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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30



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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
8:00 am (Mass in Portuguese the second Sunday of the month.)
10:00 am, 12:00 pm
4:30 pm (Spanish Mass for Migrant Workers)
6:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:00am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

MARRIAGE

Please contact Father John at jpak@archtoronto.org

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

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Holy Trinity High School—905-775-4841
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PARISH MINISTRIES and SOCIETIES

Alpha
Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)
Catholic Moms Group
Catholic Moms and Tots
CWL (Catholic Women's League)
Consolation and Hope
EDGE Youth Ministry
El Sembrador - Ministry to Migrant Workers
Knights of Columbus
LifeTeen Youth Ministry
Liturgical Ministers
Nossa Senhora De Fatima
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rosary Apostolate
Sacramental Preparation & Catechesis
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Santissima Divinidade
Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family; we invite you to register by completing the form in the parish foyer or at the parish office. Offering envelopes available by request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 20, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Stacey Gibson-Power +Lorenzina Furlan
+Luisa Loureira & All Deceased Family Members
+Damiano Sclafani +Caterina Nguyen Thi Ghien & Guise
Bui Huy Nhan *Special Intention for Jose Santos
Domingues

TUESDAY, November 21, 9:00AM

+Luis & Maria Borges

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 7:00PM

+Augusto Bertocchi

THURSDAY, November 23, 9:00AM

+Michael & Gabriela Mongillo

FRIDAY, November 24, 7:00PM

+Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo

SATURDAY, November 25, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 25, 5:00PM

+Maria da Silva +Maria Amada & Manuel
Martins +David Harrison +Manuel Borges &
Emilia Pacheco +Antonio Pacheco & Idalina
Moniz + Maria Faria & Dennis Faria +Luiza &
Garcia Miguelo +Rita & Francelino Vias +Luiza
& Antonio Nazario *Special Intentions of the
McEvenue Family

SUNDAY, November 26, 8:00AM,

+Jaime Pedro Viana

SUNDAY, November 26, 10:00AM,

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 26, 12:00PM,

+Pedro Viana

SUNDAY, November 26, 4:30PM ElSembrador

+Almas Angel Hurtado & Leo Alejandro Sandoval

SUNDAY, November 26, 6:30PM

+Pasquale & Antonietta Baccilieri

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE- Lets start early!

Advent will soon be here. Let us prepare our hearts in the anticipation of His coming by being the hands and feet of Christ alive in our community displaying acts of charity and love of neighbour. Help to spread the message of Christ's HOPE this season by donating non-perishable items to our Food Bank. Please feel free to drop off your food items in the crate at the entrance of the Church when you come to Mass. Let us overwhelm our Food Bank with food and LOVE this upcoming season!

PLEASE NOTE THE 2024 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS IS OPEN AND CAN BE BOOKED THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE

2024 MISSALS

Missals for the 2024 liturgical year are available for purchase in the foyer after all weekend Masses for \$6.00 each. We kindly ask that you bring exact change to purchase the Missal.

REFLECTION

[Matthew 25:14-15](#)

Many people dream of doing great things in this life. Those who play sports dream of winning the championship. Those in business dream of growing their business. Artists and actors dream of becoming well-known. In almost everything we do, we dream of excelling. This drive is part of the natural desires God has given to us.

When it comes to the most important part of our lives, we must strive to excel also. What is the most important part of our lives? It is the calling we have received to serve the will of God. Therefore, we must strive to unite our natural desire for excellence with our faith so that we will be driven to fulfill the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us.

Every natural ability we have must be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying Him and furthering His Kingdom on earth. In our parable today, the man who went on a journey entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. A talent was a measurement of precious metals such as silver or gold. In today's value, one talent of silver would be worth about \$30,000 USD. That's a lot of money entrusted to each of these servants. However, when the master returned, he referred to this initial gift to each as a small amount and then promised to entrust a large amount to the two servants who used the talents well.

From a human perspective, we should see the natural gifts that God has given us as a huge amount. From a divine perspective, we must see every natural gift from God as only the beginning. God has so much more He wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God's glory and for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

What has our Lord entrusted to you? What gifts and talents do you have? As you think about your natural talents, consider how well you use them for the service of God. Using your natural abilities only for yourself is the same as refusing to use them for God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, "You wicked, lazy servant!" He then took the one talent away and gave it to the one with ten who was responsible with the master's money. So in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we will lose even the little we have. But if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow. Reflect, today, upon how diligent you are in your drive to fulfill the will of God in your life. If you feel as though you cannot make much of a difference, then try to dispel that idea. Try to do small things well. Work at perfecting your charity in your daily life. Commit yourself to daily prayer. Strive to weed out all sin in your life. Do the small things well and God will smile on these little offerings and transform them into a superabundance of grace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 19, 2023

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord!



ADVENT

Reconciliation

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023,
6:00pm-8:00pm

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

ADVENT RECOLLECTION – Saturday December 2, from 9:00am-3:00pm with Father Joseph in the Large meeting room. No Registration necessary. Please bring your own lunch.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



On this World Day of the Poor weekend, please think of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Every dollar donated goes to helping people in our community and the need is greater than ever before. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church and donations are tax deductible.

ARCHBISHOP PARISH VISIT - DECEMBER 17 2023

His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo, will visit our parish on December 17, 2023, to celebrate the 12 noon Mass. This is a special occasion for our community, and we invite all parishioners to join us in this memorable event. For those unable to attend in person, we will be live-streaming the Mass. We invite all parishioners to participate in offering a spiritual bouquet to Archbishop Leo. Prayer pledge forms are available to be picked up in the foyer. Please take a moment to fill out these forms and return them to the church when you come to Mass by Sunday, December 3rd, so that we can present this heartfelt gift to our chief Shepherd of the Archdiocese and the successor of the Apostles. All the prayers must be completed by December 16, 2023.

ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY

Your assistance is requested! Our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by **December 15 2023**, where you can offer your insights, ideas and discernment.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST

"Caring for those who cared for us"

There will be a second collection for the Shepherd's Trust on Saturday November 18 and Sunday November 19 2023. If you wish to donate, envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.

CWL BAZAAR THANK YOU!

Your generous support of the CWL was greatly appreciated. Through your support we have been able to continue in supporting our five charities, our five catholic elementary schools and Holy Trinity High School. May Our Lady of Good Council bless you.

SACRAMENTS

The deadline to register for the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is fast approaching! THE DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Registration forms for **First Communion and Confirmation** have been delivered to our family of schools on Friday September 29, 2023. Registration forms are also available for pick up at the back of the Church, parish office and are available on our parish website for downloading. **Please ensure you attach a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate with your completed registration form.** The completed registration forms and baptism certificate can be dropped off after any Mass, or at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you and your families at Mass and celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. New Friends, Fun Games, Deepen your Faith.

Next Edge Nights:

November 24 – Spiderman

December 8 – Incredible Hulk

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourage vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome!

**Next Life Teen Night is: November 17
December 1**

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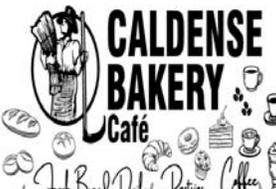
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