

Sunday, October 30, 2022



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over."
- Lk 19:8

Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct 31, 2022

8:15am: + Eugene Madden

+ 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.

Book of Life

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 box on Sunday 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

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love. Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled. God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

Mass at Assumption Cemetery

November is the month of the Holy Souls. As they had done before the pandemic, a Mass will be celebrated at Assumption Cemetery on **Saturday, November 5 at 2:00pm.**

Adoration Chapel

The Chapel will be open from **8:00 am - 5:00 pm**, 7 days a week. Seating is limited to **8 people**, and masks are to be worn. Since there is limited seating, the Adoration time will be for **ONE HOUR**. Please be considerate, and allow time for other people to come.

First Friday

November 4 is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Mass at 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

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, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catali, 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, Morris Dzis, Jonathan Pinto, Alvaro Interiano, Arlene Claricia, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryan Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Margarita Flores, Carlito Claricia, Virginia Torrefranca



Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion (Gr. 2)

Register your child for First Reconciliation & Communion!

To register your child for this year's First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion classes, please email stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org

First Reconciliation and First Communion classes will be online (pre-recorded videos) this year

Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7)

Register for Confirmation!

For more information, please email Maria at stpatryouthgroup@hotmail.com
Thank you!

St. Patrick's Online Prayer Group

Please join us every **Monday evening at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections via Zoom.**

Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays. You can subscribe via the website or contact the parish office. Note: When logging on, you will need this passcode: 196792.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Each Monday during this month, you will have the opportunity to share with us the names of your loved ones, those who have gone to their rest in the peace of Christ. You are invited to either read aloud (or in silent) the names, or you can email them to us, and we will add them to our virtual Book of Life, which will be read aloud, and together we will celebrate their lives with a virtual candle and prayers of thanksgiving.

For more information, please contact:
stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY: JOIN US FOR EDGE & ELEV8!

EDGE is a Youth Ministry for those in Grades 6 and 7 aimed to bringing youth closer to Jesus Christ and His Church and to encourage holiness and community with each other. EDGE Nights allow the young people to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends.

ELEV8 is a Youth Ministry for those in Grade 8 aimed to foster intentional discipleship and deeper friendships before entering High School. ELEV8 Nights take place at the same time as EDGE Nights, but the 8's break off into their own space.

Join us Fridays at the Parish from 5pm to 6:30pm (doors open at 4:45pm) on the following dates: November 4, November 18, December 9, January 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 26 & June 9

RSVP is encouraged through Eventbrite:
<http://bit.ly/spygedge>



Pastoral References

We often receive requests for Pastoral Reference letters from people who are seeking to apply as teachers in the Catholic School Boards. The reference asks the priest to attest to the practice of the candidate's Catholic faith. It is very important that those who seek a reference must be: a registered member of our parish for at least 6 months, attends Mass regularly, volunteers within the parish community and be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Please make sure you qualify with the criteria listed above before submitting your forms to Fr. John. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you, a loved one are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office at (905) 270-2301 ext. 222 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