HIGHLIGHTED

Lectors Workshop – Sat. Oct. 31

We are pleased to announce that Beth, a former parishioner and friend from St. Gertrude's in Oshawa, will be joining us on **Saturday**, **October 31, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** in the Church auditorium, to lead a workshop for all current and prospective lectors.

There will also be an optional hands-on training session at the ambo/pulpit inside the church, which will be especially helpful in putting the learning into practice.

Beth brings professional experience in management coaching and development, along with a deep understanding of the importance of the lectors' ministry. This workshop will help us proclaim the Word of God clearly and confidently while appreciating the honour, responsibility, and seriousness of this ministry.

A full turnout is expected, and I am asking each person to respond personally to confirm their attendance.

Boiler Announcement

This past week we accepted the low bid quote to replace our 2 Church boilers for a cost of **$75,000** before taxes and an additional **$2000** for gas TSSA certificates.

Bringing matters to a close was not as straight forward as I had hoped and I thank the Lord through the intercession of Padre Pio surrender novena prayer for bringing the matter to conclusion.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers for a safe, successful and happy installation as these boilers are big and heavy and we have a movie set deep dungeon of a boiler room.

Life Saint Board

This October, ***The Saint Life*** board highlights **St. Francis of Assisi**, whose witness of simplicity, peace, care for creation, and love for Christ speaks especially powerfully during this ***Year of St. Francis***. Be sure to visit the board this month to learn more about his life and reflect on how his example can shape our own discipleship

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about:

Funeral and burial options

Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones

Catholic teachings on cremation

Flexible payment options ***(including 0% financing options)***

Date & Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill

Saturday October 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM

You must RSVP to attend at *905*-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection Weekend Sat. Nov. 14th and Sun. 15th

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, linen and small household goods to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell to support our works of charity.

We collect clothing, shoes, linen and small household goods. Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.

There will be a truck parked behind the church on Markham Street all weekend open Saturday and Sunday between 9am and 7pm. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

"So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." – John 6:53

AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting- Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers interested in assisting with the Winter Welcome Table Meal at St. Peter's Church on Monday, October 19th in the parish auditorium of St. Peter's Church. This has been a joint venture between the parishes of St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter's for many years and volunteers are much needed. All interested are welcome

Taizé Prayer Service of Thanksgiving – Oct. 29

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, the FCJ sisters and friends invite you to a gentle evening of Taizé prayer — quiet song, scripture, and silence — as we give thanks for God's blessings and reflect on the changing seasons of our lives. Join us in this time of gratitude and peace, to rest in God's presence and be renewed in hope, on **Thursday, October 29, from 7.30 - 8.30pm**.

Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting ***CLEAN adult*** jackets, tops and pants and winter clothing for distribution among those who attend the Winter Welcome Table for a warm meal. Toiletries and unused socks are also in great demand. Please donate in the boxes at the doors of the Church. Please wash any used clothing before donating. Thank you for your understanding in this regard!

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 3/4 through October 24/25. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.

To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election

Memorial Mass on Nov. 6, at 7 pm

The parish will celebrate the First Friday Memorial Mass on Friday, Nov. 6 at 7 pm. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you." – St. Thomas Aquinas

All Saints Day - November 1

On Sunday, November 1, All Saints day, Mass will be celebrated the regular Masses will be at 9:00 am and 11:15 am

All Souls Day - November 2 & praying for Our Beloved dead in November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On **Monday, November 2, All Souls day** the parish will have Masses for **All Souls at 8:00 am and 7:30 pm.**

The Source - Sisters of Life –Oct. 22, 2026 at 7 pm in the Church

The Sisters of Life will be hosting "The Source" in the Church on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM. You are invited to come for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) followed by Christian fellowship in the Church Auditorium. Confession will also be available during Adoration

Parish Finances

Offering October 10-11, 2026

Envelopes:	$1847.00
Loose:	$180.00
PAG:	$993.00
TOTAL	***$3020.00***