# Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin for 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



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• Wisdom 6:12-16 • Psalm 63 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Matthew 25:1-13 •

#### Five of them were foolish and five were wise. (Matthew 25:2)

In Jesus' time, weddings were events to be anticipated: seven days of nonstop feasting and celebrating. So we can assume that all of the ten young women in today's parable wanted to go to this particular wedding feast. And yet, when the bridegroom was delayed, five of them were not ready. Their lamps died out, and they had no oil to refill them.

Who knows why they weren't prepared? Maybe they were distracted or too busy to make sure their oil flasks were full. But what we do know is that, as a result, they were not where they were supposed to be, and they missed the chance to come into the feast. What a shame! These young women seriously needed to reexamine their priorities!

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church uses our Mass readings to encourage us to examine our own priorities as we await the coming of the Lord. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Jesus, when his Bride, the Church, will be united to him forever. Of course we want to go!

That means we need to make sure our lamps have enough oil. We need to heed Jesus' last words from today's Gospel: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). But it's not about going to a store to stock up on supplies. Staying awake means looking at how we spend our time and making sure that we're putting the Lord first and cultivating our love for Jesus, our Bridegroom.

Look back over this past week. Think about the decisions you made and how they reveal what is important to you. Is there one priority you could reshape that would help you be closer to where you need to be when the Bridegroom returns?

the Word among us, Oct 2023

## BC Bishops' Appeal in Support of Truth, Healing & Reconciliation Second Collection this weekend

The third Indigenous Reconciliation Fund collection will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November in the Diocese of Kamloops.

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is \$30 million – it is made up of an assessment on a Diocese-by-Diocese basis – the Kamloops Diocese's assessment is \$150,000; this amounts to a 5year collection target of \$30,000 per year. In the first two years of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund collections, the parishioners in the Diocese of Kamloops have been very generous, giving approximately \$60,000 towards this fund which means we are on schedule with our assessment amount. Thank you again for your generosity in 2021 and 2022 and please be generous again this year in our collective desire to support this most worthy cause and to assist our Indigenous people in their healing.

100% of contributions for this collection will be allocated for these projects.

## Mass Times

#### Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains Saturday 5:00 pm Rosary at 4:30 pm Our Lady of the Mountains 9:00 am Rosary at 8:30 am Sunday

\*\* New Schedule\*\*

St. Christopher's Mt. Currie Sunday 11:30 am St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton Sunday 1:00 pm

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains Friday only at 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00am

St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton No Daily Masses this week

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux Cell: 1-778-257-4203







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## Appeal for Christmas Hampers Volunteers

Our parish has once again been approached to make up Christmas Hampers for families in need this Christmas. Please contact the office in person, by phone or email if you are available to help with: driving, shopping, wrapping, labelling or any other aspect of this charitable endeavour.

## Remembrance Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideas Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, 13th November, in recognition of Remembrance Day.



## The Book of the Names of the Dead

Write the names of the deceased members of your family in the Book of the Dead. Throughout November we include an intercession for those listed in our parish Book of the Names of the Dead.

### Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer thee the most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

## Next week - second collection for Catholic Missions in Canada

Catholic Missions in Canada advance and sustain the Catholic faith in Canada from sea to sea to sea by the following: Prayer, Fundraising, Awareness, Education.

Not all missions are foreign missions. Some of the most in-need missions can be found here in Canada. Catholic Missions in Canada has a mandate to serve Roman and Ukrainian Catholic Bishops across Canada in 24 dioceses, providing funds as follows: 68% supporting missionaries, 11% education of seminarians, 9% repair and maintenance of mission churches, 9% religious education programs and 3% formation programs.

#### Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm In important or urgent matters, call: Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203



#### Donations / New Church Pledge Form

Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/