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Assistant Priest
Fr. Zachary Lewis



Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A
15 November 2026

SUNDAY MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES		RECONCILIATION	
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil	**Monday**	9:15am	**Tuesday**	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday	7:30am	**Tuesday**	9:00am & 7:00pm	**Wednesday**	8:30am-8:55am
	9:00am	**Wednesday**	9:00am & 7:00pm	**Thursday**	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm	**Thursday**	9:00am	**Friday**	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
	6:00pm	**Friday**	9:00am & 7:00pm	**Saturday**	8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
		Saturday	9:00am		

FIRST FRIDAY:
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Thursday-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm– Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm– midnight
Every Saturday Adoration: 4:30pm-5:45pm

DEVOTIONS:
Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus - Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour) - Wednesday after 9:00am Mass
Novena to The Holy Family - Wednesday after 7:00pm Mass
Novena to St. Margaret Mary every Friday morning mass
Marian Movement Cenacle - Friday: 5:00pm *(Children's Rosary)*
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass
Men's Rosary Crusade - 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass
Divine Mercy - 4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (3:00pm - Holy Mass)

BAPTISMS:
1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
(not during Advent, Month of January, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)
Baptism Preparation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month - 10:30am Mass followed by session.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Sunday morning: 9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526– option 3 - any time

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING — Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R.)***
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

SECOND READING — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

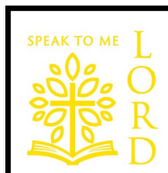
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

MEDITATION



What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have. There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you? ***Lord Jesus, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships, and be the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time, and resources you give me for your glory and your kingdom.***



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
22 NOVEMBER 2026
Our LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING of the UNIVERSE (Year A)
First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1Cor 15:20-26
Gospel: Mt 25:31-46



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
NOVEMBER 2026
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS FOR ALL DEPARTED SOULS

During the month of November, we will be celebrating **ONE (1) daily Gregorian Mass** during **weekdays and weekends** for all the deceased.
On Thursdays (during November) there will be recitation of the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Morning Mass.
We will continue with **"November Mass" yellow envelopes** for our daily Gregorian Masses in November. The envelopes will be kept on the church pews. Please write the name of your deceased loved ones for whom you wish to pray along with an offering inside the envelope. Kindly place the **"November Mass"** envelope in the basket at the altar or give it to the Priests or Parish Office.

YOUTH GROUP @ STMM

Pauline Junior (Meeting: 27 November)
Our youth group for Primary School Students, meets on the 2nd& 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Pauline Teen (Meeting: 27 November)
Our youth group for High School Students, meets on the 2nd& 4th Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Pauline Young Adults (Meeting: 15 November)
Our young adults group ***(ages 18 to 35 years),*** meets on 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
For further information please contact **parish@stmm.org.au**

Youth Group



NO DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS ON FOURTH SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026 & JANUARY 2027

~~Eternal Rest: The Afterlife (Episode 2)~~

Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre

What happens after the moment of our death? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.





JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Matthew–The King and his Kingdom portrays Jesus as the true King who fulfills the Law the people of Israel have failed to keep and who introduces the new law that will accompany the New Covenant.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

St. Margaret Mary's Parish along with the Parish Priest and Assistant Priest congratulate all the candidates upon receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 14 November 2026.**
We are honoured to have ***Very Rev Luis Fernando Montano-Rodriguez VG EV PP*** presiding the ceremony.
Our sincere appreciation to our ***Sacramental Coordinator Monique Kairouz*** who prepared the candidates. Her dedication and efforts are commendable and ensured everything was well organised.
Our gratitude to all those involved with the preparations.
Finally, a sincere thanks to the parents and families for bringing their children to learn, prepare and receive the Sacrament as well as the sponsors and well-wishers who attended the Confirmation.
May Our Lord continue to bless you and your families in your journey of faith.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
Saturday-05 December 2026
in the Pastoral Centre
Time: 10:00am to 1:30pm (lunch included)

It is ***mandatory*** for all volunteers involved in the parish ministries who have not completed their online training to attend a face-to-face training.
Cycle 1 ***(New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)***
Cycle 2 ***(Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who have completed Cycle 1 two years ago)***
For further information kindly contact your group coordinator or email **safeguarding@stmm.org.au**

PARISH OFFICE OPERATIONAL DAYS

With immediate effect, the Parish Office will be open from ***Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm.***
The Parish office is closed on Monday, at weekends and on public holidays.

7-8 November to 12-13 December 2026

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The Power of Prayer

Prayer Requests



15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Very Rev Fernando Montano
Morning Tea in Pastoral Centre
17 November 2026 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE
Refreshments in Pastoral Centre (please bring a plate to share)
22 November 2026 (Sunday) 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Parish Luncheon Banquet at Aria House