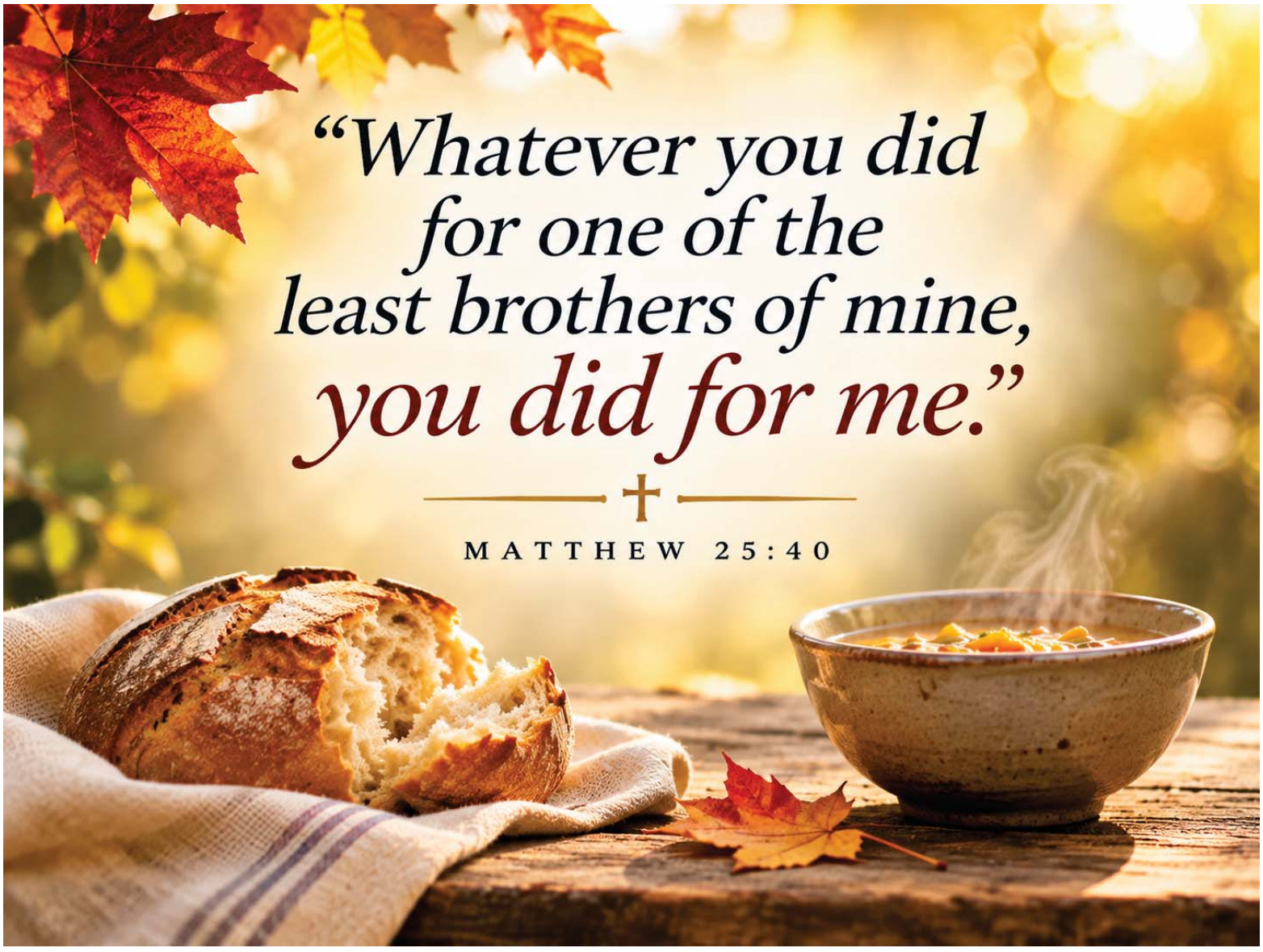
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WEEKEND MASSES

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
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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Annually the Church marks the end of the liturgical year with the solemnity of Christ the King. Our Gospel reminds us that this king asks not, "What have you done for me?" but instead, "What have you done for the least of our brothers and sisters?" As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, we have many opportunities to put this Gospel message into practice. Be sure to take note, in the bulletin and via social media, of the many Advent activities that will be taking place in our parish.

