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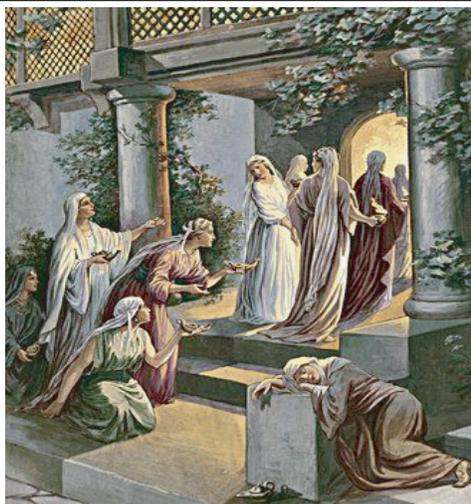
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St. Paul Miki and Companions—Pray for Us!

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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Among Friends (Ministry for grieving women)

Catholic Moms Group

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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 13, 7:00PM

+Mary Gres +Stefania Hong +Maria de Jesus Carreiro
+Garcia Miguelo & All Deceased Family Members
+Damiano Sclafani +Richard Lourenco & Anita Scott
+Catarina Nguyen Thi Ghien & Guise Bui Huy Nhan
+Greja Saracino

TUESDAY, November 14, 9:00AM

+Manuel & Glorinda da Silva

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 7:00PM

+Salvatore Vena

THURSDAY, November 16, 9:00AM

+Antonio Martins & Parents

FRIDAY, November 17, 7:00PM

*Special Intention for Imelda Santos

SATURDAY, November 18, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

SATURDAY, November 18, 5:00PM

+Luis & Laura Andrade +Manuel Nuno
Rodrigues & Silvestre Rodrigues +Manuel da
Silva +Abilio Soares & Raimundo Pereira +Carlo
& Maria Medeiros + Emmanuel Melo +David
Harrison +Jose Miranda & Manuel Pereira
+Pedro Viana +Idalina Moniz & Manuel Vieira
+Lucy Dantas

SUNDAY, November 19, 8:00AM,

*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 19, 10:00AM,

+Arlindo Araujo

SUNDAY, November 19, 12:00PM,

+Maria do Ceu & Manuel Marques Jr.

SUNDAY, November 19, 4:30PM

El Sembrador*ProPopulo

SUNDAY, November 19, 6:30PM

+All Deceased Brunati & Giacometti Family Members

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS DRIVE- Lets start early!

These times have been challenging for everyone, some more than others. However, it has taught us how truly connected we are with one another. We are ONE family! 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!

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MEETING – “Simbang Gabi” “Posadas” A Filipino and Spanish Tradition

Anyone wishing to help with this celebration, there will be a planning meeting held on Saturday November 18 after the 5:00pm Mass in the Large Meeting room with Father Joseph. All are welcome!

REFLECTION

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.” [Matthew 25:1–2](#)

Our five senses can be said to be a window to our souls. With our senses we perceive the world around us, take it into our minds and heart, and engage it according to the decisions we make. Several of the Church Fathers say that the five wise virgins in today's parable represent those who use their five senses in accord with God's will, whereas the five foolish virgins are those who indulge their five senses in a life of sin.

With our eyes we are called to perceive the beauty of God's presence within creation, especially in other people. With our ears we hear the Word of God proclaimed that then resonates within us, inspiring the gift of faith. Our senses of smell, taste and touch will also teach us in various ways, leading us either to the delights of the Kingdom of God, or to the indulgences of the fallen world.

If the five wise virgins represent the holy use of the five senses, then we must see the connection between them and the oil for their lamps. Many Church Fathers see the oil as a symbol of good works, or charity. Charity is necessary for the attainment of Heaven, for the meeting of the Bridegroom when He shows up at an unexpected time. The person who engages in charity is one who uses the natural gifts given by God for His glory. Their five senses are constantly seeking ways to glorify God and to accomplish His holy will.

The five senses can also easily lead us to the selfish pursuit of fleshly pleasures. When this happens, the oil of charity runs dry within us and we are unprepared for the moment of our death, when the Bridegroom returns.

Think about yourself being those wise or foolish virgins by considering how you use your five senses. What do you look at regularly with your eyes? Do you seek out the presence of God in our world? Do you see Him in the poor, the vulnerable, the lonely, and the needy? Or do you look at the many evils all around you and become infatuated with them, allowing yourself to be drawn into their practices?

With your ears, do you listen attentively to the Word of God? Or do you find yourself drawn to the world of gossip, detraction and other sinful words that are spoken? Do you indulge your senses of touch, smell and taste, choosing an excess of pleasure, becoming inordinately attached? Or do you strive for temperance and self-control, denying yourself unhealthy and sinful pleasures?

Reflect, today, upon the natural powers of your own soul, especially the gift of your five senses. As you do, examine the ways you use them, what you look at, listen to, and indulge in. Your senses are but a window to your soul and the first way through which God speaks to you and enters your heart. Keep guard of your senses, and only allow the good things of Heaven to enter in. Doing so will produce the oil of charity within and will enable you to be perpetually ready for the coming of our Lord. Catholic News Agency2021

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



I do not know your name - Nor for which battle you died.

I do not know your home, Nor the tears that were cried.

I do not know where your rest- Nor the promises broken.

I do not know your uniform, And your fears that lay unspoken.

But, I know your spirit exists- That your courage is admired, And your sacrifice is honored, By each soul that's inspired.

And I offer you from my heart Thank You, to the guardians unknown, For offering yourselves for us all

That we may keep freedom... OWR HCOMZ -unknown

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.

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"

The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools and other gatherings through their ministry. The trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation. There will be a second collection for the Shepherds' Trust on Saturday November 18 and Sunday November 19 2023. If you wish to donate, envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOX & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the entire month of November, we will be praying for all our faithful departed. You are welcome to write the name(s) of your loved one(s) in Our Book of Remembrance, after Mass, and place your "All Souls" offertory envelope in the memorial offertory box which will be made available to you at the front of the altar of the church.

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. 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 Night is: November 24 – Spiderman



LIFE TEEN 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

"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to a person, and a person to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If then, we possess charity, we possess God, for God is charity." – St. Albert the Great

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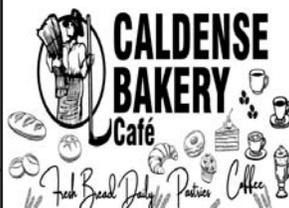


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