SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading – Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14

From the book of Revelation

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.' **The Word of the Lord.**

ResponsorialPsalm

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

2nd Reading – 1 Jn 3: 1-3

From the first letter of John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia**

Gospel – Mt 5: 1-12

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' **The Gospel of the Lord**



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MASSES SCHEDULE

Weekdays
8:15am – Monday – Friday
Saturday
8:00am – Italian
4:30pm – Spanish (Ant Sunday Mass)
6:00pm – English (Ant Sunday Mass)
Sundays
9:00am – English
10:30am – Italian
3:00pm – Albanian (Every 2nd Sunday)
3:00pm – Filipino)Every 3rd Sunday
6:00pm – English Mass
Baptism – 11:45am Sunday
Confession – 8:30am Saturday
Adoration – 7:00pm Saturday
Weddings & Funeral – by Arrangement

"If in times past nations trembled with fear at the sole mention of the name of the divinity, we have a God who does not want to be feared, but loved"

St. John Baptist Scalabrini
Pastoral Letter
16/002/1878



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All SAINTS Day – Solemnity **Nov 01, 2026**

BLESSED ARE THE PURE OF HEART FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD



"Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children,". Saints are not self-made people. They are people who have responded to the love of God showered on them. And the completion of that love is to be invited to share life with God forever in the life to come.

We do not know what that future existence will be like. In fact, some of the conventional images of heaven are not terribly exciting! Kneeling on clouds playing harps for eternity- partly derived from a too literal reading of the book of Revelation – is not exactly a turn-on!

It is better to go along with St Paul who says that life face to face with God is something totally beyond our comprehension. Let us rather concentrate on the life we are leading now and let it be a good preparation for that future time.

Today's feast is an occasion for great thanksgiving. It is altogether reasonable to think that many of our family, relatives and friends who have gone before us are being celebrated today. We look forward to the day when we, too, can be with them experiencing the same total happiness when "they will never hunger or thirst again"; when "sun and scorching wind will never plague them, because the Lamb who is at the heart of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to the springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Revelation 7:16-17).

Today is a day too for us to pray to them – both the canonised and the uncanonised – and ask them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness so that we, too, may experience the same reward.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 31/10	4:30pm	All Saints Day (Spanish)
	6:00pm	All Saints Day (English)
Sun 01/11	9:00am	All Saints Day (English)
	10:30am	All Saints Day (Italian)
	6:00pm	All Saints Day (English)
Mon 02/11	8:15am	All Souls Day (English)
	7:00pm	All Souls Day (Spanish)
Tue 03/11	8:15pm	Italian Mass
Wed 04/11	8:15am	St Charles Borromeo (English)
	7:00 pm	St. Theodore Triduum Mass
Thu 05/11	8:15am	English Mass
	7:00pm	St. Theodore Triduum Mass
Fri 06/11	8:15am	English Mass
	6:30pm	Devotion (Sr. Sto Nino)
	7:00pm	St. Theodore Triduum Mass
Sat 07/11	8:00am	Italian Mass

MINISTRY ROSTERS

DATE & TIME	LECTORS	EOCM
Sat 31/10 6:00pm	N Kresevic P Ouano	J DeGennaro F Della-Pietra
Sun 01/11 9:00am	A Logozzo C George	F Ienari T Candeloro
Sun 01/11 10:30am	M Bigolin C Sambastian	G & L Farinola C Mazzone
Sun 01/11 6:00pm	N Ortiz A Oscarez	R Velardo J Contreras

DATE & TIME	LECTORS	EOCM
Sat 07/11 6:00pm	T Jimenea R Mazzone	C Icamen T Jimenea
Sun 08/11 9:00am	E Lagivola L Ojerio	F Boffo C Zammit
Sun 08/11 10:30am	S Cirillo C Mazzone	M Bigolin A & N Farinola
Sun 08/11 6:00pm	M Cirera M Perez	L Tan T Cimmino

PARISH COLLECTION

October 25, 2026

1st Collection
$2,439.00

2nd Collection
$1,742.00

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICE

JOURNEY MASS - A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN'S ITALIAN MIGRANTS. Saturday, 14 November at 3.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. Refreshments will be available after Mass, and all are welcome! For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

ADELAIDE WALK FOR RESPECT 2026. Saturday 7 November 2026. Gather from 9.00 am – Victoria Square South. Walk commences at 10.00 am Victoria Square to Elder Park. Guest speakers at Elder Park following the walk. Participation is free. Churches and congregations can register as a group here:

https://reg.planetreg.au/2026-Rotary-DV-Walk-Group-Registration

We encourage participating churches to bring their church, parish or congregation banner, wear purple if they wish, and walk together as a faith community. Further information is available at: www.WalkForRespect.au. Together we say YES to Respectful Relationships. Together, let's make South Australia a State of Peace.

