

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whenever we hear a passage from the Gospels, we can ask ourselves: what aspect of God does Jesus present to us? Today, Jesus reveals himself to be One who enters wholeheartedly into human celebrations, hesitates to interfere in the lives of other, yields to his mother's initiative, and exceeds all expectations.

This wedding party takes place in the middle of the week, "on the third day." This means that, in order to be present and join in the festivities, Jesus had to take time away from his usual routine. The God revealed by Jesus, then, breaks into the "ordinary" with extraordinary actions and surprises.

When the wine runs out, Jesus does not immediately rush into action. He waits until he is prompted and invited – in this case, by his mother. He acts in community and for the community.

Jesus responds to his mother's insistent action. He does turn the water into wine to save the couple from embarrassment and to keep the party going! Thus, Jesus reveals a God intimately concerned with our lives, loving and solicitous.

The wine that Jesus provides is better than the wine chosen by the couple. God as revealed by Jesus does infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Our God is a God of plenty – plenty of love, compassion and redemption. Always.

(Reflection of Anne Walsh, from Living with Christ)

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOLS – Resume on:

Sundays

Feb. 21st, and 28th
March 6th, and 20th,
April 3rd, 10th, and 17th
following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
(Downstairs Hall)

Or

Thursdays

Feb. 25th,
March 3rd, 10th, and 31st
April 7th, 14th, 21st
7:00 p.m.
Parish Hall



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January, 16th, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Tosca Meiorin

Sunday, January 17th, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Peter & Hope McDermott

9:30 a.m. + Augustus Gonsalves

11:00 a.m. + Salvatore Bono

Monday, January, 18th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Maria Tollis

Tuesday, January 19th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Salvatore Renda

Wednesday, January, 20th, 2016 – Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Thomas Callaghan

Thursday, January, 21st, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Barbara Anne Corkum

Friday, January, 22nd, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Rosie O'Dea

Multiple Mass Intention Masses

Fr. Pat has received permission from the Archdiocese to have one Mass per week designated as a multi-intentional Mass, and on occasion, a Saturday Mass.

Due to the high demand for Mass intentions, it is hoped this will allow people the opportunity to have a special intention mass offered within a more reasonable time-frame.

In the bulletin, the specific day of the week that is designated a multi-intentional Mass will be clearly indicated.

Good Shepherd

Next Sunday, Christine Slater of Good Shepherd Ministries will speak to us about the ongoing needs of this Ministry. Casserole pans and recipes will be available after the Masses next Sunday; please consider taking a casserole pan and recipe home - for preparation of a casserole for the Refuge. Casseroles are brought to the Church the third weekend of each month.

A big thank you to the many parishioners who prepare casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge every month, and to those parishioners who serve meals so diligently at the Refuge.



The motto for the Jubilee Year, “Merciful Like the Father” (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure.

The logo depicts Jesus carrying the lost son. It has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. Through this love, man is being called to conversion. Christ transforms him forever. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of man, and man with the eyes of Christ. Seeing one’s fellow through the eyes of Christ, is also seeing him through the eyes of the Father. It is offering our brother, our sister a look of love and mercy.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colours progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death and into the light.

New Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet picked up the new offertory envelopes for 2016, please do so in order that you can start using them in January; they are arranged numerically. In the event you forgot your envelope number, a listing of last names and numbers is also available at the table. Please verify your number with your name on the label. New parishioners are welcome to sign up for envelopes on a special form which will be provided on the same table.

Marriage Sunday

Fr. Pat will offer a special “Marriage Blessing” for all married couples on the weekend of February 6/7, at each Mass. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 50, etc.) are invited to leave their names at the parish office.

Workshop

CWL Workshop – Leadership Course
Saturday, January 30th, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Senior Residence Masses

Fr. Pat will celebrate Mass for the senior Residences as follows;

Canterbury Place:	February 12, at 10:30 a.m.
1 Canterbury Place	March 11, at 10:30 a.m.
	April 8, at 10:30 a.m.
	May 13, at 10:30 a.m.
	June 10, at 10:30 a.m.
Del Manor (North York):	January 27, at 10:30 a.m.
5351 Yonge St.	February 17, at 10:30 a.m.
	March 16, at 10:30 a.m.
	April 20, at 10:30 a.m.
	May 18, at 10:30 a.m.
	June 15, at 10:30 a.m.
Lansing Senior Residence:	February 12, at 2:30 p.m.
10 Senlac Road	March 11, at 2:30 p.m.
	April 8, at 2:30 p.m.
	May 13, at 2:30 p.m.
	June 10, at 2:30 p.m.

Valentine’s Dinner & Dance

The parish will host a Valentine’s Dinner on Saturday, February 13, from 7 – 11 p.m. A D.J. and limited cash bar (wine, beer) will be available.

Tickets are \$20 per person and open to couples and singles. Tickets will be available after all Masses next weekend.

55+ Club Meetings

Persons, 55+ and older, are invited to come out each Wednesday afternoon, 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Activities vary each week.