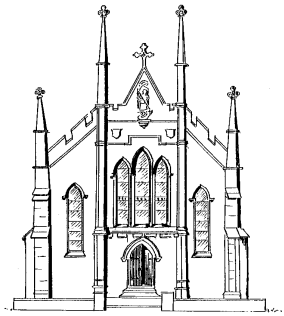
DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 32 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday – Week 32

Remembrance Sunday

Collect:
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are Yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Today's prayer: For all Victims of War:
Lord God, Your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet He prayed for His persecutors and overcame hatred with the blood of the Cross. Relive the sufferings of the innocent victims of war; grant them peace of mind, healing of body, and a renewed faith in Your protection and care. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

For those who died in War:
Lord God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful: grant to the souls of Your servants departed the remission of all their sins: that, through our pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired: You who live are reign, world without end. Amen

May their, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

For Peace:
O Most High, Your people rage over the Land,
war and terror engulf those who seek to follow You,
hundreds have died, thousands have been wounded, and this is just the beginning.
Jesus, Incarnate Word, give strength to those working for peace in the midst of war;
doctors, nurses, and medics tending the wounded,
fire fighters and rescue workers pulling people from the ruin of their lives,
regional leaders calling for calm.
Eternal Flame of Love, teach us all the ways of peace; bring to justice those:
who wage war, violence and terror, who limit life, steal land, use law to oppress.
Eternal Trinity, show us quickly how to turn away from violence,
pursue costly justice and live in peace with each other and with the earth. Amen.

Monday – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Collect:
O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for Your majesty,
increase in Your Church the grace You have bestowed,
so that by unceasing growth Your faithful people
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:1-6

Today's prayer:
Heavenly Father, You have called us together as living stones
to form Your holy Church, with Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
as its foundation and cornerstone.
As we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica,
the mother and head of all the churches of the world,
we thank You for the witness of St John the Baptist,
who prepared the way for Your Son, and St John the Evangelist,
who proclaimed His love and revealed His glory.
Through their prayers and example, strengthen our faith and deepen our love
for the Church You have gathered as one family in Christ.
May our churches always be places of welcome and peace,
where Your Word is proclaimed, Your sacraments celebrated,
and Your love made known to all.
Make us living temples of Your Holy Spirit, so that, united in faith and charity,
we may bear witness to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

St John the Baptist, Pray for us
St John the Evangelist, Pray for us

Today we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, dedicated to Christ our Saviour, St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist. As the cathedral of the Pope, Bishop of Rome, it is known as the mother and head of all churches throughout the world. This feast reminds us of our unity with the Pope and with one another, and that we ourselves are living stones, forming God's holy Church in Christ.

Tuesday – St Leo the Great

Pope and Doctor of the Church - *patronage of popes, Church leaders and those who defend the Catholic faith*

Collect:
O God, who never allow the gates of hell
to prevail against Your Church,
firmly founded on the apostolic rock,
grant her, we pray,
that through the intercession of Pope Saint Leo,
she may stand firm in Your truth
and know the protection of lasting peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:7-10

Today's prayer:
Heavenly Father,
You gave Your Church a wise and courageous shepherd in St Leo the Great, who faithfully proclaimed the mystery of Your Son, true God and true man.
Through his prayers and example, strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, deepen our love for His Church, and give courage and wisdom
to all who are called to lead Your people.
May we remain steadfast in the truth, generous in charity,
and faithful in bearing witness to Your love, so that, united in Christ,
we may grow together in holiness and peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Leo, Pray for us

Today we celebrate St Leo the Great, who served as Pope from 440 to 461, guiding the Church through troubled times. A courageous pastor and gifted teacher, he defended the truth that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully human. He also worked tirelessly for peace and the protection of his people. His feast reminds us of the importance of faithful leadership, Christian unity and courage in bearing witness to Christ.

Wednesday – St Martin of Tours

Bishop - *patron saint of soldiers, conscientious objectors, beggars, the poor, tailors, wool-workers, innkeepers and France.*

Collect:
O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin
both by his life and death,
make new, we pray,
the wonders of Your grace in our hearts,
that neither death nor life
may separate us from Your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:11-19

Today's prayer:
Heavenly Father, You filled the heart of St Martin
with compassion for the poor and a generous love for Your Son.
As he shared his cloak with a stranger in need,
teach us to recognise the face of Christ in all who suffer,
and to respond with kindness and generosity.
Through his prayers and example,
give us courage to follow Christ faithfully,
humility in serving others, and a deep desire for peace.
May we never turn away from those who need our help,
but share freely the gifts You have entrusted to us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Martin, Pray for us

Today we celebrate St Martin of Tours, born around 316, who became a soldier in the Roman army before embracing the Christian faith. He is remembered for sharing his cloak with a beggar, later recognising Christ in the poor man. After leaving military service, he became a monk and eventually Bishop of Tours in France. A humble and devoted pastor, he worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel, reminding us that true Christian greatness lies in charity and service.

Thursday – St Josaphat Kuncevyc

Bishop and Martyr

Collect:
Stir up in Your Church, we pray, O Lord,
the Spirit that filled Saint Josaphat
as he laid down his life for the sheep,
so that through his intercession
we, too, may be strengthened by the same Spirit
and not be afraid to lay down our life for others.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:20-25

Today's Prayer:
Heavenly Father, You gave St Josaphat a burning love for Your Church and the courage to lay down his life in the service of Christian unity.
Through his prayers and example, heal the divisions that separate Your people and deepen our desire for reconciliation and peace.
Teach us to respect the rich traditions through which Your Church worships You, and to recognise in one another the faith that unites us in Jesus Christ.
We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, for an end to war and suffering, and for a just and lasting peace.
May the witness of St Josaphat inspire us to seek unity without bitterness, to speak the truth with love, and to remain faithful to Christ even in times of difficulty.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Josaphat, Pray for us

Today we celebrate St Josaphat Kuncevyc, born around 1580 in present-day Ukraine. A monk and later Archbishop of Polotsk, he worked tirelessly to promote unity between Eastern Christians and the Catholic Church, while preserving the traditions of the Eastern liturgy. His efforts met with fierce opposition, and he was martyred in 1623. His feast reminds us that Christian unity must be pursued with courage, patience and charity, always seeking reconciliation rather than division or hostility.

Friday – Week 32

Collect:
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are Yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:26-37

Today's prayer:
Almighty and merciful Father,
You know the burdens we carry,
the worries that trouble our minds,
and the difficulties that weigh upon our hearts.
In Your goodness, protect us from all that harms us,
and give us strength and courage
to face the challenges of each day.
Free us from unnecessary fears and anxieties,
from selfishness and resentment,
and from anything that prevents us
from responding generously to Your love.
Grant us peace of mind,
health and strength of body,
and above all, the freedom of heart
to seek what is good and pleasing to You.
May we walk each day in the freedom of Your children,
trusting in Your providence
and rejoicing in Your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday – Week 32

Collect:
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are Yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 18:1-8

Today's prayer:
Heavenly Father,
You have created us for Yourself
and called us to share in the fullness of Your life.
Keep us safe in Your loving care
amid the uncertainties and difficulties of this world.
When our minds are troubled, grant us peace;
when our bodies are weary, renew our strength;
when our hearts are divided, draw us closer to You.
Help us to recognise what truly matters,
to set aside the things that distract us from Your love,
and to seek Your kingdom with willing and generous hearts.
May Your grace guide our thoughts,
inspire our words,
and direct our actions,
so that, free from all that holds us back,
we may serve You joyfully
and grow each day in holiness.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.