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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Do you know who these people are?

Even though the last four popes have canonized nearly 1500 saints, hardly any of us would consider sainthood to be a goal to aspire to. We stick to “more attainable” goals in our spiritual life, like daily prayer, a faithful commitment to ministry and service and becoming a better person. Yet, the feast of All Saints and today’s Scripture readings call us to something more.

The Book of Revelation was written to encourage Christians who were facing persecution. Those who endured persecution now enjoyed the glory of heaven. Revelation also tells us that this is not the destiny of a selected few. It speaks of *‘a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.’*

Last year, as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, Pope Leo canonized nine saints. Who are these people? Among them were:

Carlo Acutis - Known as the first millennial saint, he used digital media to promote devotion to the Eucharist. Young people see in him, one who dresses and speaks like them and shares their interests. He died of leukemia in 2006, aged just 15.

Pier Giorgio Frassati - A keen mountaineer, third-order Dominican and active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, his life was cut short by polio aged twenty-four. He was loved for his charitable work and social action among the poor in his native Turin.

Peter To Rot - A Papua New Guinean layman and catechist. During the Japanese Occupation of his country, he bravely continued his catechetical ministry and opposed polygamy, remaining faithful to his wife Paula. He was imprisoned and killed by Japanese soldiers.

The stories of these three lay people echo the words of the Book of Revelation: *‘a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.’*

The Beatitudes are perhaps Jesus’ most challenging teachings for his disciples. Can we really be gentle, just, merciful and pure? These saints show us that we can, if we use the gifts that we have to serve others, if we hold faithfully to the teachings of Christ even when it’s difficult and if we try every day to become a little more like Jesus. That’s all we need to focus on. John, in his first epistle, reminds us that our future has not been revealed yet. We are still works in progress and so we should not give up hope of one day becoming like Christ. God loves us so much that that is God’s desire for all of us - that we become like Christ and share in His glory. In short, that we become saints and be part of that huge number, impossible to count.

Fr Gerard Louis C.Ss.R.

Readings & responses for the week

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 1 November All Saints	Rev 7:2-4.9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
Monday, 2 November All Souls	Is 25:6-9; Rom 5: 5-11; Mt 11:25-30. The Lord is my light and my help.
Tuesday, 3 November St Martin de Porres, Religious	Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14:15-24. You are my praise my Lord, in the great assembly.
Wednesday, 4 November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Phil 2: 12-18; Lk 14: 25-33. The Lord is my light and my help.
Thursday, 5 November	Phil 3: 3-8; Lk 15:1-10. Let the heart that seek the Lord rejoice.
Friday, 6 November	Phil 3: 17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8. I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"
Saturday, 7 November Blessed virgin Mary	Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16: 9-15. Happy the man who fears the Lord.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration



With Jesus Through Every Trial

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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4

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6th November (Friday)
7.30pm, Main Church

Join us in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for persecuted Christians around the world and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

CHORAL CONCERT



PsalmiDeo Chorale
presents

The Light We Share

Church of St Alphonsus (Novena Church)
07 November, Sat 8:30pm

Part of the concert proceeds will go to the Redemptorist
Mission Fund of Novena Church

Tickets at \$25 each | For inquiries, contact
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ADVENT MARKET



2026 ADVENT COMMUNITY PROJECT

A NOVENA
CHRISTMAS OF LOVE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FLEA
MARKET GOES TO THE REDemptORIST
CHURCH MISSION FUND.

17 SATURDAY, 12 DEC 2026 | 9AM – 2PM
CHURCH OF ST. ALPHONSUS (NOVENA CHURCH)

Come & share the joy of giving this Christmas!

**DEEPAVALI PH, 8 NOV SUNDAY
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**9 NOV, MONDAY, THE RECEPTION
AND GIFTSHOP WILL BE CLOSED.**