridays, 2pm
Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 'Adopt a Family' – Help in all possible ways

Once again our parish's St. Vincent de Paul group is asking parishioners to provide a family in need with special gifts at Christmas. Our area has expanded, allowing us to assist even more families. Please contact carolmurray@rogers.com or call 647-859-4805 by December 2.

Drop-In Bridge – Thursdays, 1pm, parish hall meeting room

All are welcome, partners not required! For more information, call Rena Guerard, 416-236-0728.

Stretch & Flex – Not 'just for ladies' anymore! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm

We meet in the parish hall; everyone is welcome to join. \$10/session. Wear comfy clothing!

This Weekend – Soup Day – Nov. 17, after all Sunday liturgies

\$3 per person, includes a bowl of your choice of several delicious, scratch-made soups, dinner roll, water & coffee. Proceeds to benefit the Omladinski Peace and Reconciliation Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina at which parishioner Michael Kelly interned through Jean Vanier's Intercordia Canada. Scan the QR code to the right to read about Intercordia's inspiring global efforts through the words of those who have "taken a risk and experienced life in another country and culture and (have) discovered how that encounter could change they way they see the world and their place in it."



Music Notes – Information from Our Music Director, Gordon Mansell

Carolling in the Kingsway
CONCERT

This year's concert will be held in the church this coming Saturday, Nov. 23, 1:30pm and will feature a 120+ voice interfaith choir from several local churches including 70 members of our own choirs. This much-

loved annual event raises funds for the Out of the Cold program at All Saints Kingsway. The 2013/14 season will start on Nov. 22 and runs for 20 weeks to April 4, 2014. OOTC provides beds for 20 homeless men and feeds another 60 to 90 men, women & children who come for support and care. Questions about the concert or volunteer opportunities with OOTC should be directed to the OOTC Coordinator through the All Saints Kingsway Church office at 416-233-1125.



Lessons and Carols presented by the music students of Fr. Redmond High School. This is a traditional advent service of music interwoven with nine scriptural readings leading to the birth of Jesus. Saturday Dec. 7, 6:15pm. **There is no charge for this event.**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Christmas Concert – Tuesday Dec. 10, 7:30pm
The Chorale and Ecumenical Choir along with special guest artist, virtuoso trumpeter Michael Barth will present a concert of traditional carols for all to enjoy and participate in. Special seasonal music will be presented as well, including O Magnum Mysterium by Morten Lauridsen and the beautiful traditional Italian carol, Nina Nanna Calabrese. This is a free event, however a freewill offering for our parish music program will be welcomed. For more information, please contact the parish office or Gordon Mansell, 416-571-3680.

This Weekend Shepherds' Trust Collection

A focused mission: provide, comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us. We each have our own memories of a Catholic priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives. Shouldn't they retire safely and with dignity? The Shepherds' Trust allows us to achieve this goal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

Philippines Typhoon Haiyan – Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of Typhoon Haiyan on Nov. 8. Estimates suggest more than 9.5 million people are in need of aid and more than 600,000 have been forced from their homes. Those wishing to help are asked to visit www.archtoronto.org or place their donation in with the regular collection in an envelope marked **OLS – Philippines Typhoon Haiyan**. The Canadian government will match donations between Nov. 9–Dec. 9.

Next Saturday KofC Pasta Dinner – St. Clement Parish Hall – 6:30pm

The Knights of Columbus will use proceeds from this dinner to provide winter coats to needy children in our community. Tickets are \$10. Contacting either Paul Bryce at 416-799-0445 or kofckingsway3387@yahoo.ca or Dan Franchi, 416-732-4648. Hope to see you there!

Calling All Doctors and Those in Health Care!

Come to the Toronto Catholic Doctor's Guild Annual Mass and Dinner with Cardinal Collins on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013. For tickets or more info, visit <http://www.stjosephmoscati-tcdg.org>

Venite Adoremus 2013 – Bach and Rutter's Magnificats – Dec. 3, 7pm

Salt+Light presents this Christmas concert at Koerner Hall, where Masterworks of Oakville, a chorus of more than 85 voices, accompanied by a 58-piece orchestra, will perform. Use promo code **light13** and save 20%! More info at <http://saltandlighttv.org/christmasconcert>

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