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MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Please Pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Liberato & Domenica Ranallo Di Ioia
Lou Segatore
Phillip & Patricia Nower
Nick & Margaret Gabriel
Linda Vincelli
Leonard Martell
Domenica Cappelli
Ralph Salthouse
Shirley Chartier
Doris Besner

Requested by:

Family
Daughter & Family
Friends of Holy Family
Leo-Paul & Mary Leclerc
Diane Gabriel Durso
Mario & Shirley & Family
Family
Family
Francine
Francine
Francine

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas Bake Sale and the 20/20 draw will take place December 3rd. Bakers are needed. Bake your family favorites and spread good cheer. If you have any questions please contact Linda Glashan before or after mass at the back of the church.

Faith Enrichment Conference: On Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18, Auxiliary Bishop Alain Faubert and Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, will be guest speakers at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 de la Cathedrale) on Friday evening, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the official bilingual opening of the Faith Enrichment Conference. Loyola High School will be the venue for English workshops held on Saturday, Nov. 18; at the same time and date, workshops will be held, in French, at Collège André-Grasset (1001 Crémazie Blvd. East). For full schedule and registration details, visit: <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blog/faith-enrichment-conference/>

The Sacred Heart Christmas Fair - Saturday, Dec. 9th

Get An Early Start to Your Christmas Shopping: We have an exciting line up of exhibitors, artisans & artists, as well as hand-made Christmas cards, and the ever popular Sacred Heart Café! Tickets for raffle prizes will be sold on site. Saturday, December 9 from 10 am to 5:00 pm. Free parking. 3635 Atwater Avenue, Montreal. Info: www.sacredheart.qc.ca or call 514-937-2845

Don't forget to visit our Parish website at <http://www.holyfamilyparishmtl.com>. You can find Sunday's Liturgy powerpoint slides and the bulletin. Thank you to all those involved in keeping the website up to date!

LOST & FOUND: An aluminum cane and a pair of reading glasses were left in the vestibule of the Church office.

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am to 4 pm (Please call before coming)
- If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to jpiazza@live.ca
- For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

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Last Sunday's Collection was \$2127. Thank you!

A major was assigned to a new office on a military base. While he worked to set up his office, a private knocked on the door. The major quickly picked up the phone and motioned for the private to enter. On the phone the major said, "Yes, General Schwarzkopf, I think that is an excellent idea. . . . No sir, that's fine, you feel free to call me any time. I'm glad I can help. . . . Yes sir, I will, and you give my best to your family as well. Thank you sir, and a good day to you too, General Schwarzkopf." As the major hung up the phone he turned to the private and asked, "What can I do for you, private?" Sheepishly, the private mumbled, "Um, sir, I'm just here to hook up your phone."

Encountering God



Jesus described what would happen at his final coming. It would be a complete surprise. He tells the story about five young women who were invited to a prestigious wedding. This team was expected to be prepared for all eventualities and were described as *wise*. If these *wise* young women shared their lamp oil with five unprepared others, who were described as *foolish*, the wedding party would be plunged into darkness. The moral of the story: if we wish to welcome God properly, we must be prepared and remain vigilant. This unusual parable has implied twists and turns that we should know about in order to understand Christ's story.

A marriage was always a prestigious event in a peasant society. Marriage involved much more than a couple's sentimental covenant. It was an economic understanding between two extended families and the celebration would last for seven days. The new groom was a hero because he accepted the responsibility for the success and security of the event which took place in a Mediterranean area. Whatever happened along the route had to be carefully anticipated. The fact that the groom arrived at the venue in the middle of the night was excusable. Following his arrival, it was understood that gates would be barricaded for security reasons to protect the wedding party from intruders. Once they were locked, it would be difficult to verify the identity of whoever appeared later. This explains why the five young women who left to purchase lamp oil at the last minute would not be allowed to enter the compound.

In this parable, marriage refers to a covenant offered by God to his people. When we use the term covenant, we mean "a contract with specific conditions"... Thus the *wise* young women represented people who entered consciously into this covenant with God. They were prepared, available, and played a primary role in this marriage ceremony. The *foolish* young women missed their opportunity, somewhat like people who did not take God's covenant seriously. They missed important occasions to be witnesses to their faith...

In our everyday experiences, there are many possibilities to encounter God. Some are unanticipated, such as Christ's return at the end of time. All around us, baptized people keep their *figurative* lamps ready to provide light every day. With them, let us anticipate the possibility that the groom, our Lord and ally, could arrive at any time. Believers keep their lamps prepared and won't allow their lives to vacillate with every breath of public opinion. Jesus, our God, will come again. We are alert, will encounter Christ, and share our experiences with others who also anticipate his arrival.

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

