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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever had to stay up late, perhaps waiting for an important call or a child to come home? You struggle to keep your eyes open but you are aching to rest. In these darkening days of November, Jesus warns us to fight that urge to give in to sleep because to slumber comes with a cost.

The canny bridesmaids are shrewd and their ability to plan ahead allows them fully to experience the presence of the bridegroom at the feast. It seems unfair to us that the distracted, disorganized and thoughtless bridesmaids miss being with the bridegroom. It is actually the wise ones who send them away and we are puzzled, wondering what Jesus could actually be warning us about.

Perhaps the bridesmaids are a metaphor: the wise ones of this world are already making time to be with God in their everyday lives, keeping the night watches like the psalmist and allowing God's love to fill their oil jars so they always experience God's presence. And the foolish ones are unprepared, distracted and unaware. They are not ready and do not realize that God, in fact, is actually waiting for them.

In this season of remembrance and preparation, can we lay aside all the distractions, keeping our lamps lit as we remain aware of God's presence in all things?

Excerpted from *Living with Christ*
Maureen Wicken, Vancouver, BC

Mass Intentions for November 7 - 14, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Rafaele, Sebastiana, & Maria Privitera and Moses & Lucy Kennedy, requested by the Privitera family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Book of Remembrance
	10:00 a.m.	+Deceased members of the Nympe & Nelson families, requested by the families
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Rannison Frank, requested by U. Frank
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Book of Remembrance
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Book of Remembrance
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Raymond Francis
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Book of Remembrance
	7:00 p.m.	+Mary McPherson, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Book of Remembrance
	7:00 p.m.	+Carina Antonio, requested by the family
		+Yusuf Patel, requested by the family
		+Albert Vella, requested by the family
		+Ray Whittle, requested by the Patel family
+Victor & Pearl Philip, requested by the family		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Book of Remembrance
	7:00 p.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Book of Remembrance

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November we dedicate more attention to prayer for our deceased brothers and sisters. We have put the Book of Remembrance at the front of the church and you are invited to record the names of deceased relatives, friends and parishioners in the Book. Every day during the month of November the morning Mass will be celebrated for those names in the Book.

ShareLife 2020

Collection weekend on November 7 / 8



ShareLife Sunday: Last weekend to contribute to our Parish Campaign

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 this weekend or anytime. You can also give securely online at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Family at the Heart of Formation - Virtual Event for Families

Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Cardinal Collins is pleased to invite families from across the archdiocese to our third annual (virtual) gathering of families on Sat., Nov. 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. Our family day will include: prayer; praise and worship; games; Q & A with Cardinal Collins; family activity challenges; and a parent talk and discussion session with lay evangelist Patrick Sullivan. Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us for online sessions and offline activities. There is no cost to attend, but capacity is limited. One ticket per household. To register, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/family. For more information, call Annalisa at 416-394-3400 ext. 569 or aparente@archtoronto.org.

Sacramental Prep News

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- All parents will be contacted with details about their child's First Holy Communion.

CONFIRMATION

- Please pray for the children who have been Confirmed this weekend, that they may open their hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Persons who wish to become Catholic should contact the parish during office hours.

Angel Tree Update



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their Christmas assistance to those in need in our Parish differently this year due to the care required during the pandemic. They

will not be setting up the Angel Tree nor accepting any gifts of food, toys or clothing. Instead their Christmas help will be in the form of cash vouchers for the local grocery store along with gift cards for the families with children. These items will be sent by mail to those in need.

The Society thanks you for your continued financial and spiritual support during this time and especially at their Christmas collection on the weekend of December 12 / 13, 2020. They sincerely trust that with God's grace we shall all soon see the end of this virus and that Christmas 2021 will see a return to the joys that we normally experience during this season.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rita Britto, Raj Udayasekaran, Ingrid Pereira, Titus Passanha, Theresa Whittle, Wilf O'Connor, Joe Rizza, Ma. Concepcion C. Reyes, John Difalco, Nico Bonifacio and those with COVID-19. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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