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WE ARE GOD'S BUILDING

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME - NOVEMBER 9, 2025

The liturgy today has us celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called the "mother and head of all the Churches of the Urbe and Orbe". Actually, this Basilica was the first to be built after the Edict of the Emperor Constantine who, in 313, conceded to Christians the freedom to practice their religion. The same Emperor gave Pope Miltiades the ancient estate of the Laterani family and had the Basilica, the Baptistry and the Patriarchate built for him, the latter being the Bishop of Rome's residence, where Popes resided until the Avignon era. The dedication of the Basilica was celebrated by Pope Silvester in about 324 and the temple was dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour; only after the 6th century were the names of Sts John the Baptist and John the Evangelist added, from which came its common name. This occasion initially only involved the city of Rome; then, from 1565 onwards, it extended to the entire Church of the Roman rite. Hence, honouring the holy building is meant as an expression of love and veneration for the Roman Church "which", as St Ignatius of Antioch affirms, "presides in charity" over the entire Catholic communion (cf. *Epistula ad Romanos*, 1, 1).

The Word of God during this Solemnity recalls an essential truth: the stone temple is the symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, that the Apostles Peter and Paul had, in their Letters, already understood as a "spiritual building", constructed by God with the "living stones" that are the Christians, upon the one foundation that is Jesus Christ, who is in turn compared to the "cornerstone" (cf. 1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17; 1 Pt 2: 4-8; Eph 2: 20-22). "Brethren,... you are God's building", St Paul writes, and he adds, "God's temple is holy, and you are that temple" (1 Cor 3: 9c, 17). The beauty and the harmony of churches, destined to render praise to God, invites us human beings too, though limited and sinful, to convert ourselves to form a "cosmos", a well-ordered construction, in close communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies. This reaches its culmination in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the "ecclesia" that is, the community of baptized finds itself again united to listen to the Word of God and nourish itself on the Body and Blood of Christ. Gathered around this twofold table, the Church of living stones builds herself up in truth and in love and is moulded interiorly by the Holy Spirit, transforming herself into what she receives, conforming herself ever more to her Lord Jesus Christ. She herself, if she lives in sincere and fraternal unity, thus becomes a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

Dear friends, today's feast celebrates an ever current mystery: that God desires to build himself a spiritual temple in the world, a community that adores him in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4: 23-24). But this occasion reminds us also of the importance of the concrete buildings in which the community gathers together to celebrate God's praises. Every community therefore has the duty to carefully guard their holy structures, which constitute a precious religious and historical patrimony. For this we invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, so that she might help us to become, like her, a "house of God", living temple of his love.

POPE BENEDICT XVI — November 9, 2008

SATURDAY'S HAPPY NEWS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI, C.S.M.A., as the *10th Bishop of Hamilton* has been welcomed across the Diocese. Having served as Auxiliary Bishop of London, the Bishop knows the area well, and he has friends in London and here! We look forward to welcoming him for a brief visit mid-month, when he will begin his transition from Charlottetown to Hamilton. We pray for him as he prepares to take up his new duties here.

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Saturday, November 8 **5:00 PM**
+Deceased Members of Yutronkie and Dombroskie Families

Sunday, November 9 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, Nov. 11 *St. Martin of Tours* **11:00 AM**

Wednesday, Nov. 12 *St. Josaphat* **11:00 AM**

Thursday, Nov. 13 **11:00 AM**

Friday, Nov. 14 **11:00 AM**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 15 **5:00 PM**
+Maria Rebelo

Sunday, November 16 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

Fiesta de la Dedicación de la Basílica de Letrán

Sabado 8 de Noviembre **7:00 PM**
+Pedro Antonio Molina +Miguel Alvarado

Domingo 9 de Noviembre **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 11 de Nov. *San Martin de Tours* **12:00 PM**
+Miguel Alvarado

Miercoles 12 de Nov. *San Jasafat* **12:00 PM**
+Miguel Alvarado

Jueves 13 de Nov. **12:00 PM**
+Miguel Alvarado

Viernes 14 de Nov. **12:00 PM**
+Miguel Alvarado

XXXIII Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 15 de Noviembre **7:00 PM**
+Miguel Alvarado +Sergio Landa Rivero

Domingo 16 de Noviembre **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Crock-Pot Extravaganza! The St. John's Catholic Women's League invites you to our first Crock-Pot Extravaganza. *On November 22 after the 5pm mass and November 23 after the 9am Mass*, come see the delicious options our ladies have cooked up and for a good will donation, you can enjoy a meal and dessert.

A Walk with Jesus Retreat Day for Grieving Parents The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 22nd**. Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order, with a cost of \$20. You can register [here](#) or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

HEROES OF HOPE PRAYER FOR MINISTERS TO THE DYING AND BEREAVED

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,
you have given us new life in Christ
and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those
who provide compassionate care
for our sisters and brothers as they
reach the end their earthly life,
and for those who accompany us with
prayer and support in our times of grief,
offering us the consolation of
our faith and the hope of eternal life.

Through their varied ministries,
may they touch the hearts
of all in our community
who long for the hope, born of our
Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POR QUIENES ATIENDEN A LOS MORIBUNDOS Y A LOS QUE ESTÁN DE DUELO

Señor Dios, con la gracia del Bautismo
nos has dado vida nueva en Cristo
y nos has llamado a servir
como peregrinos de esperanza.

Te damos gracias por los que ofrecen
su cuidado compasivo
a los que están cerca del final de su vida terrena,
y por los que nos acompañan
y ayudan en los tiempos de duelo
con su oración y apoyo, ofreciendo el consuelo
de la fe y la Esperanza en la vida eterna.

Que en su servicio hagan crecer la esperanza
en los corazones de todos
y sigan siendo instrumentos de nuestra fe,
que nunca defrauda.

Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.