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Living the Gospel by supporting married couples

Married for three years, Phil and Helen were expecting their first child when Phil revealed a secret: he had a son from a previous relationship. Feeling betrayed by Phil's dishonesty, Helen learned about affordable couples counselling at Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Over 10 weeks of counselling, they learned to take the risk of being honest rather than using deceit to keep the peace. Phil and Helen found a new sense of confidence as a couple and starting feeling excited about the arrival of their baby.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please consider donating in the basket placed at the back of the Church or online at sharelife.org. Thank you for your generosity.

**THIS YEAR'S PARISH GOAL IS \$9,800.
COLLECTED TO DATE : \$2375**

**SHEPHERD'S TRUST SPECIAL COLLECTION,
November 15**



As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes of the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 14/15

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LET US REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES

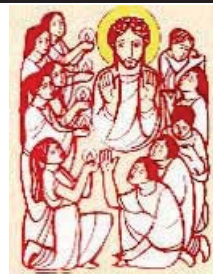
During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone on before us. The Book Of Life is available near the Baptismal Font. Any offerings, please place in the slot near the candles.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Please consider supporting your parish, even if you are unable to come to the church!

For information on how to donate, please see our website (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).

Thank you for your generosity!



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16.
Psalm: Psalm 63:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7.
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13.

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." —Matt. 25:13

If you were going to run a marathon, what are some things you would have to do ahead of time? Do you think you would be prepared to run such a long distance if each day for a week before the race you only ran around the block and then took a nap? Do you think your feet would be able to carry you the whole distance if you only had flipflops to wear?

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses a story to help us understand how important it is to be ready to meet God. We need to prepare in advance. If each day we try a little harder to follow Jesus' example of love, we will grow in holiness and look forward to seeing God face to face one day.

Lord, help me to prepare my heart to become more like yours – filled with love.

REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

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.

LOOKING TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Have you been baptized, but need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist)?

If so, please contact Anthony (anthony.stnicholas@outlook.com) or call the parish office to discuss RCIA.

Congratulations

TO ALL OF OUR YOUTH WHO RECIEVED
CONFIRMATION
THIS YEAR!

Aj Kristiah Ayuro Adriano
Dylan Brasil Alves
Alexander Vieira Amaral
Leonardo Ardian
Jennifer Alexandra Avila Munoz
Michael Carnovale
Patrick Lukas Reis Cerqueira
Marisa Cina
Gabriel Da Silva Pinto
Josaiah Tyler Dela Cruz
Brian Edgar Pimenta Ferreira
Madison Rose Fialho
Ana Figueiredo
Mariana Figueiredo
Sofia Priscila Carreira Da Fonseca
Josie Fantauzzi Fragoso
Jessica Marie Frederico-Post
Jason Alexander Pereira Freitas
Andre Sousa Furtado
Lucas Sousa Furtado
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Elizabete Costa Gomes
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32° DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO– 8 NOVEMBRE 2020



Because of COVID-19, by decree of His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Masses in the church of St Nicholas of Bari are limited to 100 participants, until further notice. Because of these restrictions, you are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Please know, Fr. Bruno will be saying Masses for the parishioners and their intentions.

November 8 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am - Messa per i caduti in Guerra delle Associazioni D'Arma e Corpo e Di Polizia Italiana
10:30 - Mass will also be livestreamed -
12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite

November 9 Monday/Lunedì

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA / FESTA DELLA DEDICAZIONE DELLA BASILICA LATERANENSE

No MASS TODAY

November 10 Tuesday/Martedì

Memorial of St. Leo the Great / Memoriale di San Leone Magno

8:00am - Michele, Giuseppe, Prudenzia Liscio
11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite

November 11 Wednesday/Mercoledì

Memorial of St Martin of Tours / Memoriale di San Martino di Tours

8:00am -

November 12 Thursday/Giovedì

Memorial of St Josaphat / Memoriale di San Giosafat

8:00am - Nilo Shorekela

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite

November 13 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am - Vittorio Settino e Figlio Giovanni e Franco Abate, Luppetto Benito

November 14 Saturday/Sabato

8:00am -

11:00am - BAPTISM (Ge'ez Rite)

November 15 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am - Pasquale Vecchiarelli e defunti famiglia Vecchiarelli, Paolo e Rosa Pallotta e defunti famiglia Pallotta e Anime del Purgatorio, Don Francesco e Suor Maria Benigna Bonofiglio, Caterina e Giuseppe Leone, Rocco Calamia, Eugenio Caira, Pasquale e Saveria Caira, Alberto Sturino e Francesco e Rosaria Sturino, Onorina Sturino, Michele e Saveria Furguele, Alfreda Furguele

10:30 - MASS WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED - Francesco and Maria Deleo and deceased members of the Deleo family

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite

RIFLESSIONE SULLE LETTURE

Prima Lettura: Sapienza 6:12-16. • Salmo: Salmo 63:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7. • Seconda Lettura: 1 Tessalonicesi 4:13-18. •

Vangelo: Matteo 25:1-13.

Ai tempi di Gesù la sposa aspettava nella casa dei genitori l'arrivo dello sposo. Dopo il tramonto del sole, lo sposo arrivava con un corteo nuziale per portarla nella sua casa. Alcune damigelle seguivano la sposa. Diverse ragioni potevano causare il ritardo dello sposo come, per esempio, lunghi discorsi con i genitori della sposa sui doni e sulla dote. Il tirare in lungo le trattative era di buon auspicio. Ma non è lo stesso per le spose di cui si parla nel Vangelo di oggi. Qui si tratta infatti del ritorno di Cristo e tutto è riassunto nelle ultime parole: "Vegliate, dunque, perché non sapete né il giorno né l'ora", cioè: "Siate pronte per l'arrivo di Cristo".



Il Vangelo si vive sostenendo le coppie sposate

Sposati da tre anni, Phil ed Helen erano in attesa del loro primo figlio quando Phil rivelò un segreto: aveva già un figlio, frutto di una precedente relazione. Sentendosi tradita dalla disonestà del marito, Helen si informò sui servizi di consulenza matrimoniale offerti a modici costi dal "Catholic Family Services of Toronto" (Servizi per la Famiglia Cattolica di Toronto). Nel corso di 10 settimane di consulenza impararono come affrontare i rischi dell'onestà invece di far ricorso all'inganno per mantenere la pace. Phil ed Helen hanno così scoperto un nuovo senso di fiducia come coppia iniziando a sentirsi eccitati per il prossimo arrivo del loro bambino.

Oggi è domenica di ShareLife. Considera la possibilità di donare nel cesto posto sul retro della chiesa o online su sharelife.org. Grazie per la vostra generosità.

L'OBIETTIVO DELLA PARROCCHIA DI QUEST'ANNO È DI \$9.800. RACCOLTI FINO AD OGGI: \$2375

LA COLLETTA SHEPHERD'S TRUST



Il Fondo dei Pastori assicura che i nostri sacerdoti possano vivere dignitosamente gli anni della pensione. I nostri sacerdoti si prendono cura di noi nelle chiese, nelle scuole, negli ospedali, nelle case di cura, nelle missioni e per le strade. Questo è il nostro modo di ricambiare. La raccolta del Fondo dei Pastori avrà luogo in tutte le parrocchie dell'Arcidiocesi durante il fine settimana del 14 e 15 Novembre. Questo fondo non si limita a sostenere i nostri sacerdoti negli anni della pensione, ma rappresenta un gesto di ringraziamento molto tangibile per le benedizioni che abbiamo ricevuto. La vostra generosità è molto apprezzata.



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