

# **THE PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

## **LIVESTREAM MASS [English]**

[www.olghtamilparish.com](http://www.olghtamilparish.com)

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Sunday at 11 am

## **CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**(Baptism, First Communion,  
Confirmation, RCIA)**

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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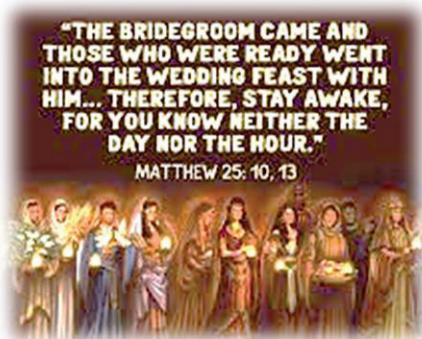
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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

## Living with a Holy Fear

### The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids Matthew 25.1-13

In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.



While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling

to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God, we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.

#### Summary

While the thought of death and judgement can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). St. Rose of Viterbo says that we should "live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." As stewards, let us strive to prepare for death by remembering that we will stand before the same Lord at judgement that we meet every day in prayer and at Mass.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



Monday	Nov. 13	12:05 pm	† Renato Bedana, requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano
Tuesday	Nov. 14	12:05 pm	† Erlinda Torres in remembrance of her birthday, requested by T. Fernandez
Wednesday	Nov. 15	12:05 pm	Intentions of Esther Lee, requested by her parents
Thursday	Nov. 16	12:05 pm	† Alberto Manalac, requested by Llarenas family
Friday	Nov. 17	12:05 pm	† Cecil Telmo Pamaong, requested by Lourdes Cruz
Saturday	Nov. 18	9:00 am	In thanksgiving & birthday intentions of Sonia Javier, requested Nereza Frias
		5:00 pm	† Amado & Rosario Mutuc, requested by the Mutuc family
Sunday	Nov. 19	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	† Deceased members of the Pereira, D'Silva, Rebello, Fernandes, D'Souza, Sunio, & Espano families, requested by Pereira family

## Stained Glass Preservation

We are in great need of donations for the preservation of the Stained Glass windows which has been completed.

Special envelopes are available at the front & side entrances of the church.

Kindly contact the parish office if you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention or in memory of a loved one.

Families or individual ministries are also invited to take part in this fundraising project.

Cost: Top - \$5,500; Bottom - \$1,700

Your support is greatly appreciated!



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Sacramental Preparation is now open.

Information sheets and registration forms are available in a binder at the entrance of the church; or if you require assistance, kindly check with one of the ushers.

All completed registration forms must be returned to the Parish office no later than January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any registration received after this date will not be accepted as books and supplies need to be ordered and classes will resume the following week.

## Explaining Purgatory

November is the month that we as Catholics set aside to pray for the dead. More specifically, we are praying for the souls in Purgatory.

### What does the Church say?

When a person dies, their body is buried, but their soul goes to one of three destinations: Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory. Heaven is eternal glory, Hell is eternal damnation, but Purgatory is a temporary state instead of a final destination.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that Purgatory is “purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” and is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified” (CCC 1030).

In other words, what the Catechism is saying is that not everyone who dies does so in a state that they are immediately ready to enter Heaven. We have, all of us, sinned over the course of our lives, and so even though we may have gone to Confession and received forgiveness, we still bear the residue of that sin on our soul. Often likened to a refining fire, Purgatory is where that residue is removed.

Furthermore, the Church tells us that souls in Purgatory are not able to pray for themselves. This means when someone dies, it is incredibly important to pray for their soul. We, the Church here on earth, can offer up our prayers to speed up their Purgatory time.

### So what do we do next?

We pray. There are so many ways that we can pray for the souls in Purgatory.

- ◆ Stop at a cemetery during the month of November and pray for your deceased family, friends and all those who have died.
- ◆ Have a Mass said in honor of family members or friends who have passed away at your local parish. Make sure to be in attendance, and make it a special occasion to remember them – maybe go out to breakfast after and share your favorite memories.
- ◆ Say the rosary for the souls of the departed at your parish.
- ◆ Say a Hail Mary each time you drive past a cemetery.
- ◆ Write the names of the recently deceased in your family in your parish’s Book of the Names of the Dead: Each parish has one, and each year it is displayed in the Church during the month of November.
- ◆ Pray for the Holy Souls! The Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude the Great is a famous prayer for the souls of purgatory. According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude in a vision that reciting the following prayer with love and devotion will release many souls from purgatory:

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well. Our Lady said that if we pray the prayers, “we’ll deliver so many souls, so many souls!”

~extracted from <https://brotherfrancisstore.com>

## ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION UNDERWAY

Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!

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](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) 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.

## ACN CANADA - RED WEDNESDAY

Red Wednesday is an annual international event which will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Together, let’s raise awareness about the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom for all. Be among the ones in your parish to organize an activity. Some ideas include arranging a prayer group, sharing information on social media, lighting up a building in red (or alternatively, wearing red) and attending the Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo at 5 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. For more information on this not-to-be-missed event and how you can show your support, please visit <https://acn-canada.org/rw/>. Let us stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians!

## REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the entire month of November, a book of remembrance



will be on display at the front of the Church sanctuary. You are invited to record the names of the deceased you wish to remember. Special ‘All Souls Day Remembrance’ offering envelopes will be available for your convenience, and your offering can be placed in the donation box.

On **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**, a bilingual [English & Tamil] Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls.



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*"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



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