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OUR FAITH EMBRACES the tension of the hypostatic union – the fully divine *and* fully human nature of Jesus. The Baptism of the Lord is a profound instance of the revelation of the humanity of Jesus and His desire to draw close to us.

John the Baptist baptized people “for repentance” (Matthew 3.11). If Jesus is God, why would he need to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins? One possible answer is that Jesus was baptized in order to identify totally with us. He is the only member of the human race that does not need forgiveness; however, in order to identify with us, He humbled Himself to undergo baptism. He even identified with the *effects* of sin that we experience: suffering and death. I draw great comfort and hope from this episode in Matthew’s Gospel; Jesus is present in every experience of my life, even in my need for redemption and forgiveness. His act of humility has increased my intimacy with Him.

Each time we gather for Mass, we bless ourselves with water from the baptismal font, calling to mind our baptism and Christ’s. Let this week’s Eucharist be an opportunity to give thanks that we have a Saviour who understands our humanity and the effect that sin has on it, even as God the Father calls him “my Son, the Beloved.”

(Reflection of Rose Derksen, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 13, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Cristina So Uy

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Cristina So Uy

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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Thursday, January 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Edith Arciaga

Friday, January 17, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + John Rodrigues

Saturday, January 18, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Christina Mui

4:30 p.m. + Dorothy & Edward Laughlan

Sunday, January 19, 2020

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

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of Connie Choi

11:00 a.m. + Conchita S. Flores

Youth Ministry

Our EDGE (grade 6, 7 and 8 students) and Lifeteen (high school students) programs are both now in full swing! Please see the banners in the foyer for complete schedules or speak to our Youth Director, Jessica Bews for more information. New students can join at any time.

Upcoming nights:

Friday, January 17th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **Edified**

Friday, January 24th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE - **The Artist**

MARY MATHEWS SPEAKING CONTEST



The CWL League Invites students in Grade 7 & 8

Contest Date: February 2, 2020

A speech between 3 – 5 minutes

*****Register by January 12, 2020*****

For more information, please visit: cwltoronto.ca OR

email: stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Courage & EnCourage

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information, see contact information below:

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity.

Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues

Phone: 416-928-5094 or encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.

Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave

Phone: 416-928-5094 or couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

All inquiries are kept confidential

The Archdiocese has endorsed these programs.

SAVE THE DATE!



Pasta Night – Saturday, February 8th

Details in next bulletin

JANUARY 12, 2020

Little Lambs Ministry

Preschool children and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend the Little Lambs Ministry, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We first attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and then we are called forward for blessing and then proceed to the lower hall.

The Gospel according to Matthew

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will continue to Monday, Feb. 10th.

We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. You are welcome even if you missed the beginning of the series!

The Gospel according to St. Paul

It's not polite to read other people's mail, but we have been reading St. Paul's letters to the Churches for the past two thousand years. Unfortunately, his letters often leave us more mystified than enlightened.

Join us on Monday evenings as we try to understand what St. Paul was saying to the Churches and what he might be saying to us. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

World Day for the Consecrated Life
Sunday, February 2, 2020

The Church will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass on Sunday, February 2, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto, to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus council will meet on Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall for its General Meeting.

Senior Residence Masses – January 2020

Wednesday, January 15th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2)
Come and join us in an **Ecumenical Prayer Service** led by
Christian Church Leaders in GTA
His Eminence Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
will be reflecting on the Word of God

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4T 1Z9

Refreshments to follow

For more information, please contact The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or ecumenical@archtoronto.org

Marriage Sunday – February 9, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering). A reception will follow.

Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or 416-934-3400, ext 523

Thank You

Today, someone hungry and homeless will knock on the doors of Good Shepherd Ministries. And thanks to you, they will get a warm welcome and hot meal.

I am grateful that you have chosen to help people who struggle with poverty and homelessness. I feel honoured you chose to do so by making casseroles for Good Shepherd's meal program in 2019.

I wish you and everyone who has helped with making casseroles a Happy and Healthy 2020.

Sincerely,

Cindy Shlanger
Fundraiser, Donor Relations