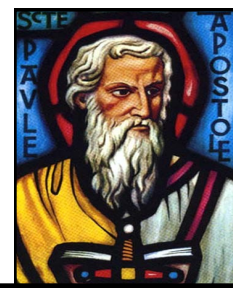


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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Summary

Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride's father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. This passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbors to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As a family, commit to work together to bring about God's Kingdom. Think about one person you know at school, at work, or in your neighborhood who might not be ready for Christ's return. Reach out to them with a gesture or act that will show them God's love. At the evening meal, or bedtime prayers, share with one another how you were a symbol of the coming Kingdom today.

Discussion Starters

1. I remember being caught off guard once like the five foolish maidens. I felt...
2. One thing I need to do to be better prepared for Jesus' return is...
3. Someone I have known who was like the five wise maidens is...because...

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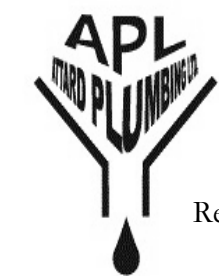
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 Tuesday & Thursday
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Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 5:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)
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 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
 Saturdays: 4:45pm to 5:15pm
 Anytime by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick:
 Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a sacrament that should be left for the last possible minute. It is a Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

November 12, 2023

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11

*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
 Remembrance Day*
 5:30pm
 • +Rita Caruana

Sunday, November 12

9:00am
 • Missa Pro Populo
 10:30am
 • +Elizabeth Mifsud
 • +Sam Fenech
 • +All Souls
 • +Carmel & Edmond Scicluna
 • +Maria & Joseph Scicluna
 • +Paul Scicluna
 • +Joe Mangion

12:00 noon
 • +Suzanne Camilleri

Monday, November 13

• +Mary Joyce Brown

Tuesday, November 14

• +Paul Vaz

Wednesday, November 15

• +Anthony Richard Cristina

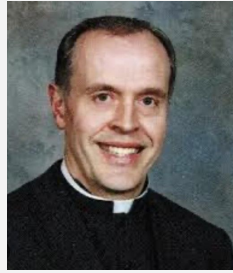
Thursday, November 16

• +Joe & Apolonia Farrugia

Friday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 • +Theresa Massa, Tonna & Massa Families

From our Pastor's Desk...



In the pastor's corner for this week, I would like to draw attention to several important matters. Seeing such a large turnout at the All Souls Masses was truly a wonderful experience. Witnessing families solemnly process with a candle in remembrance of their loved ones was an incredibly moving experience. Once all the candles were lit and carefully positioned in the sand, a stunning silhouette was formed. We had a wonderful time celebrating the cemetery mass at Assumption Cemetery, and it was truly a memorable experience. A beautiful Catholic practice involves offering mass and visiting the graves of our loved ones.

On Thursday, I'm looking forward to the bus trip to St. Jacobs with 55 of our parishioners. A highlight will be to celebrate a mass at St. John's church, built in 1854 and in Kitchener, and then to do some shopping in St. Jacobs Markey and Village.

On the weekend of November 18-19, there is the annual Shepherd's Trust collection to collect funds for the retired priests of our archdiocese.

We had our first prayer group this past Monday and I was edified by the faith of our parishioners and their desire to grow in love of God and to deepen their appreciation for one of my favourite saints, St. Therese of Lisieux. I thank you for your ongoing support. It means a lot to me.

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 suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. The archbishop is looking forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement. While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.

While the thought of death and judgement can lead many to fear and trembling the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). St. Rose of Viterbo says that we should "live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." As stewards let us strive to prepare for death by remembering that we will stand before the same Lord at judgement that we meet every day in prayer and at Mass.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.



Collection on November 18/19

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of The Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust, please go to: www.shepherdstrust.org Thank you for your support of this important work. Envelopes for the Shepherd's Trust collection are available with this bulletin and at the back of the church.

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the sanctuary. Parishioners can add the names of deceased family members and friends to be remembered in our prayers. This is to honor our loved ones and those parishioners who have passed away with faith. May they rest in peace.



SUNDAY MISSALS are available from the parish secretary during office hours.

The cost for these missals is \$5.00 each.

VOCATION REFLECTION "Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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A Remembrance Day Prayer

NOVEMBER 11

*Loving God,
have mercy on your people,
and open our hearts to peace and love.
Reward all who have died for their country,
and grant that Canada and all nations
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Bless us in your service,
and help us to follow Jesus Christ,
who is our Saviour and our Lord
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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