ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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November 12, 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The events described in today's Gospel take place during a Jewish wedding. The main characters of the story are the bridesmaids, who are presented as unreasonable-stupid and prudent-wise. In the Bible, both in the wisdom books of the Old Testament and in the teachings of Jesus, wisdom does not mean knowledge or any outstanding intellectual qualifications, but refers to practical action. It should be a reasonable, prudent action, taking into account responsibility for one's own decisions. In this sense, those maidens were wise who approached their role as bridesmaids responsibly, anticipating that they might need a supply of olive oil. Those who came willingly but unprepared proved to be foolish. Therefore, if the parable refers to the kingdom of heaven, then the example of the virgins teaches us that although all are invited to share in this kingdom, not all will ultimately prove worthy of it. Through our decisions and everyday choices, we prepare to enter the wedding feast, or we neglect these preparations.

MEMORIAL MASS

Today, the Holy Mass, at 11:00 am, will be celebrated for all parishioners who died in the liturgical year. A rosary will be recited for the deceased parishioners and their names will be read during the rosary at 10:30 am.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Next Monday, November 13, we invite you to the Fatima service at 6:00 pm. Please bring battery-powered lanterns. Fatima services are Marian services held on the 13th day of the month. This day is not accidental, because Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children, Saint. Jacinta, Saint Francis and Lucia, for 6 months from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917, Our Lady revealed three secrets to the children (commonly called the Secrets of Fatima). She also addressed the children with a request and message: "*Pray the rosary every day*." I want you to continue to pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to ask for peace in the world and for an end to the war, because only She can obtain these graces.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The meeting of altar boys will take place on Tuesday, November 14, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be led by the parish priest and begins in the church

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

On Wednesday, we invite you to the Service to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and to the Multiple Intensions Mass. We encourage you to take advantage of the Multiple Intensions Mass; information, intentions and donations are given at the office. <u>On</u> <u>Friday, we invite you to the Divine Mercy Service.</u> God bless you!

LECTORS MEETING

The formation meeting for lectors will take place on Friday, November 17, after the evening Mass. We are looking for new people who would like to become lectors in our parish. Please contact the parish office.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Next Sunday, November 19, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion invite you to the parish hall for coffee, donuts and home-baked cakes.

REQUEST FOR HELP

The stairs leading to the choir and down to the bathrooms have old anti-slip strips glued to the steps. However, they are damaged and we need to remove them from the steps of the stairs. That is why we are asking for volunteers next Tuesday from 9:00 am to help remove these strips and other minor work. You will need a hand scraper, lunch for volunteers will be provided and we are grateful for your help.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST

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, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry. The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Through your support of The Shepherds' Trust, our retired priests are given the dignity of adequate monthly allowance, health care and other assistance in their golden years often well beyond the recognized retirement age of 75. Parishioners of the Archdiocese have always responded with great generosity to the annual Shepherds' Trust fundraising campaign. As a result, the Trust is in a good long-term financial position. It continues to provide a modest income and health benefit to our retired clergy. The next weekend of November 18/19, 2023 is the annual special collection for The Shepherds' Trust. Over the years, the laity have generously offered their time, talent and treasure to support our retired priests. We thank you for everything you have done for our retired priests over the years.

TRIPTYCH OF JOHN PAUL II

We invite you to a concert based on the Triptych of John Paul II, performed by the Quo Vadis choir and the Camerata band from Brampton, conducted by Mariusz Michalak. The special guest will be Aleksandra Krasowska, who will play the marimba instrument. The concert will take place on Sunday, November 26 at 3:00 pm in the church. Admission is free, but donations can be made during the concert to cover the costs.

YOUTH ACTION

We ask parishioners who have empty egg cartons to bring them to the parish hall on Sunday. They will be helpful to young people in selling organic eggs from Mennonites.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn: How to avoid problems in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection, How to create your own legacy, About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

2 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Follow this QR link: <u>https://QRCO.de/nov18</u>

2. Send an email to: <u>Development@ArchToronto.org</u> and write "webinar Nov 18" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

PASTORAL PLAN

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 <u>www.archtoronto.org/consultation</u> 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. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

RENOVATION OF THE YOUTH HALL

We have completed a thorough renovation of the youth room. Other groups also use the room for their meetings. The room now has a new bathroom, floor and it has been repainted. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the quick renovation, and we would especially like to thank Zbyszek Musiał for laying the new floor, Edward Milewski for painting the room and Marian Turczynski for installing new lighting.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

We ask parishioners who have recently changed their place of residence to complete their address in the parish office. We will be preparing Christmas mail for shipment soon and it is important that we have the correct addresses of parishioners.

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + parents Maria & Andrzej Bugaj & deceased from the Krzywon & Bugaj families – family For + Grzegorz Pieprzycki – wife

GREGORIAN MASS

01.12 - 30.12 For + Maria Lempart - Krystyna & Konstanty Pietrzyk

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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Sunday, November 12

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
- 9:30 For + Michal Ofiara family
- 11:00 For deceased parishioners in the liturgical year
- 13:00 For + Hanna Kurpaska daughter & son with family
- 19:00 For + parents & siblings Halina

MONDAY, November 13 – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

- 8:00 1. For + Franciszek (18th anniversary) & Daniela Konopka – family
- 2. For + Janina Banaszak znajomi
- 18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
- 19:00 For + Leokadia & Zygmunt Milewski son Edward with family

TUESDAY, November 14

- 8:00 For + Ania Goral husband & daughter
- 19:00 For + parents & brothers Mieczkowski son & brother with family

WEDNESDAY, November 15

- 8:00 For + Henryk Nogas (25th anniversary) wife Janina with family
- 18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, November 16

- 8:00 For + Maria & Szczepan Lesiuk daughter with family
- 19:00 For + Marek Zajaczkowski (15th anniversary) husband with children

FRIDAY, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 8:00 For health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Stasia Kolpak – mother
- 18:30 Devotion to the Divine Mercy
- 19:00 For + Karol Jankowski parents W.W. Jankowski

SATURDAY, November 18 – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

- 8:00 For + Tadeusz Kupinski Milewski family
- 19:00 For + Boleslaw Dziedolik Kicinski family

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 For members of the Divine Mercy Society
- 9:30 In thanksgiving asking for further graces in the Hyc family own
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For + Stanislaw Blicharski wife & daughters
- 19:00 For + son Ryszard Fabis & husband Mieczyslaw Fabis (7th anniversary) – mother & wife