

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S GOSPEL IS most appropriate as we begin a new year. Baptism is a powerful sacrament that transforms us into children of God and makes us a new creation. It is a sacrament of rebirth through which are given the graces to embark on our journey as children of God.

When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit descended from heaven like a dove and remained on Him. John testified to this by proclaiming that Jesus is the Son of God. His witness to Christ was inspired by the Holy Spirit which also opens our eyes to God's reality in the world.

We are united as Christians through baptism, and we are sealed by the Holy Spirit who protects and guides us throughout our lives. What a grace it is to be walking in the Christian faith, accompanied by the Holy Spirit! It is always a joyful occasion to welcome the newly baptized into the family of Christ.

During the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, let us join the universal Church in praying for Christians everywhere, especially for those who are forced to leave their homes and countries due to persecution. We unite with them in their witness to Christ in the world, as we are joined to them in one baptism.

(Reflection of Sarah Escobar, of Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Anna Maria Chung

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo and Anna Saracino

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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

Thursday, January 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Salvador and Grace San Juan

Friday, January 24, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Anthony Yam

Saturday, January 25, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Philomena

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving

Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Giovanni Palazzolo

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Wong Family

11:00 a.m. + Yolanda De Arebalo

Thank You

I would like to thank all who participated in the Eucharistic celebration on Saturday January 11th at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, when I received the Papal Letter from His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, naming me a Monsignor.

A special thank you to the CWL and members of the Social Committee for organizing the reception and to all those who so kindly donated towards the food.

I was greatly honoured and touched by your generosity and presence. My brother, sister and niece were truly impressed by the welcome extended to them and by the spirit of prayer and generosity of the community

Please know of my gratitude and prayers for all of you.

Msgr. Pat

Humanitarian Relief – Australia Fires

As you are aware, in recent weeks, hundreds of forest fires in Australia have killed dozens, destroyed thousands of homes and threatened many local species with extinction. At present, more than 10 million hectares of bush, forest and parks in the country have been impacted.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
- Name of Parish – Australia Fires – Disaster Relief

The Gospel according to Matthew

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will continue until 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.

SAVE THE DATE!



Pasta Night – Saturday, February 8th

Details to follow.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us join other Christian churches in our area as we remember the 2020 theme, "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness." (cf. Acts 28:2) You are invited to join with our neighbourhood Churches on Thursday January 23 at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in Praise and Song at Willowdale Presbyterian Church located at 38 Ellerslie Ave. There will be light refreshments after the service.

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

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

Friday, January 31st, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **Satisfied**

**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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 1st, at 10:00 a.m. for those students who registered this past Fall in preparation for their First Reconciliation and Communion. Parents are asked to bring their children to the date that best suits their family. Parents are also encouraged to consider attending Confession on the same day as their children. Extra priests will be on hand to assist in hearing confessions. Let us pray for all those preparing for this important Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Courage & EnCourage

The Archdiocese has endorsed these programs.

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

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

All inquiries are kept confidential

St. Edward's Catholic Women's League



We invite all women in the parish to join us for our next General Meeting: **Tuesday, January 21, 2020.** Starting with Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a review of the past year and Financial report.