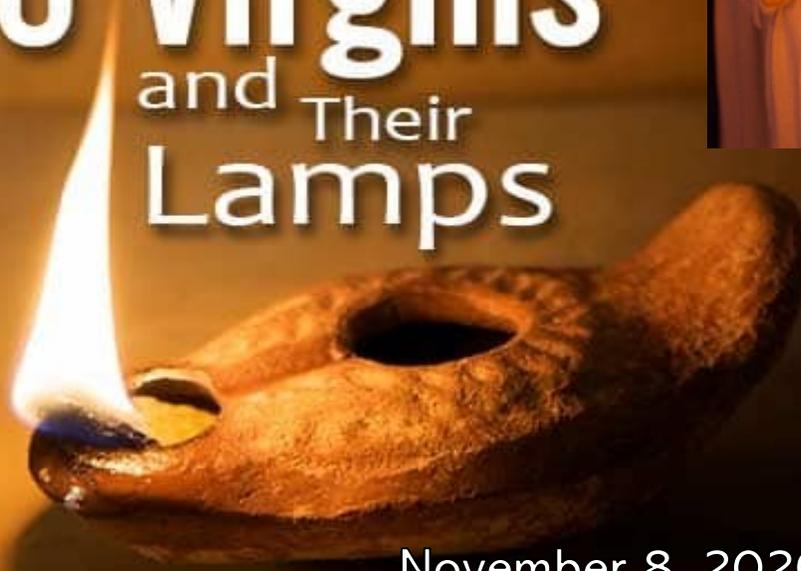


Matthew 25.1-13
32nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

10 Virgins and Their Lamps



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Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Parish

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish community.
Please call the parish office for information about our
parish or to register as a parishioner.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ROSARY- 20 mins before each Mass

ADORATION - First Friday of each month 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's at: 4:30 PM & Sunday's at: 8:30 AM

All Masses may be viewed online at: <https://www.ourladyofpeaceregina.com/>

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

May be dropped off at the parish, or call and we will gladly pick it up.

We also accept Email-transfers and Credit Card Donations.

Learn more on our website: <https://www.ourladyofpeaceregina.com/help--donate.html>

STEWARDSHIP

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

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Please Pray For

Judith Lewis, Doris Frei, Cathy Chukwuma, Antonette Rothecker,
Anne Gelowitz, Marion Danyliw, Beverly Ratch, Clarence Capletto,
Roger Bertrand, Madeline Daley, Betty Woytuik, Lloyd Stan,
Diana Chowaniec, Fred & Donalda Exner
Angel Faith, Barney Ozembloski, & Cheryl Bell



Ask Father James:

What are the Primary Lessons to be drawn from the parable of the Ten Maidens? (Matthew 25:1-13)

This parable is known by various names; Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins; or of the ten bridesmaids, or of the five wise and five foolish maidens. The primary intent of the parable is explained in its conclusion: 'Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour' (v 13). The primary lesson given by some interpreters in Bible studies, reading the parable allegorically, think that the ten number of maidens represent the church as a virgin bride to Jesus the bridegroom. Christians are supposed to be pure in spirit - (virgins) awaiting judgment of the delayed Jesus (the bridegroom).

This parable presupposes our doctrinal and biblical understanding of Jesus as 'bridegroom' (Mt. 9.15; cf. also Mk. 2.19-20; Lk. 5.34 -35; Jn. 3.29) - 'The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.' These maidens were probably bridesmaids who were waiting to meet the bridegroom as he comes from the bride's house. But while the five wise maidens had prepared for the groom's delay by bringing extra oil, the foolish five maidens had not. The groom delays and all ten of them fell asleep (v. 5). At midnight, a cry rings out and the maidens wake and trim their lamps (vv. 6-7). A metaphorical reading of the parable interprets that the 'lamps' as faith in Jesus and 'Oil' as- Good works or charity (*kala erga*) - doing the will of the father. Don't be caught with lack of sufficient oil for your lamp. Faith and good works are the two praying hands of every Christian and they will get us past the door.

