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Lest we forget..



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

REGNUM CHRISTI DAILY MEDITATIONS

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Opening Prayer: Holy Spirit, fill my heart and my mind in this moment of prayer so that I can appraise my situation in life in your light, and approach each decision with clear-sighted prudence.

Encountering Christ:

1. **Prudence:** "The first of the four cardinal virtues, and the rule for the other three, is prudence. Now it goes against the grain of present-day thinking to see in prudence a virtue, let alone the first of the four cardinal virtues. The reason for this is that we often have an entirely wrong idea of the virtue of prudence. Prudence as virtue has nothing to do with [...] the timorous attitude of undue caution [...]. Prudence is the quality of clearsightedness. The prudent man approaches each decision with his eyes open, in the full light of knowledge and faith. He discerns reality objectively, sizes up a factual situation for what it is, and weighs the real value of things. Only after careful consideration does the prudent man make his decision" (Josef Pieper, What Catholics Believe, 73).

2. **Foolishness:** Today's Gospel passage weighs prudence against foolishness. At first glance, the mishap that befell the five foolish virgins might seem coincidental. However, in the light of the explanation of prudence above, we can appreciate that the situation around the virgins' shortage of oil was preceded by two sets of behavior, by two decision-making processes, and two ways of approaching reality: "Whoever follows the impulse of his will before appraising the facts and the circumstances of a situation accurately and objectively is imprudent and unwise" (idem).

3. **"Behold, the Bridegroom!":** "Virtue is the utmost of what a man can be; it is the realization of the human capacity for being" (Josef Pieper, A Brief Reader on the Virtues of the Human Heart, 9). If the clear-sighted virtue of prudence is imperative in daily life in order to "realize the human capacity," in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that it is even more imperative for the spiritual life. Much like the maids-in-waiting, we know that the Lord will come. To be prudent in our spiritual life means that today we "size up this situation for what it is, and weigh the real value of things" in its light.

Conversing with Christ: My Lord, today you invite me to grow in prudence. Help me to approach each situation with my "eyes open, in the full light of knowledge and faith." Give me the grace to discern proper actions and then follow through for your glory.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will practice the cardinal virtue of prudence by taking a minute before making a decision to consciously discern its implications in the light of faith and reason.

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You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

MT: 25 : 1 - 13



Reflect today on the oil in your own lamp. Is it full and ready to burn brightly at a moment's notice? Have you been attentive to the daily promptings of grace, or have you grown spiritually drowsy, distracted by worldly cares? Ask the Lord to awaken your soul, to keep you vigilant and eager for His coming, whether at the end of your life or in the quiet moments of each day. Remain watchful, and be prepared to follow Him in every moment of every day.

My Lord and Bridegroom of the Church, You call us to vigilance, so that when You come to us—whether by grace throughout the day or at the end of our lives—we may be ready to follow You into the wedding feast of Divine Union. Free me, I pray, from all complacency and spiritual sloth. Grant me instead the virtues of attentiveness and diligence, that I may respond to every graced moment with love and fidelity. May each response draw me into deeper communion with You, now and forever. Jesus, I trust in You.[1]

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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". Così la parabola delle vergini poteva cominciare con questa frase: "Per il regno dei cieli accadrà come per le dieci vergini che uscirono, con le loro lampade, incontro allo sposo". Agli occhi di Gesù, è saggio chi veglia, cioè chi pensa sempre, nel suo animo, al giorno del ritorno del Signore e all'ora della propria morte, chi vive ogni giorno nell'amicizia di Dio, nella grazia santificante, e chi si rialza subito se, per debolezza, cade. Allora "Vegliate", perché nessuno, all'infuori di Dio, conosce il giorno e l'ora.[2]

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During the Month of November
The Book of Remembrance
will be available.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext. 801. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MON - THUR 9AM - 12PM (CHURCH)*
EVERY FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM (CHURCH)*
*IN CHAPEL, WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL.

Mass Intentions for the week

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Liam Primaylon

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. Susanna e Gianno Onisto
Filippo Lembo Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Rosario Vella – Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Vito Sciuto e famigia
Defunti famiglie Ciciretto e Cuoppolo
Giovanna Costantino e famiglia Nick Abbatagelo
Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo
Fedele e Clementina Colangelo Luigi e Maria Lamanna
Stefano Colangelo Luigi Lamanna
Giuseppe e Giuseppina Canini e famiglia

11:30 A.M.+ Carl MicKendrey Lumbo Pascua

5:00 P.M.+ Joel San Juan

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. Shenelle & Neil Noraho

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Fr. Ralph Paoessa O.F.M

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Romy & Cora Tumaliuan
+ Attilio De Grazia

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH – GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. Lawrence Tchoi

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Baldwin D'Souza

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14ST – SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Orlando Gaerlan

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: $ 5 688.25
Building Fund : $ 3,641.75
All Souls : $ 3,858.00

Next Week Second Collection:
Shepherds' Trust

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
~ St Francis de Sales ~
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Reminder

Parents please make sure you have received your child's registration submission. If you have not please check your email spam or junk folder. If you need additional information please contact slmsacraments@gmail.com All emails concerning your child's sacrament preparation will come from this email.
If you have not registered online yet please make sure you register ASAP your child for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion and Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION

Registration OPEN for children in Grade 7 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates in the Parish Hall:

Reminder

Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion are required to attend a two-hour catechetical session designed to support and guide them in preparing their children for the joyful celebration of the sacraments.

Thursday, November 19, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

COMING SOON

EDGE LIFE TEEN

SLMC CRAFT GROUP

Warm Hearts Warm Feet

Help our homeless at Good Shepherd Refuge stay warm this winter.

Now accepting NEW men's socks.
Please place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

2026 Sock Collection: October 17th - Nov 22nd 2026

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / Adult Confirmation

We are now accepting registrations for the 2026-2027 RCIA Program. Please visit our website for information and to download the RCIA Initial application form

* Those in Grade 9 and Higher who have not received the sacraments including Confirmation please use this link to register for 2027.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

TO REGISTER:
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