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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM*
12:00 PM | 5:00 PM
*Family Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday – Saturday
9:00 AM
preceded by the
Daily Rosary at 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:15 PM
before the 4:00 PM Mass

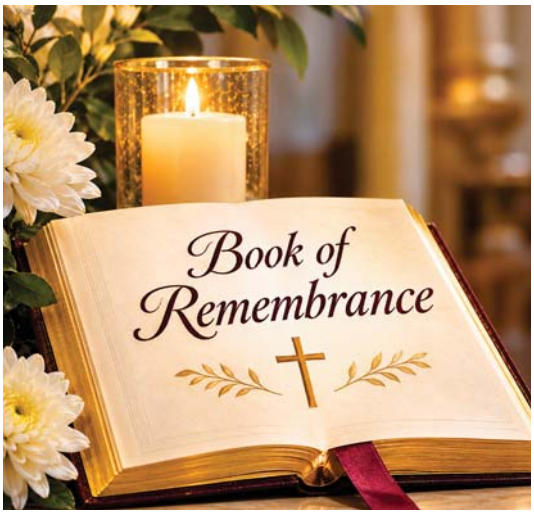
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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,



This is the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year. It concludes with next Sunday's celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The following Sunday, November 29, begins Advent. Last Sunday, we offered the noon Mass for all those from our parish who were buried during the year. Feel free to enroll your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance, located in front of the statue of St. Joseph. We pray for them at all our November Masses.

You should have received material for the Our Family/Our Parish/Our Future initiative. We're grateful to everyone who is assisting with this effort to maintain our parish's financial viability. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



As Thanksgiving approaches, we invite you to help local families in need. We will be collecting nonperishable food items during the weekends of November 14–15 and November 21–22. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the church entrances. Every contribution, large or small, brings hope and comfort to our neighbors during this season of gratitude and giving. Thank you for your generosity and compassion!

Our Parish. Our Family. Our Future. 2026 Parish Stewardship Program

Thank You for Your Commitment to Our Parish



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and returned their Commitment Cards. Your generosity and continued support help sustain the ministries, programs, and mission of our parish.

If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.cantoncatholic.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Every parishioner is a valued member of our parish family, and every commitment makes a difference. We invite you to prayerfully consider your weekly offertory giving and, if your circumstances allow, make an increased commitment to support the ongoing needs of our parish.

Thank you for your faith, generosity, and commitment to the future of St. Oscar Romero Parish!



Christ the King: A Different Kind of Kingdom



Preparing Our Hearts for the Final Sunday of the Liturgical Year

Next Sunday, November 22, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, marking the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

When we think of a king, we often imagine someone with great wealth, power, and authority. But Jesus reveals a very different kind of kingship — one rooted not in earthly power, but in love, mercy, humility, and service.

Christ does not reign from a throne of gold, but from the Cross. His crown is made of thorns, and His greatest victory is the gift of His life for our salvation. What does it mean to welcome Christ as King of our hearts?

It means allowing His love to guide our choices, His mercy to shape our relationships, and His example to inspire the way we treat others.

We honor Christ as King whenever we forgive someone who has hurt us, offer kindness to a stranger, care for someone in need, or choose patience when life becomes difficult.

As the Church's liturgical year draws to a close, we are invited to reflect on a simple but meaningful question:

Is Jesus truly at the center of my life?

May this coming celebration of Christ the King inspire us to open our hearts more fully to His love and to carry that love into our families, our parish, and our world.



Why We Pray for Our Faithful Departed

Our love for those who have died does not end with death. Neither do our prayers.

As Catholics, we believe in the Communion of Saints — the spiritual bond that unites us with those who have gone before us in faith. Through Jesus Christ, our connection with our deceased loved ones continues, and our prayers remain a beautiful expression of that love.

The Church teaches that our prayers, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, can assist those who are being purified in preparation for the fullness of eternal life with God.

When we pray for the faithful departed, we entrust them to God's infinite mercy and love.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

John 11:25

Our Book of Remembrance

During November, the Church dedicates special attention to praying for the faithful departed. One meaningful expression of this tradition is our parish's Book of Remembrance.

