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From the Desk of Fr. Tim

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord...

Throughout the month of November, the Church's tradition of praying for our deceased relatives and friends will be observed at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish by the offering of all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses for our beloved relatives and friends. Please place your memorial envelopes in the basket on display in the sanctuary.

ShareLife: Last weekend to contribute to our Parish Campaign!

People with addictions are among the many marginalized groups supported by your gift to *ShareLife*.

"These uncertain times are especially difficult for our addiction clients who already face isolation, food and housing insecurities, and struggle with mental wellness," reports St. Michael's Homes, a *ShareLife*-funded agency. *"We suspect the need will continue to increase throughout the pandemic and into a post-COVID-19 environment."*

Your gift to *ShareLife* ensures St. Michael's Homes can continue to help people overcome addiction, as demand for their programs grows.

This weekend is *ShareLife* Sunday and the final day to make your donation to our parish campaign. If you give by the end of the weekend, you can double the impact of your donation. A generous donor is matching gifts up to \$500,000. Please contribute by credit card through the *ShareLife* website www.sharelife.org/donate or by dropping your envelope in the collection basket or mailing your contribution to the parish. Thank you for your continued support of *ShareLife*!

2021 Offertory Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and/or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Offertory envelopes for 2021 are now available through the parish office only and will be pre-assigned and sorted alphabetically by last name. This change of procedure allows us to distribute envelopes securely and safely following COVID-19 protocols. Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

If you are not currently registered in the parish and wish to use Offertory envelopes, please fill out the parish registration form on the table in the foyer and return it

to the parish office to receive your new 2021 offertory envelopes.

I thank parishioners who are currently using the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) and remind them to pick up a set of 2021 envelopes for the special collection envelopes that are not part of PAG. Since we updated the parish about the importance of PAG in these challenging times, I am happy to note an increase in those who have enrolled!

PAG sign up brochures are available in the church and hall foyers ...thank you for giving PAG your consideration and support!

Sunday Missals 2020/2021

Both the adult version and children's version (suitable for Grades 1-6) are now both available through the parish office at a cost of \$5 each.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Registration Meetings for Grade 2 Parents/Guardians and Children

Meetings will take place on *Tuesday, November 10 or Wednesday, November 11* for In-Person Registration from 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the front foyer. The In-Person Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Those who cannot/should not attend in person should join the meeting via Livestream beginning at 7:00 p.m. at www.st-ignatius-loyola.com.

We hope that most people will be here in person and we ask that the child attend and be accompanied by only ONE parent/guardian (to ensure social distancing).

If you plan to join us via Livestream, we ask that you read the directions in my registration letter and complete the registration form electronically here:

http://www.st-ignatius-loyola.com/forms/Communion_Reconciliation.pdf

You will need a computer or iPad to fill out the editable PDF document. Please email it back to the parish office with a scanned copy of the baptismal certificate, StIgnatiusLoyolaMI@archtoronto.org, before the registration meeting. You will also have to physically visit the parish office during the week (Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or on a Sunday (8:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.) to pay the materials fee and receive the catechetical books.

My letter and registration forms have been emailed to all Grade 2's in our parish schools (both in school and distance learners). If you have a child in Grade 2 not in our parish schools who would like to celebrate these sacraments with us this coming year, please pick up a

copy of the letter and registration form from our parish office in person or visit: www.st-ignatius-loyola.com under 'Sacramental Preparation'.



The Shepherds' Trust Collection

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 www.shepherdstrust.org. We thank you for your continued support of *The Shepherds Trust* and invite you to view the website for a brief update of the financial status of the Trust this year.

Virtual Bible Study: *The Book of Genesis* begins on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

A study of the book of Genesis is an invitation to contemplate the creation story and to remember with the Israelites, their ancestors in faith. Part One of this study covers Genesis 1:1—25:18 (the "pre-history" of Israel including the creation accounts, the stories of the fall and the great flood, as well as the story of Abraham and Sarah). Part Two of this study moves us forward from the time of Abraham to the unfolding of his family in the stories of Isaac and Jacob, as well as the story of Joseph and his brothers and their clans. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer and access to recorded lectures are included in this 10-lesson series.

This new bible study will begin on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. with a gathering in the parish hall to welcome any new participants and distribute study guides and materials to each participant. Registration and materials fee are \$40 per person for the two books. The study will continue virtually via Zoom for all 10 further sessions on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. on November 26 and December 3 and reconvene in the new year from January 7 until February 25, 2021. An excellent bible study to keep you busy during these long winter pandemic nights!

St. Vincent de Paul Society: *Christmas Gifts for Neighbours in Need...*

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again be providing Christmas gift cards to families-in-need within our community. Awareness of maintaining each person's dignity is always our priority and providing gift cards has allowed families to have more flexibility in what they offer as a Christmas meal, or what gift may be

most suitable for their loved ones. Please consider assisting our neighbouring families-in-need this year by purchasing gift cards from **Walmart** exclusively, or by issuing a cheque payable to: **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** noting that it is for a Christmas gift. You also have the option of making a general donation on-line through our SSVP website link on the parish website under the **Services** header.

We will have a Vincentian in the foyer to gratefully accept your donations before and after masses on the weekends of November 21/22 and November 28/29. Please ensure that **envelopes are clearly noted as "Christmas Gifts for SSVP" along with your name and address**. Our goal this year is to be able to assist over 100 families in our community this Christmas season. Donations outside of this window can be dropped off at the church office during their reduced hours of operation.

Tax receipts will be issued for annual donations to SSVP greater than \$20 if you have provided your name and address. God's blessings to each of you for your ongoing generosity and support during this especially challenging year through your poor-box donations and most especially during this Christmas.

Other Parish News

Holy Name of Mary College School

At Holy Name of Mary College School, we strive to always take the best aspects of Catholic teaching and interpret it in the modern context for the confident young woman of today, so that they can internalize these values and live them willingly. Join us for one of our virtual events: November 12 at 7:00 p.m., Grade 9 Roundtable: A Roadmap to Success and November 21 at 10:00 a.m. called The Girls' School Advantage. See how HNMCS educates, inspires, empowers, and shapes the girls of today to become the next generation of confident female leaders of character.

For more information or to register for these events, call Giselle Fernandes at 905 -891-1890, ext. 103.

2021 Pre-Marriage Course at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga

In-person weekend Marriage Preparation Courses following strict COVID-19 protocols will take place: January 8-10, 29-31, February 12-14, March 12-14, April 23-25, May 21-23, October 29 – 31, November 19-21 and December 3-5. There are some openings for December 11-13, 2020. The cost is \$600 per couple including accommodation, meals, and instruction. Please call 905-278-5229 or visit office@qoa.ca.

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