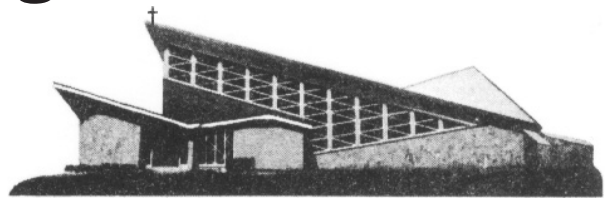


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## Pastoral Team

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Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabao	Caretaker
Mr. Kevin Dashney	Director of Music
Mrs. Sue McGee	Bookkeeper
Mrs. Gail Stewart	Cook/Housekeeper

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Reception  
 Tues., Wed.  
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<b>SUNDAY LITURGY</b> —	Saturday	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
<b>SPANISH MASS</b> —	Sunday	2:00 p.m.
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> —	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8:20 a.m.
	Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.)	7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

## **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

**PARISH REGISTRATION** — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

**N.B.** — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISMS** — It is highly recommended that parents contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

**PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM** — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK** — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

As we are approaching the end of the Liturgical year, the Sunday readings are calling us to be prepared, to be in an attitude in which we are ready to meet the Lord. Every day the Lord intervenes in our lives and He wants to share His life with us. We can live distracted with so many worries and entangled in our daily concerns and we can miss his graces. These readings are calling us to be awake; to be aware that our lives are much deeper than all the worries and plans that we are preoccupied with. Every single day we need to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. This will help us to realize that He helps us in anything that comes our way and in whatever situation we will be at peace. If we are ready and opened to receive the Lord every day, this will bring tremendous consolation in our daily lives. We are called not to be dragging or living in a routine, but to live fully our existence with the help of God. Even among this uncertainty produced by the coronavirus, we can go on with our lives trusting in the Lord and be assured of Him that He is with us no matter what. Let us be open constantly to God's presence in our lives!

Pope Francis Homily, 32 Sunday in ordinary time

This Sunday, the Gospel (cf. Mt 25:1-13) indicates the condition that would allow us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and it does so with the parable of the 10 virgins: it is about those maiden brides who were designated to welcome and accompany the bridegroom to the wedding ceremony and, since at that time it was customary to celebrate the ceremony at night, the maiden brides were provided with lamps. The parable states that five of these maidens are wise and five are foolish: indeed, the wise ones have brought oil for their lamps, while the foolish have brought none. The bridegroom's arrival is delayed and they all fall asleep. At midnight the bridegroom's arrival is announced; at that moment the foolish maidens realize they have no oil for their lamps, and they ask the wise ones for some. But the latter reply that they cannot give them any because there would not be enough for everyone. Thus, while the foolish maidens go in search of oil, the bridegroom arrives; the wise maidens go in with him to the marriage feast and the door is shut. The five foolish maidens return too late; they knock on the door, but the response is "I do not know you" (v. 12), and they remain outside.

What does Jesus wish to teach us with this parable? He reminds us that we must be ready for the encounter with him. Many times, in the Gospel, Jesus exhorts keeping watch, and he also does so at the end of this narrative. He says: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (v. 13). But with this parable he tells us that keeping watch does not only mean not to sleep, but to *be ready*; in fact all the maidens are asleep before the bridegroom's arrival, but upon waking some are ready and others are not. Thus, here is the meaning of being wise and prudent: it is a matter of not waiting until the last minute of our lives to cooperate with the grace of God, but rather to do so as of now. It would be good to consider for a moment: one day will be the last. If it were today, how prepared am I? But I must do this and that.... Be ready as if it were the last day: this does us good.

The lamp is a symbol of the faith that illuminates our life, while the oil is a symbol of the charity that nourishes the light of faith, making it fruitful and credible. The condition for being prepared for the encounter with the Lord is not only faith, but a Christian

life abundant with love and charity for our neighbour. If we allow ourselves to be guided by what seems more comfortable, by seeking our own interests, then our life becomes barren, incapable of giving life to others, and we accumulate no reserve of oil for the lamp of our faith; and this — faith — will be extinguished at the moment of the Lord's coming, or even before. If instead we are watchful and seek to do good, with acts of love, of sharing, of service to a neighbour in difficulty, then we can be at peace while we wait for the bridegroom to come: the Lord can come at any moment, and even the slumber of death does not frighten us, because we have a reserve of oil, accumulated through everyday good works. Faith inspires charity and charity safeguards faith.

May the Virgin Mary help our faith to be ever more effective through charity; so that our lamp may already shine here, on the earthly journey and then for ever, at the marriage feast in heaven.

(November 12, 2017).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

### The Book of Life



The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its beginning the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 ½" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.

**ShareLife**

**CAMPAIGN COLLECTION**  
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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.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING 2020**

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS CHANGING THE WAY OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED RECEIVE SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS, DUE TO THE COVID RESTRICTIONS WE ARE FACING.

TO SAFELY ASSIST FAMILIES THIS YEAR, ONLY GIFT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AND SENIORS. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOUR, WE ARE ASKING FOR CASH AND CHEQUE DONATIONS. NO GIFTS WILL BE REQUESTED. DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO HAPPILY ACCEPTED, *HOWEVER THE SOCIETY PROVIDES TAX RECEIPTS FOR CASH AND CHEQUE DONATIONS.*

***THE COIN BANK CAMPAIGN IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.***

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, PLEASE USE THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK COUNTER IN THE CHURCH AND ATTACHED TO THE BULLETIN TODAY, TO MAKE YOUR DONATION. DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFT CARDS TO THE FAMILIES WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER, SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION EARLY!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE FOR TAX RECEIPT PURPOSES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**



**The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection  
November 14/15, 2020**

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For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please visit [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org).



**Masses For The Week**

**Sat. Nov. 7 – 5:00pm**

**+Werner Kuenzle**

*req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle*

**Mon Nov 9 – 8:20am**

**+Bernie O'Brien**

*req. by Marjorie Shields*

**Tues Nov 10 – 8:20am**

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*req. by*

**Wed. Nov 11 – 7:00pm**

**+ALL SOULS**

**+John Foxwell**

*req. by Joanne & Dave Ellis*

**Thur. Nov. 12 – 8:20am**

**+Fortunato & Maria & Daniele Ciardullo**

*req. by Natale & Annamaria Ciardullo*

**Fri. Nov. 13 – 8:20am**

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**Sat. Nov 14 – 5:00pm**

**+Lucy Hannon**

*req. by The Hannon Family*

**Knights of Columbus**

An invitation from the Brothers of the St. John Evangelist Council 4895 to **join** the Knights of Columbus.

Our Membership drive will be held the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Members of the Knights will be on hand to meet and greet prospective new members on both December 5th after the 5 pm Mass and on Sunday December 6th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses and after the 2 pm Spanish Mass.

We welcome **all** prospective members (Men +18 years of age) to become part of the largest Catholic fraternity (1.9 million men) around the world.

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Knights give of their God given talent to support our community. We welcome all new members and please note that **your** participation is as much as you choose.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Paul D'Aurelio [pgap@sympatico.ca](mailto:pgap@sympatico.ca) 905-665-3056

**New 2021 Missals** are available to purchase for \$5.00 from the table at the back of the church. The new liturgical year begins November 29, 2020



**A Prayer of Remembrance**

*O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. Amen.*



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