Thank you to all who have completed and returned commitment cards for the **Our Parish – Our Family – Our Future** stewardship effort. If you haven't done so yet, you can mail them, drop them in the collection basket or leave them at the parish office.

It has been gratifying and encouraging to see the increased number of worshippers at all of our Masses. Undoubtedly, many factors are contributing to this upswing, including the opportunities for family participation through our Celebrating Parish Families initiative. I do, however, receive numerous positive comments about the quality of our liturgies, our adult and children's choirs, and our Religious Education Program. Additionally, one can't help but sense the joy as children and families participate in events such as our recent All Saints celebration, this weekend's Advent wreath-making event, and, of course, the annual Nativity Cantata.

Like a family that determines its own priorities, our parish is committed to offering a robust schedule of events that appeal to all age groups and interests, while also maintaining our parish facilities. We have undertaken this stewardship initiative so that we may remain steadfast in our purpose and continue moving forward. Thank you for your commitment and generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom

A Special Moment at Our Family Mass



Congratulations to Rafael Jaimes, who received the *Parvuli Dei* emblem during last Sunday's 10:00 AM Mass. This special Catholic Scouting religious emblem recognizes Rafael's growing understanding of his faith, his relationship with God, and his commitment to living out Catholic values.

The Light We Share: A Journey Through Advent

Introducing Our Parish's Interactive Advent Calendar!

This Advent, St. Oscar Romero Parish invites you to experience The Light We Share, a special online Advent calendar filled with Scripture, reflections, prayers, and simple ways to share Christ's light with others.

Beginning Sunday, November 29, a new door will open each day, offering a meaningful moment to pause and prepare your heart for Christmas. Enjoy the calendar on your own or share the experience with family and friends!

How Does It Work?

- Visit the calendar by scanning the QR code or visiting our parish website, cantoncatholic.org.
- Find the day's numbered door. ***The numbers represent our Advent journey, not the dates in December.*** Door 1 opens November 29, Door 2 opens November 30, and Door 3 opens December 1.
- Click or tap to open! A new door unlocks each morning. You cannot open future doors early, but you can always revisit doors from previous days.
- Reflect and share the light. Discover a Scripture passage, reflection, prayer, and simple Advent challenge each day.

Our journey continues through December 24, when Door 26 opens on Christmas Eve.

One door. One day. One little light to share.

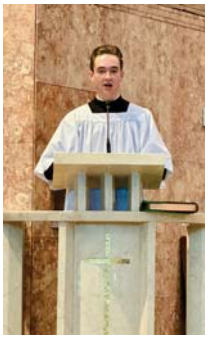
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Visit Our Interactive Advent Calendar





An Invitation to Serve at the Altar



At Mass last weekend, Michael Ryan, a senior at Canton High School, shared his experience as an altar server and encouraged young parishioners to consider joining this special ministry.

Michael began altar serving shortly after his First Communion, nearly ten years ago, and has served at St. Oscar Romero Parish for the past five years.

Reflecting on his journey, Michael shared, "Altar serving has not only taught me to love attending Mass, but also how to actively participate in it." He added that serving has helped him understand the Mass more deeply and grow closer to God.

Michael encouraged young people to consider a simple but meaningful question: "Could you grow in your friendship with Jesus through serving Him at the altar?"

All children and young people who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to explore this ministry. Training is provided, and scheduling is flexible.

Interested in becoming an altar server or learning more? Please contact Barbara McKenney at bmckenney@cantoncatholic.org.