The parable teaches four points." Firstly, like the bridegroom the Son of Man may delay his coming. Keep the faith anyways. Secondly, Christians should be ready for a delay. The delay of the bridegroom points to watchfulness for the Parousia (παρουσία). The bridegroom, like the thief, comes upon the ten virgins suddenly, at an unexpected time. On the eschatological day, Jesus will stand at the door (Matthew 24:33) and will admit those who are prepared (Matthew 25:10). Thirdly, those who fail to make preparations (lamps and oil) will find that there comes a time after which it is impossible to ready themselves. Fourthly, it is impossible to share readiness with others. The wise virgins' refusal to share is allegorical: the oil for the lamps represents faith, good deeds, or merit that cannot be transferred - one cannot borrow grace of another.

The five foolish maidens arrived and cried out 'Lord, lord, open to us' (v. 11). The door remains closed and the groom replies: 'Truly I say to you. I do not know you'. And they are left shocked by the response. On the eschatological day, Jesus will stand at the door (Matthew 24:33) and will admit those who are prepared (Matthew 25:10).

Do you have a faith question? Email Father James: frjowolagba@gmail.com



So far, Our Lady of Peace Parish has collected \$5,763.00 for the Appeal. This is 29% of the total of the parishes goal. All three of the readings

today are end of time in nature. In the first reading, the writer personifies a heavenly wisdom, making note that this wisdom, which is clearly beyond this world, is readily available for those who prudently live their lives seeking it. In the second reading, Paul addresses the Thessalonians about those who have died, assuring them that, through His death and resurrection, Christ has won the victory for us. Therefore, those who die in Christ will be raised. In the gospel, the five foolish bridesmaids miss the arrival of the bridegroom because they were not prepared. It is clear that the message of today's readings is one that is beyond this world. They communicate to us about life hereafter. The lesson is this: if you are not prepared for the heavenly feast, you will be locked out forever! It is a sobering reminder of God's love and justice. We don't know when the Lord's return will take place or when we will be ushered from this world. So as Christians, stewards of God's manifold gifts, we must use wisely and timely all of our time, talents and treasure. The Archbishop's Appeal provides us with the opportunity to invest wisely all of our gifts in the future, beyond this world that has been en-

trusted to the Church of the Archdiocese of Regina. Your generous contributions to organizations like our Youth Ministry and Lay Ministry programs help to grow the disciples and Christian leaders of the future. The call of the Archbishop's Appeal is a call to invest the gifts our God has entrusted to us with a divine promise of future growth. Your financial contribution is a response in faith that demonstrates a sacrificial willingness to live the message of the Gospel. If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution. Any donation, large or small will assist our Archdiocese in continuing Christ's mission to grow disciples building their hope to enter God's eternal feast through the sharing of God's Word.



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TF217: Mark Shea and The Church's Best Kept Secret

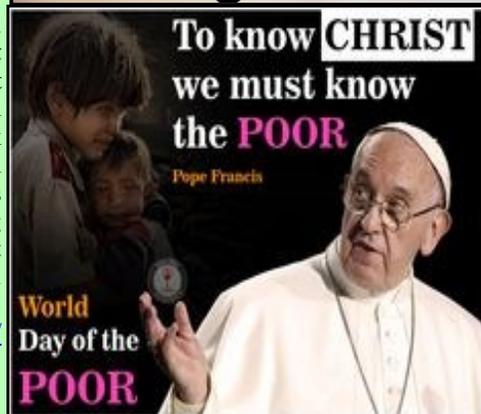
We sit down with Catholic writer, speaker, and apologist, Mark Shea to discuss his newest book "The Church's Best Kept Secret: A Primer on Catholic Social Teaching." Show Snippet: "This is part of our heavily libertarian way of looking at things; that I can be personally generous, but why do I need the state to put a gun to my head and tell me that I have to give to pay for somebody else's healthcare?" <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/mark-shea-and-the-churchs-best-kept-secret-part-3>

Rosary

Dear Parish Members:

We are going to start Rosary before the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Please follow the bulletin that was previously made, or if you do not have one, please contact Antonette at: 306.545.5397

Pray the Rosary. Deepen your love for Christ



Mass Readings, Feast Days, SOLEMNITIES, Saints Days & Intentions
 To request a Mass intention please call or email parish office.

