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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

12:10 p.m.

+Emma Lai Pow (Family)

Monday

7:00 p.m.

+James Abanador (Family)

Tuesday

12:10 p.m.

+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)

Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

+Ivor Wroughton (Family)

Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Father Patrick on his Birthday (Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

+Dr. Eden Yu (Choo De Lay and Family)

Thursday

12:10 p.m.

+Dagmar Rode (Family)

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

+Francisco Papa (Family)

Friday

12:10 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory (Pat Stuart)

Friday

7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory (JP and Virginie Chan)

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

+Msgr. Gerard Breen (Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

+Msgr. Gerard Breen (Jefferson Tse)

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

+Ligaya and Rose Redoblado (Family)

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

+Benito Bornay (Family)

Sunday

12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2020

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Rowen Lee McBride, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Marcus Rodrigues, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Pat Wilson, Phillip Kong, Theresita Siao, Angelo Drago and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Nazzareno Coccia, Serafin and Melodita Lumampao, Hilda Eng, Nazzareno Coccia and for those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Friday before the evening Mass

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS ASKED FOR DONATIONS IF YOU ARE ABLE.

The Box is by the glass door entrance.

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK
DAILY 12:10 MASS AND SUNDAY 10:30 MASS

ANYBODY EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF THE COVID VIRUS

Are to remain at home. They are dispensed from coming to church.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses) We received \$3,968.50 (November 1, 2020) (Includes PAG, Donate now, etc.)

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE IS IN NEED OF PIES

"We're restarting the Shepherd's Pie program for the Good Shepherd Centre. Please bring your pie bagged and place it on the cart in the front foyer next weekend.

32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13 - The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Living with a Holy Fear

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 of 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 loves 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 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.

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