

Sunday, October 31, 2021



Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." - Mk 12:29-30



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.

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am-1pm

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

Sunday 9am-1pm

Please note: When the office is open, the Church is open as well.



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center. If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and side-tracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel. If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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 leave them in the parish office. Thank you.

Please Pray for the Sick...

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

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex Romero, 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 Aguanon, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Geleong Apong



First Communion & Confirmation 2021-2022

If your child is in Gr. 2 & Gr. 7 this year and would like to receive their Sacrament of First Communion (Gr. 2) and Sacrament of Confirmation (Gr. 7), please contact the parish office via NEW EMAIL: stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org With your child's name, school, grade and with the email address you use regularly.

- Confirmation Classes start January 2022.
- First Reconciliation/Communion Classes start November/December 2021.

Share Life

Due to COVID-19, the dates throughout the year for the collections have been mixed up.

The Archdiocese has set this date: Oct 30th. To date, the Parish has given \$91,000.00 to the campaign—which I believe is wonderful. The Archdiocese sets a goal for us each year. This year, our goal was \$132,000.00. I would like to reach this goal, but I know that many of you have had challenges during this past year. If you have not given, and are able to do so, please take one of our Share Life envelopes, and give on either dates in October. All that we give are appreciated by the various agencies and charities that are supported through Share Life.

—Fr. John

Thanks to you!

Thank you to all who joined LifeChain on Sunday, October 3rd and 40 Days for Life on Friday, October 15th to pray for one hour, and to witness in public to the sanctity of life of the preborn. Your presence and your prayers are a reminder of the words of John 10:10. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".—*Norah*

St. Patrick's Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)

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**.

For this coming **Monday, Nov 1**, we will be honouring all of our faithful departed: "All Saints" and "All Souls".

For more information, please contact: Andrea Tjioe, Mark Jennings, Karen Aranha, Gerry Smith or Amadeo Cuschieri, Email: stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League Parish Cook Book



St Patrick's CWL is putting together a Parish Cookbook for Christmas to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the CWL in Toronto. We invite ALL parishioners to share in this fun project by sending in a recipe that has a special meaning for your family.

We would like to include a picture of the chef, a short story behind the recipe and even a video demonstration if you can. We also invite all artists to send in a design for the cover of the book. A prize will be awarded for the best one selected. All entries should include your name and phone number and send an email to the CWL official email: stpatrick-mis.cwl@gmail.com OR dropped off at the Church office ATTN to CWL. **Recipes will be collected until November 15th 2021.** Contact Ramona da Cunha 647-739-0005 OR Brigitte Daniel 905-279-1228 if you have any questions.

EDGE/ELEV8 IS BACK IN-PERSON!

We are thrilled to announce that our Youth Ministries for gr. 6, 7 & 8 will be starting in November and will take place on Fridays from 5:00 to 6:15pm (doors open at 4:45pm). November 5 is for St. Thomas More Students and November 19 is for St. Edmund, St. Teresa of Calcutta & St. Vincent de Paul Students. Pre-registration is required and Covid-19 masking and physical distancing protocols will be in effect. EDGE & ELEV8 Nights allow youth to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends. For more information & to register: <http://bit.ly/EDGENov> or by contacting the Youth Minister, Maria at stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com