

## Sunday, November 12, 2023



*"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"* - Mt 25:10b-12

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+ *Eternal Rest to all who have died in the Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*A gentle reminder that there are NO MASS INTENTIONS for the entire month of November.*

*It is the month of the Holy Souls; all those whom Jesus has called to new eternal life with Him.*

### Month of Souls

As we have done in the past, our Book of Life is placed before the Tabernacle. In this book, you are invited to write names of your family and friends who have died so they will be remembered in the Eucharist that we celebrate each day. You are welcomed to use the *All Souls Day* envelopes. However, please make sure you put the envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass or drop them off at the parish office. **The Book of Life will be placed before the Tabernacle on November 1<sup>st</sup>.**



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stpatricksyouth.com

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude. I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lampless virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world. The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — *Father John Muir*

### FOR SALE

We will have the following items for sale in the office. Please note, we only accept cash as we do not have a debit/credit card machine.

Advent Candles: \$6.00

Living with Christ Missals: \$6.00

Youth Missals: \$10.00

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#### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm,

Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm,

Sun 9am-1pm

## Please Pray for the Sick...

*Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:*

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Teresita Morales, Emilia Castro, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero, Pepito De Souza



## Shepherd's Trust Collection



## The Shepherds' Trust

Caring for those who always cared for us

Msgr. James Hannah knows the most important part of ministry: listening to people's experiences. "Not to impose anything, but to listen so that you can really understand them," says Msgr. Hannah, who served as the Archdiocese of Toronto's Director of Lay Ministry and Chaplaincy for two decades. In this role, he supported lay people working in parishes and oversaw the spiritual care ministry of chaplains who served those struggling with mental health as well as people in hospitals, prisons and nursing homes.

**The Shepherd's Trust cares for the retired priests who always cared for us.** Now that he's reached his retirement years, he reflects on his life of service to the Church-including 18 years as chaplain for Toronto Police Service.

**Next weekend, Nov 18/19 is the annual special collection for the Shepherd's Trust.** To learn more about the Shepherd's Trust or to make a financial gift to support our retired priests, please visit [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org).

## Online Prayer Group

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Join us via Zoom every Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections for all the holy souls of our departed loved ones and all those in the Book of Life in our Parish and Parishes everywhere.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570**  
**Passcode: 196792**

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

## Christmas around the Corner

It's never too early to start Christmas shopping! That's why we're inviting you to **St. Vincent de Paul's first annual Christmas Market**. You'll be able to shop from over 25 vendors that sell stationery, apparel, baked goods and more. Join us on **Saturday, November 25th at 665 Willowbank Trail from 10am to 3pm**. See you there!

## 2023 Poinsettia Sale Knights of Columbus

Outstanding Colours, Quality and Value. Ordering will take place at the Parish Hall, **Nov 11-12 and Nov 18-19**. Pick up will start on Dec 9th at 4pm and after all weekend Masses. Thank you for your past support!



## Knights of Columbus Meeting

St Patrick's KOC will hold our general meeting on **Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, after the 7:00 P.M. Mass**. Light snacks and refreshments will be served after the meeting. All men are welcome!

## Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you, a loved one, or anybody you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office at (905) 270-2301 and we will arrange for one of our Eucharist Ministers to drop by. For more information, you can contact the parish office at (905) 270-2301 or [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org).