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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

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)

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OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544 Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Entering into our Master's Joy

The Parable of the Talents
Matthew 25.14-30

"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master."

These are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. The parable of the talents is often seen as the classical parable on stewardship. Let us take some time reflecting on it more deeply today.



Cardinal Collins comments on this parable in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship saying, "As good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in that sentence is increase. Although the third slave did not waste or squander the talents or gifts he had received, the Master did not utter that beautiful phrase to him. The third slave did not work so as to create an increase of his goods. Stewardship always remains as an active way of life.

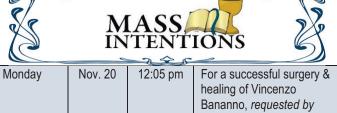
If we want to hear those beautiful words at our judgement, we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. How well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church? Let us not be passive in our service but seek ways to be used as an instrument of God. Let us start with prayer and move into acts of charity. We can serve in our parish community whether it be joining various ministries or helping people in need. This weekend let us renew our commitment to serving Christ.

Summary

"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master" are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. If we want to hear that spoken to us at our judgement, we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. Let us ask ourselves, how well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church?

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~





Monday	Nov. 20	12:05 pm	For a successful surgery & healing of Vincenzo Bananno, requested by Libby & Fredrico Tillo
Tuesday	Nov. 21	12:05 pm	† Shelia White, requested by Alice & Brian Warford
Wednesday	Nov. 22	12:05 pm	† Eduardo Patacsil on his death anniversary, requested by the Briones & Patacsil families
Thursday	Nov. 23	12:05 pm	† Genardio Ferreira, requested by the Cabral Family
Friday	Nov. 24	12:05 pm	† Avelino Ledda, requested by Belinda & Kevin
Saturday	Nov. 25	9:00 am	† Manuel Isidro Carneiro, requested Francine Gubuan
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Nov. 26	9:00 am	† Deceased members of the Catholic Women's League, requested by the Catholic Women's League
		11:00 am	In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Jesus Hipolito on his birthday, requested by Judith Hipolito

Stained Glass Treservation

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 <u>or</u> 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 5th, 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.



What do Catholics believe happens after death?

The Church believes that a person faces the particular judgment at death. God judges our souls and finds us either able

to enter heaven immediately, needing to go through further purification in purgatory or capable of hell because of our refusal to detach ourselves from sin and our unwillingness to repent. At the end of time, there will be a general judgment, at which time our bodies will be resurrected to join our souls in our eternal life, whether that be in heaven or hell.

What happens to us after death is an indication of our own personal, free choice to choose God and the path to holiness or to turn against Him. What happens after death also indicates who our God is—a God of both justice and mercy.

As Christians, we should not fear death, but rather ready ourselves for it, by growing in holiness and striving for eternal life.

Why does the Catholic Church believe in Purgatory?

The Catholic Church's belief in the existence of purgatory is indeed scriptural! First of all, it is important to understand what the Church believes purgatory is. The Catechism describes purgatory like this: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030).

Note that the Church believes that purgatory is not an eternal state, but rather a state of purification before entering eternal life with God in heaven.

Scripture teaches us that nothing unclean can enter heaven (Revelation 21:27). Scripture also describes a place where a man goes and suffers loss, yet is still saved, but only through fire (1 Corinthians 3:13-15). Purgatory is this place that cleanses us of whatever impurity we have when we die, allowing us to enter into God's presence without the stain of sin.



New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session November 29, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: https://bd1123.eventbrite.ca

Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session November 30, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: https://sdd1123.eventbrite.ca

For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com or (647) 215-3978

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 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.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

The second collection on this weekend, November 18-19, 2023, is for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The

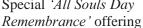


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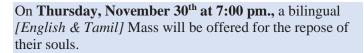
independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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



envelopes will be available for your convenience, and your offering can be placed in the donation box provided.









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