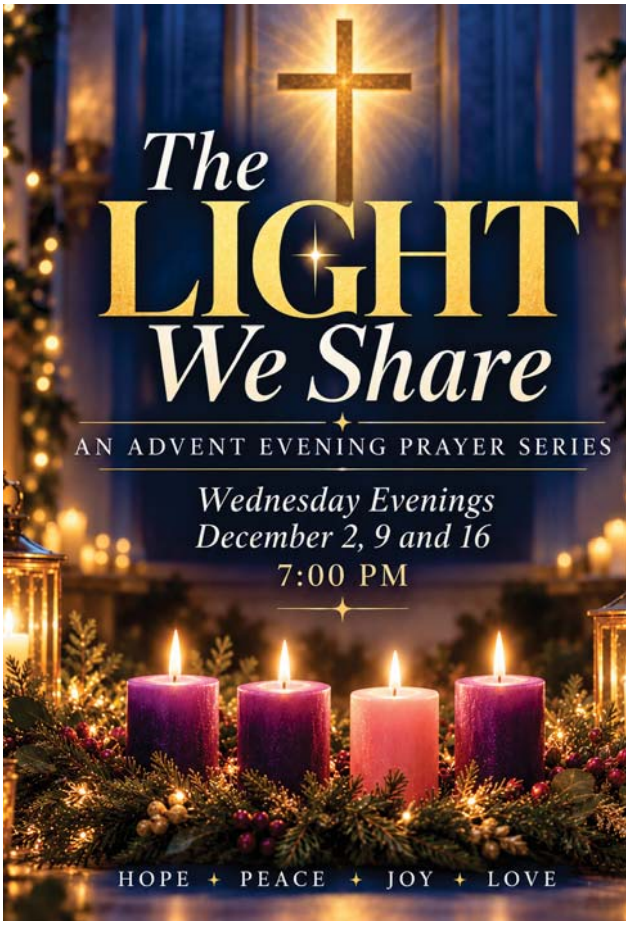
By inscribing the name of a loved one in this book, we offer a visible sign that they have not been forgotten. Each name represents a life, a story, and someone who continues to hold a special place in the hearts of those who loved them.

The Book of Remembrance also reminds us that we do not grieve or pray alone. As a parish family, we join our prayers together, entrusting all those who have died to God's loving care. Their names become part of our community's shared prayer throughout the month of November.

We invite you to inscribe the names of your deceased family members and friends in the Book of Remembrance, located in front of the statue of St. Joseph. All those remembered in the book are included in our prayers at Mass throughout November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.





Amid the busyness of preparing for Christmas, Advent invites us to slow down, quiet our hearts, and make room for Christ.

This Advent, join our parish family for The Light We Share, three special evenings of sung prayer, Scripture, music, and reflections offered by fellow parishioners.

December 2 — **HOPE**: Sharing Christ's hope with those in need of comfort and encouragement.

December 9 — **PEACE**: Becoming instruments of Christ's peace in the lives of others.

December 16 — **JOY:** Bringing the joy of Christ's coming to those experiencing loneliness or hardship.

Following each prayer service, we'll gather in the Lower Church for a simple activity that allows us to share Christ's light with others, along with light refreshments and fellowship.

Come for one evening or all three. All are welcome!

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"Freely you have received; freely give."
Matthew 10:8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 14
9:00AM
4:00PM - Helen McFadyn, Memorial

Sunday, November 15
8:00AM - People of the Parish
10:00AM - Robert & Rose Maddestra, Memorial
12:00PM - George Hannon, Memorial
5:00PM - Helen & William Dillon, Bonnie Dillon D'Attanasio Memorial

Weekday Masses at 9:00AM

Monday, November 16
Mary & Albert D 'Attanasio, Wedding Anniversary Memorial

Tuesday, November 17

Wednesday, November 17

Thursday, November 18

Friday, November 19
Sally and Eddie Struzik, Memorial

Next Weekend

Saturday, November 20
9:00AM
4:00PM - Gloria & Don Columbare, Memorial

Sunday, November 21
8:00AM - Bruno Ferrara, Memorial
10:00AM - Janet Rega, Memorial
12:00PM - Michael McDonough, Memorial
5:00PM - Nicholas Nastasi & Phyllis Rizzuto, Memorial

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in prayer those who have entered eternal life.

Susan Giuliano

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sacraments & Parish Resources

Anointing of the Sick
Contact the parish office.

Baptism
Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
To register, visit www.cantoncatholic.org

Marriage
Please contact the parish office six months in advance.

Bereavement Support Ministry
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

St. Mary's Cemetery
Contact Barbara McKenney 781-828-0090 x 311

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