ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

with Baptism



November 2, 2025

10:30 am

"We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work."

- Oscar Romero (Archbishop of San Salvador, martyr), Homily, March 24, 1980 Note: We are a Scent Free Facility for the health and comfort of those with allergies. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us for social hour after the service.

Kids Church is offered during the 10:30 am service. The children will leave for age appropriate activities part way through. Children are also welcome to stay at the activity table.

Welcome, Introduction & Invitation to Stillness

Presider We acknowledge with gratitude that we live and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the kwikwakam (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the qicay (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We give thanks for their care of the land, waters and creatures through the generations, and we commit ourselves to walk gently upon this earth and to live as good neighbours.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, who was, and is, and is to come.

All Glory to God forever and ever.

Presider We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

All Thanks be to God for their example and their prayers.

Presider Christ is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

All To Christ be glory and honour for ever.

Gathering Hymn - For All the Saints (OCP 185)



Text: 10 10 10 with alleluias; William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

Presider God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,

Faithful God,

All you have called us by name and gathered us here.
You see us as we are and love us still.
Lift our burdens, open our hearts,
and make us ready to worship you with joy and hope,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Collect of the Day (the special prayer which 'collects' the theme of the day)

Presider Almighty God,

you knit together your people in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son.
Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and holiness, and bring us to rejoice with them in your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering of Children

Children and their leaders are invited to come forward for a prayer before heading to Kids Church. They will rejoin us in time for Communion. If your child prefers to stay in the service, they are welcome here, and activities are available at the table at the rear of the sanctuary during this time.

Presider Loving God,

All as we gather together, we pray for open hearts and minds. Help us all to grow in faith, love, and understanding. May your Spirit guide us, and may your love unite us, now and always. Amen.

Gloria - Glory to God - Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father Have mercy on us For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father Amen, Amen

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Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes

to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

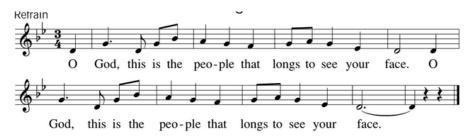
All Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 24 - We Long to See Your Face



- 1. All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it. You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. *Refrain*
- 2. Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place? Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth. *Refrain*
- 3. They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them. Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob. *Refrain*

Second Reading - Revelation 21:1-6a

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying

All Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation



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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - John 11:32-44

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Can you tell me what it takes to be a saint?

Do you have to be a martyr or live in a cave?

Do you have to be old with a long, shaggy beard?

Well, it might help if you're a little bit weird

Alright (alright), OK (OK), this is what I've gotta say:

Chorus:

Maybe the only thing a saint's got
Is just a whole lot of God in their hearts
Takin' over every part
Lightin' 'em up like the brightest spark
In a dark night
Keeping their sights set on the dawn
If that's a saint, God knows I wanna be one

Can you tell me what it takes to be a saint?

Do you have to be perfect and making straight As?

Do you have to be clever, or muscle-y strong?

Do you have to be famous, or pretty and tall?

Uh-uh (uh-uh), no way (no way),

this is what I've gotta say: *Chorus*

Bridge:

Shine your light (shine your light) in me (in me)
Shine your light (shine your light) in me (in me)
So the world (so the world)
can seeYou (repeat) Chorus

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Homily

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Presentation of the Candidate

Presider We now come to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Who presents this candidate for baptism?

Sponsor I present Tom Ginn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Thank you. Tom, do you wish to be baptised?

Tom Yes!

Presider Would you share with us what brings you to this moment?

(Tom offers his brief testimony)

Commitment of the Congregation

Presider We thank God for Tom, who comes to be baptized today.

Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

Will you support Tom on his journey of faith?

All We will.

Presider Will you help him to live and grow within the

family of God?

All We will.

The Decision

Presider We all wander far from God and lose our way,

yet Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism, we respond to his call.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

Tom I do.

Presider Do you reject evil?

Tom I do.

Presider Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Tom I do.

Presider Do you trust in him as Lord?

Tom I do.

Prayer over the Water

The Ministers, Tom, and his sponsor move to the font. The congregation may gather around.

Presider Praise God who made heaven and earth.

All Who keeps promises forever.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Loving God,

we thank you for your servant Moses, who led your people through the waters of the sea to freedom in the promised land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed through the deep waters of death and opened for all the way of life.

Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find true freedom as your children, alive in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

Presider Let us affirm, together with Tom, our common faith

in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in God.

Presider Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

All I believe and trust in Christ.

Presider Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ

known in the world?

All I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

Presider This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Presider Tom, is this your faith?

Tom It is.

(Water is poured generously over Tom's head.)

Presider Tom, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Signing with the Cross

(The Presider makes the sign of the cross on Tom's forehead. The sponsor then anoints Tom with oil.)

Presider Tom, Christ claims you for his own.

Be sealed with the sign of the cross,

and know that you are marked as Christ's own forever.

Do not be ashamed of Christ - you are his forever.

All Stand bravely with him against all that is dark, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Prayer after Baptism

Presider Faithful and loving God,

we thank you that through water and the Holy Spirit you have welcomed Tom into your family of grace.