PARISH NOTICE

TRIDUO IN ONORE DELLA FESTA DI SAN TEODORO

Mercoledì 4 Novembre 7pm – Tema della serata: Essere o diventare Santi?

Giovedì 5 Novembre 7pm - Tema della serata: I santi della porta accanto

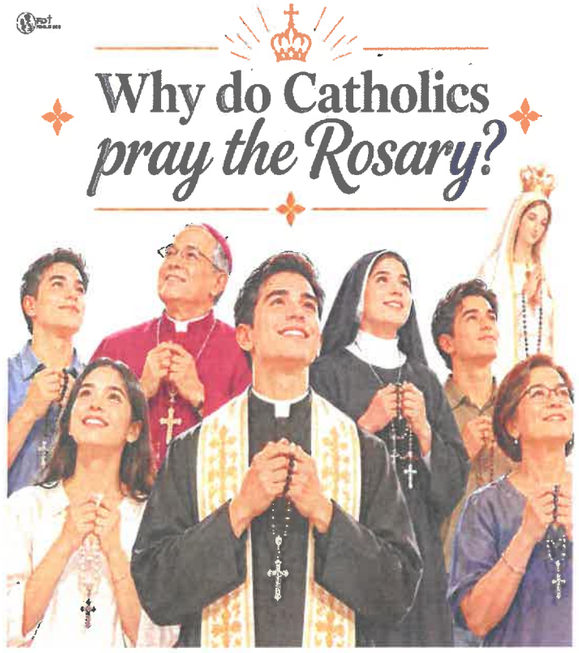
Venerdì 6 Novembre 7pm – Tema della serata: Ricordare i nostri defunti è un dovere cristiano

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA IN ONORE DI SAN PADRE PIO - Giovedì 5 Novembre 5pm

MESSA ANNUALE PER I DEFUNTI

AL CIMITERO DI CHELTENHAM NEL POMERIGGIO DI LUNEDI' 2 NOVEMBRE, 2:30PM.





Catholics pray the Rosary because it is a prayer that helps them meditate on the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ while asking the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for them. Although the Rosary repeatedly invokes Mary, its mysteries are centered on Jesus and the events of His earthly life and saving work.

The words of the Hail Mary themselves come from Scripture. The greeting, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you," comes from the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary in Luke 1:28, while "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" comes from Elizabeth's words in Luke 1:42. The second part of the prayer asks Mary to pray for us: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

Catholics therefore do not worship Mary when praying the Rosary. Worship and adoration belong to God alone. The Church teaches that Marian devotion is fundamentally different from the adoration given to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Rosary is an expression of devotion to Mary and a request for her maternal intercession, always leading the Christian toward Christ.

The Rosary also helps Catholics meditate on the mysteries of Christ. The Joyful Mysteries focus on events surrounding His birth and early life, the Luminous Mysteries on important moments of His public ministry, the Sorrowful Mysteries on His Passion and Death, and the Glorious Mysteries on His Resurrection, Ascension, and the glorification of Mary and the Church.



The Catechism teaches that Christian prayer seeks communion with Christ, and that Mary's intercession is understood as participating in the unique mediation of Christ rather than competing with it. As the Catechism explains, "the Rosary is an epitome of the Gospel," because it calls the Christian to contemplate Christ with Mary.

When Catholics pray the Rosary, they are therefore not replacing prayer to God with prayer to Mary. They are asking Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to pray with them and for them while they contemplate the saving mysteries of her Son.



Sources: Catechism of the Catholic Church, §§2673–2679, 2708, 971; Luke 1:28, 1:42; John 2:1–11; Acts 1:14; Rosarium Virginis Mariae by St. John Paul II.