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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 8, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Nov. 10th - Nov. 14th

Tues. 8:30 am – Chung/Szeto Family †
Wed. 8:30 am – Helena D'Souza – Sp. Intention
Thurs. Noon – Belynda Kerelchuk †
Fri. 8:30 am – Basil Siqueira †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Luis Mendonca †

READINGS FOR – November 15th

1st Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 ++

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30



REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11



Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

DISTRIBUTION OF 2021 PARISH OFFERTORY BOXES



Offertory Envelopes are available for pick-up in the church hall. Please enter two at a time leaving enough space for social distancing. We kindly ask parishioners to also pick up boxed envelopes for those they know that are not attending Mass during this pandemic. Once you have picked up your envelopes please exit through the parish hall doors. Arrangements can also be made to pick up envelopes through the office during business hours (Monday through Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Please call in advance at 905-881-1534. Thank you for your cooperation.

FEED MY LAMBS

Trays and recipes will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend, Nov. 14th/ 15th. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate.



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.

At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of its parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.





THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him.”*

Although commentators and writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to His listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in His service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day.

The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven; he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials but this is only the beginning. From the moment he comes to the use of reason he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God, for the great moment when the call will go forth: *Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him.* This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race. During their lifetime all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late.

In our efforts to be faithful disciples we need to be available, to be always open to God's call whenever it comes, even – or especially – in places of darkness and unexpectedness. God understands our weaknesses and our failings. The disposition of our hearts is what makes all the difference.

NOVEMBER SOAP COLLECTION



The CWL is requesting your support in collecting soap for Canadian Feed the Children Foundation. The soap will be used to help stop the spread of the COVID 19 virus in countries where CFCF are working. Hand soap is what is most needed, both bars and liquid, either in bulk or in dispensers. Collection boxes will be at the entrance to the Church for the month of November. Thank you for your generosity.

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People with addictions are among the many marginalized groups supported by your gift to ShareLife.

“These uncertain times are especially difficult for our addiction clients who already face isolation, food and housing insecurities, and struggle with mental wellness,” reports St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. “We suspect the need will continue to increase throughout the pandemic and into a post-Covid environment.”

Your gift to ShareLife ensures St. Michael's Homes can continue to help people overcome addiction, as demand for their programs grows.

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday and the final day to make your donation to our parish campaign. If you give by the end of the weekend, you can double the impact of your donation. A generous donor is matching gifts up to \$500,000. Please give during the special collection or anytime using the ShareLife envelopes at the back of the church. You can also give securely online at sharelife.org/donate.”


Cardinal Thomas Collins




SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 14th and 15th

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will **not** be a fundraising campaign for the Shepherd's Trust this year. Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org/. All contributions to The Shepherd's Trust will be sent to the chancery and receipted accordingly. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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