Keep him in your love, O Lord.

Give him courage and curiosity,

a heart open to wonder,

and joy in the beauty of your world;

through Jesus Christ, the Living Water. Amen.

Candle Presentation

(The sponsor lights a candle from the Paschal Candle and presents it to Tom.)

Presider Receive the light of Christ.

As you walk among the saints of God – past, present, and yet to come – may your life shine with that same light.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God.

Commission and Welcome

Presider Tom, today you join the great company of God's people –

past, present, and yet to come;

the great cloud of witnesses who follow the way of Christ.

As you walk this path, may you share his love generously,

stand for justice, live with compassion,

and walk humbly in the Spirit all your days.

All Faithful God, we welcome Tom.

We rejoice that we are one family in Christ.

We promise to share with him

in the hope of the gospel and the work of love

in the world.

The Peace

Presider We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

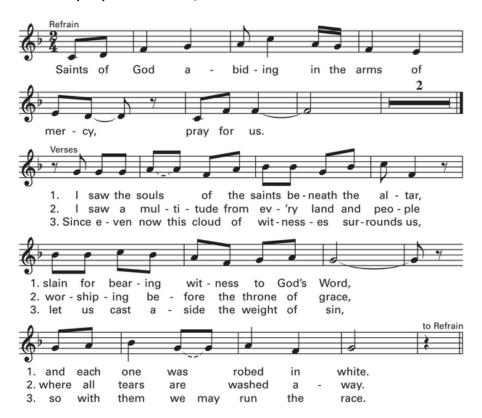
All And also with you.

(The congregation greets one another with a sign of peace.)

Offertory

In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God. Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give through Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer (office@saintlaurence.ca), you're welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.

Offertory Hymn - Saints of God (OCP 880)



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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of all the saints,

All receive the gifts we bring, and make us a people of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All We give our thanks and praise.

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift

of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

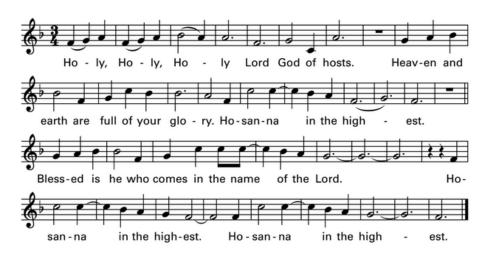
All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider You created us to love you with all our heart,

and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus - Holy - Mass of Renewal



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Presider We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer



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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God



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The Invitation

Presider This is the table of Christ, set in the midst of God's people across every time and place. Come – for all is ready, and all are welcome

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

The Distribution

At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered—just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn - Ubi Caritas (OCP 585)



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Communion Hymn - Saints and Beloved of God (OCP 459)



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Moment of Silence

Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of all generations,

All you have fed us at your table

and united us with the saints of every time and place.

Strengthen us to live faithfully

until we join in your heavenly banquet, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus

for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Presider May the God who holds all history bless you.

May Christ, the ruler of nations, guide you in truth and love.

May the Holy Spirit keep you steadfast in faith

and strong in hope.

And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity,

one God, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn - All Good Gifts (OCP 40)

- 1. Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs
 Holy women, holy men,
 With our love and admiration
 Greet we your return again
 Worthy deeds are theirs, and wonders
 Worthy of the name they bore
 We, with joyful praise and singing
 Honor them forevermore
- 2. Faith prevailing, hope unfailing
 Loving Christ with single heart
 Thus they, glorious and victorious
 Bravely bore the martyr's part
 By contempt of every anguish
 By unyielding battle done
 Victors at the last, they triumph
 With the host of angels one
- 3. Therefore, all that reign in glory
 Strong and sure with Christ on high
 Join to ours your supplication
 When before him we draw nigh
 Praying that, this life completed
 All its fleeting moments past
 By his grace we may be worthy
 Of eternal bliss at last

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Minister Go in peace to cherish Creation, loving and serving the Creator.

All Thanks be to God.

The flowers at the Altar today are given by Gary and Joy Hamblin, in celebration and thanksgiving of Gary's birthday



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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Gathering - 9:00 am

From silence to laughter, scripture to table - wrestling with faith, in good company.

Join us midweek for Communion, scripture, and honest conversation. A safe space to share questions, explore diverse perspectives, and deepen fellowship. Start your day nourished in spirit and community.

Tonight

6:00 pm - All Souls Service

A quiet, reflective service to remember those we love but see no longer. Together we will name our loved ones, light candles in their memory, and place photos or small items of significance on the altar as a sign of love.

All are welcome.

Book Club

The Book Club meets from 2:00-4:00 pm

ZOOM MTG ONLY this month

Next Meeting - November 11, 2025

New members are always welcome!.

Contact the church office if you are not on the Book Club list and would like to be included



Quality Fair

Please feel free to bring and drop off your items for Quality fair, following both services (9:00 & 10:30 am)

Sundays - November 2, 9 & 16 - in the Hall

If you would like to drop items off during the week, please contact the church office to make arrangements.