

# NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.



Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, November 9**

**8:30 a.m.** - All Souls †

**Tuesday, November 10**

**8:30 a.m.** - All Souls †

**7:00 p.m.** - RCIA

**Wednesday, November 11**

**8:30 a.m.** - All Souls †

**Thursday, November 12 - No Mass**

**Friday, November 13**

**8:30 a.m.** - All Souls †

**Saturday, November 14**

**5:00 p.m.** - All Souls †

**Sunday, November 15**

**9:00 a.m.** - All Souls †

**11:00 a.m.** - Mass for the People

### OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER

Envelopes	\$ 16,897.25
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	7,254.00
Canada Helps	28.95
Interac e-Transfer	2,030.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,210.20</b>

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS YEAR TO DATE

Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 755.00
Development & Peace	3,780.00
Good Friday	695.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	570.00
World Missions	1,135.00

*Thank you for your continued  
generosity and support of our Parish*



### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

*We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial  
intelligence may always serve humankind.*

November — Month of Remembering

THEY HAVE GONE NO FURTHER FROM US  
THAN TO GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR

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## CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

As we move into the final month of our eighteen-month Cathedral Appeal, it is timely that we take a look at where we have been as a diocesan family and count our blessings, in the midst of the world that looks very different from when we began. We launched our Cathedral Appeal in May of 2019, and as of October 30, 2020, our appeal has raised \$1,217,018.88 in cash donations and \$21,690.00 in pledges. This brings our **total raised to \$1,238,708.88** or 103% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many and for this wonderful achievement. As with every project, unexpected expenses did arise along the way as necessary repairs were only discovered once the work began. Early on it was discovered that the exterior stonework required repair as there was water leaking into the Cathedral, preventing restoration work from moving forward. This expense was approximately \$200,000. There was also the break-in at the Cathedral and the removal of the tabernacle, requiring the installation of video cameras. These are just a couple of examples. So, we appeal to you again, in these challenging times. Could this be the time that you too play a part in this historic event and undertaking in our diocese? Visit us at [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or make a donation at your church marked "Cathedral Appeal." Once again, thank you to all and may God bless you.

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## ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

*"...those who were ready went into the wedding feast..."*

Are you ready to respond to Christ's call for a vocation. If He is calling you to discern serving Him as a priest or consecrated religious, call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

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## ONGOING FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for *"The Holy Spirit"* at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10th in our parish hall.

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## MINISTRY FOCUS

We are very blessed at St. Julia to have so many dedicated volunteers who work in the many ministries within our parish. Perhaps you feel called to assist in one of these ministries such as Monday morning collection counters, weekend ushers, COVID-19 counters and cleaners. So many possibilities of serving here at St. Julia - a caring Roman Catholic Community. Please contact the office or see Fr. Greg.

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## DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

Please support the *Deo Gratias* Collection of November 14/15, 2020. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the *Deo Gratias* collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**

*good works*

St. Vincent de Paul Society is most grateful to Ontario Power Generation – Niagara Operations for their generous donation of \$1,500. This money will go directly to COVID-19 emergency relief, and also to provide Christmas Baskets to the less fortunate in our community. Many thanks for the continued support.

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## DIOCESAN SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ anniversary in the year 2020. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office and complete a registration form by November 13.

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## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Do you know of someone in need of prayers for healing? Please contact the church office to add them to our weekly intentions.

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## ST. JULIA PASTA NIGHT RETURNS

*Take Out Only*

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

**Includes:**

Penne Pasta & Sauce,  
Meatballs, Caesar Salad,  
Dinner Roll & Butter

**Cost: \$10.00**



**Advance Ticket Sales Only**

*Ends 12:00 noon, Monday, November 23rd*

**Pick Up Times** (must be selected at time of sale):

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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