ADVENT AT ST. OSCAR ROMERO PARISH

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ through prayer, fellowship, and outreach this Advent season.

Celebrating Our Parish Families



Advent Prep – Wreath Making

Sunday, November 22
Following the 10:00 AM Family Mass
Lower Church

Join us for a joyful morning of Advent wreath making and fellowship as we begin the season together.

The Light We Share



An Advent Evening Prayer Series

Wednesdays • December 2, 9 & 16 • 7:00 PM

Join us for music, Scripture, reflection, and prayer, followed by a simple outreach project each evening.

- ***Week 1 — Hope***
- ***Week 2 — Peace***
- ***Week 3 — Joy***

Sharing Christ's light through projects for Abundant Hope, children in need, and Hellenic Nursing Home residents.

The Nativity Cantata



Saturday, December 12

Join us for a beautiful evening of music and reflection as we celebrate the story of Christ's birth.

Blessing of the Infant Jesus & Gingerbreadfest



Sunday, December 20
Following the 10:00 AM Family Mass
Lower Church

Bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity for a special blessing, then join us for gingerbread fun, hot chocolate, and family fellowship.

All are welcome!

For more information, visit cantoncatholic.org

Sharing Christ's Light *Through Advent Giving*

This Advent, our parish family is invited to share Christ's love in a special way through two outreach projects connected to ***The Light We Share*** Advent Evening Prayer Series. Whether you attend the prayer services or simply wish to contribute, your generosity will help bring warmth, comfort, and joy to others this Christmas season.



Wrapped in Warmth, Sent with Love

For Children at St. Ambrose Family Shelter

Help us keep little hands and hearts warm this winter.

We are collecting NEW children's items only:

- **New children's hats**
- **New mittens**
- **New gloves**

Following our December 9 Evening Prayer, parishioners will prepare these gifts with Christmas blessing tags as a reminder of God's love.

DONATION DEADLINE: Sunday, December 6



Sharing Christmas Joy

For Residents of Hellenic Nursing Home

Help us brighten Christmas for the residents of Hellenic Nursing Home.

We are collecting NEW items only:

- **Hand cream**
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Lip balm**
- **Small (pocket-size) packages of tissues**
- **New socks of all kinds**
- **Crossword puzzle books**
- **Word-search books**
- **Pens**
- **Pencils**

Following our December 16 Evening Prayer, parishioners will assemble Christmas gift bags for the 100 residents of Hellenic Nursing Home.

DONATION DEADLINE: Sunday, December 13

Please donate NEW, UNUSED items only.
Personal-care products must be UNOPENED and in their original packaging.
Thank you!

Thank you for helping us share Christ's light through simple acts of kindness and generosity this Advent.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 21

9:00AM - Amerigo and Rose DiNicola, Memorial
4:00PM - Gloria & Don Columbare, Memorial

Sunday, November 22
8:00AM - Bruno Ferrara, Memorial
10:00AM - Janet Rega, Memorial
12:00PM - Michael McDonough, Memorial
5:00PM - Nicholas Nastasi & Phyllis Rizzuto, Memorial

Weekday Masses at 9:00AM

Monday, November 23
Giuseppe Guarino, Memorial

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25
7:00PM - Thanksgiving Vigil for the People of the Parish

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27
Phyllis Mitchell, Memorial

Next Weekend

Saturday, November 28
9:00AM
4:00PM -Ida Hanlon, Memorial

Sunday, November 29
8:00AM
10:00AM - People of our Parish
12:00PM - Michael McDonough, Memorial
5:00PM -James Pepin & Barbara Crossen, Memorial

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in prayer those who have entered eternal life.

Heavenly Father,

We lift up all who are mourning the loss of someone they love. Surround them with Your peace, comfort them in their sorrow, and remind them that they are never alone.

May the promise of eternal life bring hope to their hearts, and may the memories of their loved ones remain a blessing. Amen.

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