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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M. Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

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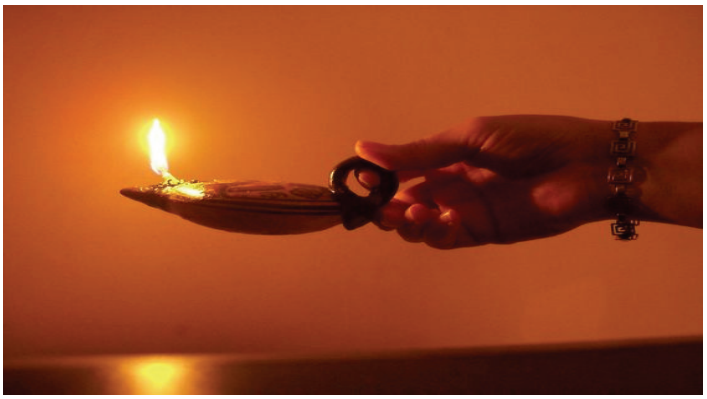
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New Parishioner ☐ Envelopes ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary time



This week's gospel is a parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, which may sound puzzling to us. It may help us get a better grasp of its meaning if we regard oil as a symbol of repentance and good works, which keeps the lamp of our faith commitment burning brightly. The oil that runs out, causing the spark of faith within us to dim, points to our neglect of good works that in the course of our lifetime we should have performed and which we cannot borrow or make good at this very late hour. We cannot recapture the past or nor go back in time to accomplish something we never started. Jesus was using his popular story to covey a serious message about the end of time. He was stressing the vital importance of being ready and prepared to meet the Lord and not to take entry into his kingdom for granted.

MASS INTENTIONS
November 9 – 13

Monday	For the souls of the Unborn, especially **Anthony & Hope Lee**
Tuesday	Soul of **Marika Schmoll** Soul of **Vincent & Philomena D'Souza** Soul of **John Nugent** Soul of **Gord McMahon** Soul of **Vincent Ka Yin Cheung**
Wednesday	Soul of **Maria Lai Keok Kwee**
Thursday	Deceased members of the **Cheung Family**
Friday	Intentions of **Patricia Lee**

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Joan Smith, Donna MacLaughlin and Sussi Michaelangelo**

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

With Hallowe'en just behind us there are still lots of treats around our house, it's almost as if the kids have tucked some candy in each corner. Throughout the day, I discover and eat a chocolate here, a bag of chips there, without being consciously aware of it, half-asleep you might say. Before I know it is lunchtime and when my wife asks me if I would like a sandwich, I have to sheepishly tell her I'm already full on the kids' candy.

The same can be true of our spiritual life. We move from thing to thing, a little Facebook here, some YouTube there without really being conscious of it, half asleep. Finally, when we attempt to do something prayerful, we are easily distracted or fall asleep, filled with spiritual candy. Jesus warns us of such behaviour in the Gospel this weekend and encourages his disciples and us to keep our spiritual flasks filled with the oil of his Holy Spirit.

The degree to which we will recognize Christ moving amongst us will depend upon the degree we receive him into our lives. The more we allow his Spirit to pour into our hearts the more respondent we will be. This is illustrated by a famous preacher D.L. Moody who was speaking to a large audience and held up a glass and asking, "How can I get the air out of this glass?" One man shouted, "Suck it out with a pump!" Moody replied, "That would create a vacuum and shatter the glass." After numerous other suggestions Moody smiled, picked up a pitcher of water, and filled the glass.

Our spiritual life is much the same. We don't become holy by trying to be good and perfect, by picking out our imperfections like air from a glass as the world encourages and somehow thinks is possible. Rather we fill ourselves with the Spirit of God so there is no room left for any impurities.
This truth is grasped by 12 Step programs where the first 3 steps involve admitting how powerless we are over our addictions and turning to a Power greater than ourselves to fill and restore us to sanity.
Through the coming weeks as we come to the end of the liturgical year let's reflect on how we can incorporate more spiritually nutritious foods into our diets. Can we attend Mass and Confession more frequently? Can we make time for scripture, Rosary or a course like Alpha? Do we fast and practice almsgiving on a regular basis?

As CS Lewis describes only filled with God's Spirit can we be truly happy: "God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself because it is not here." So let's continue to focus on filling our souls with the highest octane fuel there is, the Holy Spirit. John Humphries.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

November 14/15th weekend

There will be a special collection for The Shepherds' Trust the weekend of November 14/15th. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Please pick up The Shepherds' Trust card from the information table for more information on the various ways you can make a gift to The Shepherds' Trust.
You'll find a link to the Shepherds' Trust website and an opportunity to learn more about our retired priests and how you are making a difference in their lives.

Thank you and God Bless you.



LEST WE FORGET

The Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus invite you to their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** on Saturday, **November 14th from 4pm until 6:30pm** and Sunday, **November 15 from 8am until 2pm** in the parish hall. Just in time for Christmas, **visiting vendors** will be selling a wide variety of items. Enjoy complimentary coffee/tea while you shop & then visit the hotdog & soup counter for a quick bite to eat. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for a selection of beautiful baskets!



Youth Christmas Choir

Students in grades 2-12 are encouraged to sing in the Youth Choir for the Advent concert and Christmas Eve mass. Choir practice starts on Sunday Nov 8 and more information can be found at https://bit.ly/4e2Zzkn or you can scan the following:

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Members of the Church Choirs in Thornhill present

'JOY OF CHRISTMAS'

A concert of seasonal music to support the Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program
Saturday, November 21 at 7:30pm at
Thornhill United Church
21 Elgin Street (Elgin St at Dudley Ave.)
Freewill donations to provide funds for gift cards for families in need.
Donations by cash, cheque or e-transfer to:
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(attention TUC CAP)
Donations of non-perishable items for the Richmond Hill Food Bank would also be appreciated.
Light refreshments to follow in the auditorium

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