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## Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 8:15 a.m.**

Christian Sampson

Requested by Christine Sampson

**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Freda Mhusk

Requested by Claire Cadrin

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Freda Mhusk

Requested by Mel Kostovcic

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

### **GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM**

Calling all casserole chefs! We will resume collection of casseroles for the Good Shepherd next month. Although November is "Group A's" month, the Good Shepherd will gladly accept as many casseroles as we can provide.

Pans and lids will be available this weekend and November 14/15 after Masses outside the MacNaughton Lobby.

Should you wish to contribute a casserole for November, the drop off dates will be **November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Your casserole will be accepted outside the church (more information to follow). Unfortunately, we cannot allow drop offs to the parish hall kitchen or parish office at this time. Measures will be taken to ensure your safety, as well as the safety of our volunteers who are generously donating their time to get this program functioning again. Each nutritious casserole feeds TEN hungry individuals. With the cold winter months ahead, the need will be greater than ever.

For more information, please email or call the parish office. Thanks to all those participating in this program.

Cold and flu season is upon us, on top of the current second wave of the pandemic. Should you experience symptoms of any kind, we ask that you stay home and take the proper precautions. Please do not come to church to attend Mass with a fever, severe cough etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **CONFIRMATION 2021**

***Grade 7 Parents and Students in Grade 7, including St. Anselm's School, Public and Private Schools who celebrate Eucharist at St. Anselm's Parish. If you have not yet contacted the parish office, please do so by the end of this week.***

In order to provide you with additional information and a proper registration form, please understand that we require the following information **by email** to [office@stanselmchurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmchurch.com).

**Please include the following:**

**Your name:**

**Your child's name:**

**Grade:**

**Your phone Number:**

**First Eucharist**    **yes**    **no**

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*(must be an email you regularly check)*

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### **SHEPHERDS' TRUST**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a fundraising campaign for **The Shepherds' Trust** this year. Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at [www.shepherdstrust.org](http://www.shepherdstrust.org)

### **FAMILY AT THE HEART OF FORMATION: VIRTUAL EVENT FOR FAMILIES**

Cardinal Collins is pleased to invite families from across the archdiocese to our third annual (virtual) gathering of families on **Saturday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.**

Our family day will include prayer; praise and worship; games; Q&A with Cardinal Collins; family activity challenges; and a parent talk and discussion session with lay evangelist Patrick Sullivan. Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us for online sessions and offline activities.

There is no cost to attend, but capacity is limited. One ticket per household. To register, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/family](http://www.archtoronto.org/family)

We remain under capacity restrictions for indoor gatherings at this time. We ask that, whenever possible, parishioners 65+ attend on Saturdays at 5pm. On Sundays, parishioners with surnames beginning with A-L please attend the 9am and surnames M-Z attend the 11am. Thank you.

**Wis 6:12-16**

**Ps 63**

**1 Thess 4:13-18**

**Matt 25:1-13**

***My soul thirsts for you, My Lord, My God...***



Weddings are always delicate affairs. We can never be sure if they will go as planned or if a big glitch will develop in the middle of the festivities. The wise bridesmaids in our parable today found it prudent to have an extra supply of oil on hand just in case.

They took steps to be prepared; they did not know how long the wedding party would be delayed. The foolish bridesmaids found out, to their astonishment, that the last minute was too late to get prepared. Today's parable is not a story about sharing but about getting ready. When the foolish bridesmaids returned from seeking additional oil, the bridegroom has already arrived and he would not open the door because he didn't know them. Like the guest without the wedding garment, all have the same opportunity to be part of the reign of God. Both the foolish and the wise bridesmaids had the chance to be prepared.

In these parables proclaimed at the end of Cycle A, we find Matthew encouraging his community to remain prepared by living attentively in the present while being aware of the future. The reign of God is coming, yet the community must be alert to God's active presence among them now. Don't make frantic last minute attempts to straighten out your lives, but live daily in prepared anticipation. Be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and there is no need for fear. Hold onto that faith long into the night as you wait, even though the bridegroom is nowhere in sight – stay awake, serve and hope, pray and wait.

Life is but a collection of minutes. Each minute has fresh potential. I can make the choice to use it for some greater good, waste it dithering or choose something that is detrimental to our relationship with others and with God. In this parable, the bridesmaids didn't know the hour of the wedding party's arrival and some missed the Lord's coming because they were not living each moment to its full possibility. If I only have a collection of minutes, what will I do with my stash? Will I spend my moments bringing the reign of God an inch closer to reality? Will I choose to delve into the roots of injustice and follow – or maybe even blaze – a trail

to greater unity, justice and compassion? Matthew called his community to face issues of their time such as alienation and prejudice. We too live in a world where people are discriminated against because of different mannerisms, customs or values. Racism and prejudice have crippled communities. Jesus offered brothers and sisters another way to live. If unjust treatment happens to even one person, the reign of God cannot be celebrated and is not yet fully present.

Jesus took strong stands; he followed firm convictions, including whom to call friends and disciples, those with whom he would eat, what authorities to face, what blindness to confront. Matthew's last Gospel chapters show clearly where Jesus' beliefs and confrontations would lead him. Yet he faithfully followed the path, believing he was bringing the reign of God into the midst of humanity. If we see, believe and act in the manner that Jesus did, we, too, might face the same confrontations. Yet we will know that we are bringing about God's reign. Like the bridesmaids, we are called to be awake and ready to take a stand. We have that same opportunity. We are called to be attentive to the present by making God's reign come about here and now. Though the bridegroom is not in sight, each of us is called to serve and hope. Are we ready?

*For the gift of wisdom, that God may give us insight and understanding through our daily experiences so that we may value those things which will sustain us into eternal life...*

*For the grace of fidelity, that we may faithfully follow Christ each day of our life, acting justly, loving tenderly, and walking humbly before God...*

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**DIABETES UPDATE:**

**ENHANCING YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS**

You are invited to join for a virtual evening talk on Type 2 Diabetes Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

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