Mass Date & Time <i>SOLEMNITIES, Feast Days & Memorials</i>	Readings	Mass Intentions
Monday, November 09 - No Mass <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>	Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12 John 2.13-22 <i>Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.</i>	NO MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, November 10 - 9:00 AM <i>St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor</i>	Titus 2.1-8, 11-14 Luke 17.7-10 <i>We are worthless slaves, we have done only what we ought to have done.</i>	† Herb Haynes By Antonette Rothecker
Wednesday November 11 - NO MASS <i>Remembrance Day</i> <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Titus 3.1-7 Luke 17.11-19 <i>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> <i>Lest we forget</i> 
Thursday, November 12 - 9:00 AM <i>St Josephat, Bishop & Martyr</i>	Philemon 7-20 Luke 17.20-25 <i>The Kingdom of God is among you.</i>	Dale Lauf By Shelley Kreuzter
Friday, November 13 - 9:00 AM	2 John 4-9 Luke 17.29-37 <i>It will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.</i>	For Garina Family
Saturday, November 14 - 5:00 PM <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i>	3 John 5-8 Luke 18.1-8 <i>God grants justice to his chosen ones who cry to him.</i>	Violet Hordos By Yolanda Eckel
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, November 15 - 9:00 AM Sunday, November 15 - 11:00 AM <i>World day of the Poor</i>	Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6 Matthew 25.14-15, 19-21 <i>You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things</i>	† Magdalene Gelowitz By Margaret Poncsak Missa pro populo

OFFERING 31st Sunday Ordinary Time Nov 1, 2020

Envelopes & Email Transfers: \$2,824.00
 Monthly Electronic Giving: \$1,758.00
 Gifts in Kind: \$243.59 (not included in total)
Total: \$4,582.00
Offering 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2019
 (1 year ago) \$3,595.15

"There is no more powerful weapon, dearly beloved, against the devil's wiles than kindly mercy and bounteous charity, by which every sinner is either escaped or vanquished." - St Leo the Great
"Lord, if your people need me. I will not refuse to serve and work. Your Will be done" - St Martin of Tours



**Our Lady of Peace Parish
 Catholic Women's League
 CWL General Meeting**

November 24, 2020 at 2:00 PM. Register with Kim by calling: 306.543.2320 Deadline to register is November 18th 2020



Mondays at 10:00 AM, by conference call.
Dial in from anywhere



Bible Study

Call Anita at: 306.543.0421



BUTTERFLIES & LEAVES
Memorial/Donation Fund



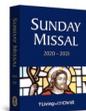
The Fund is intended to assist with paying down the mortgage. Create a legacy by donating \$500 or more and place a leaf or butterfly on the Memorial Tree. Contact Parish Office: 306.543.5355
 New butterflies and leaves coming soon.



Get a Plenary Indulgence!
Changes to the Formula

In a special decree, issued on Oct 22, the Apostolic Penitentiary has said that "this year, in the current circumstances due to the "Covid-19" pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful." This includes changes to indulgences provided for private prayer for the deceased in a church and for visitation of a cemetery to pray for the deceased. In the case of private prayer in a church, individuals unable to attend a church at this time due to illness or other pandemic-related factors, may do so within their own homes as well. Both of these pious practices may be transferred to any other day of an individual's choosing throughout the month of November.

The 2020-2021 Sunday Missalettes are available for sale in the Foyer.



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at Our Lady of Peace Parking lot, 425 Broad St. North. Friday or Saturday, Dec. 11th & 12th, 2020. Pick-up between 5:00 and 6:00



p.m. Roast Beef supper catered by Charlotte's Catering. Tickets \$20.00 a meal. For tickets, please call Dennis 530-2370 or Anita at 543-0421.

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Bingo Fund Donations: \$1,322.75
Bingo Fundraising: \$13,186.55
Total to Date: \$14,479.30
(Net fundraising after expenses)

Daytime Openings: Nov 18th
Evening Openings: Nov 14th & 22nd
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