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Sacred Conversations

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Does it ever work to just avoid knowing stuff? A friend of mine, a history professor, wonders if future generations will look at the abortion procedures of this country in our lifetimes and say to us, "And you KNEW?" Certainly the generation has already been born that looks at the devastations of climate change and says, "And you KNEW? You had all those decades of warning, and THIS is what you're leaving us?"

We can see it in our own aging relatives, or maybe ourselves. I'm thinking of the ones who would never deny themselves that cigarette, that alcohol, that all-you-can-eat buffet. We knew. Of course we knew. We've known since the early 1960s the devastations on the body that come from a lifetime of immediate gratification. Yet, like those foolish virgins, we couldn't let ourselves imagine the day when we would need to have been extra vigilant in the past in order to greet the Bridegroom tonight.

We thought we had more time. We thought our lungs and our livers and our waistlines would somehow heal themselves. We thought that "all those smart kids" would come up with ways to heal our rivers and glaciers and wildlife. Maybe one of those smart kids never saw the light of day.

Certainly the most urgent warning is this: get to know Jesus Christ. Pick up the last few chapters of Matthew's gospel, before Advent comes and we don't come back to it for three years. If we don't exercise today we won't have the flexibility to heal from the inevitable ravages of aging. If we don't work on intimacy with Jesus today, how will we recognize him when he comes for us tomorrow?

What (or Who) are you avoiding knowing?

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WELCOME BACK!

WEEKLY REGISTRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Registration begins every Monday after 8:30 am and ends Friday at noon. Make sure to register or contact the parish office during these times.

Parishioners are reminded to check your temperature before coming to Church and to keep a self-log of when you come to Church. If you display any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay home and contact your healthcare provider. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support during these hard times.

Ways to Support your Parish

- **At Mass** in the offertory basket after Mass at the exit door.
- **Drop off** your regular weekly offertory contribution envelopes through the mail box slot of the parish office door.
- **By mail** to St. Mary Immaculate Parish
10295 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, Ontario
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- **Electronic online.** Visit our website www.smirh.com for more information.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The Parish office will open three times a week **by appointment only. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm noon**

Please contact the Parish office to schedule an appointment. Mask is mandatory to enter.

The Parish office will be closed on **Tuesday, November 10**. Emails and phone calls will be answered on Wednesday.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Nov 9	Feast	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tues. Nov 10	Memorial	St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor
Wed. Nov 11	Memorial	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Remembrance Day
Thurs. Nov 12	Memorial	St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

READINGS THIS WEEK

8 Wisdom 6.12-16: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18: Matthew 25.1-13
9 Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1 Corinthians 3.9b-11, 16-17: John 2.13-22
10 Titus 2.1-8, 11-14: Luke 17.7-10
11 Titus 3.1-7: Luke 17.11-19
12 Philemon 7-20: Luke 17.20-25
13 2 John 4-9: Luke 17.26-37
14 3 John 5-8: Luke 18.1-8



This is the final weekend to give to our ShareLife Parish Campaign. Our parish goal is \$173,000 and we have achieved to-date 66.6% or \$115,160.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

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 during the special collection or anytime using the ShareLife envelopes. You can also give securely online at sharelife.org/donate.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN.

2019-20 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Due to COVID and the increasing number of cases in York region, dates and times are still to be determined. Families will be informed.

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

2020-21 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Next year's 2021 First Holy Communion and Confirmation registration information and forms are available on our website at www.smirh.com and at the exit doors of the Church. Children attending a public or private school or a Catholic school outside our Parish boundary and would like to receive the Sacrament at our Parish are asked to complete a registration form. Completed forms are due by **November 15** and may be dropped off at Mass in the weekly offertory basket or through the mail slot of the Parish office door.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

At Christmas, we look for ways to bring hope and love to our brothers and sisters in need and for a way to share what we have with others.

Our neighbours in this community need your help this Christmas! Covid-19 has taken a toll on everyone, including those already in need. Your assistance will help those suffering from isolation, mental illness, disability and poverty.

Due to the pandemic, we are not able to provide a community celebration, hot meal, or gift baskets to our neighbours in need as we have in years past, but with your help, we can reach out with love, let them know they are not forgotten and provide some help at Christmas and for the difficult winter months ahead. This year, we need your help more than ever. If you can, please help with:

- a cheque made out to SSVP SMI
- Walmart gift cards (please include purchase receipt)
- PC gift cards (please include purchase receipt)

Your donation is eligible for a tax receipt: just include your name and address.

Donations may be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped through the Church office mail slot. Just mark clearly 'SSVP'.

With many thanks for sharing with your Neighbours in Need.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **there will not be a fundraising campaign for The Shepherds' Trust this year.**

Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org/.

FAMILY AT THE HEART OF FORMATION - VIRTUAL ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Cardinal Collins is pleased to invite families from across the Archdiocese to our third annual (virtual) gathering of families on **Saturday, November 28 from 10 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. This event is being hosted by the Office of Formation for Discipleship at Archdiocese of Toronto in partnership with BLD Toronto, Couples for Christ, Focolare and Teams of Our Lady.

If you have further questions, please call Annalisa Parente at: 416-934-3400 ext. 569 or aparente@archtoronto.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (VIRTUAL)

Our Parish is offering virtual marriage preparation course. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Spring session: February 17 – March 26, 2021.

If you are planning to marry in the near future and would like to register, contact the Parish office.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

NOV 9-15: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR

Spec. Int. for Leila & Neil

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please contact the parish office or email office@smirh.com. Names will be removed after the last Sunday of each month unless renewed with the office.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Lou Gerardi, Anthony, Barbara

MASS INTENTIONS NOV 9 - 15

Mon. Nov 9	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Diane Milner on her birthday
Tues. Nov 10	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Lotus Chin
Wed. Nov 11	8:00 am	+Tommaso DiZio
Thur. Nov 12	8:00 am	+Oswald & +Henrietta Lobo
Fri. Nov 13	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Giusti
	7:00 pm	+Members of the Naughton Family Spec. Int. for Priests
Sat. Nov 14	8:30 am	+Herbert, +Catherine & +Patrick Paxton +Hansel Caballero Spec. Int. for Keith & Jenna Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
	5:00 pm	+Giuseppe & +Elena Iacobelli
Sun. Nov 15	8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	9:30 am	+Carlo Carusi Madonna di Miracoli
	11:00 am	+Anthony Greco +John Forkan
	12:30 pm	+Leo Moraes
	4:30 pm	+Vincenzo Buffone & +Benito Chiaravalloti

Sacrament of Baptism:

Julian Gallo, Gianluca Lombardi & Gwendolyn Yuan

We welcome them into the Church! We wish the parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

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