

Sunday, November 5, 2023



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11



+ 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 1st.**



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, '**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one**

Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking. We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title). The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— 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

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



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!



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.

Rosary for Remembrance Day—Knights of Columbus



Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary for Remembrance Day on **Friday, 10th November, after the 7:00pm Mass**, Mass will be live-streamed, followed by the Rosary. All are welcome.

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.

Youth Ministry: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for our Youth Ministries for the 2023-2024 school year.

They include: EDGE (Gr. 6-8), Verso L'Alto (high school) and Confirmation Classes. We are looking for high school students, college/university students, young adults, and those young at heart! Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Maria stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com to see how you can serve the youth of our parish!

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!

Catholic Women's League

St. Patrick's CWL will be holding our general meeting on **Wednesday, November 8th, 2023**, with Rosary at 7:00 pm. We will be honouring our deceased members with a Memorial Prayer Service. Please bring in sweets items (cookies, candies, chocolates, etc) for Christmas gift baskets for St. Vincent de Paul's families. All ladies are welcome!