

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE HEAR TODAY the simple narrative of Jesus calling His first disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John are invited to follow Him and “immediately” they leave their nets and their boats to join Jesus in His mission. How was it possible that these mature men, responsible to their work and families, heard an invitation from a stranger and walked away from their means of livelihood, from the familiar pattern of their lives, from the daily rhythm of the early morning pushing-off the boats in search of what the sea would yield up to them?

Perhaps they had already heard of Jesus, but Matthew gives us no indication of that. Rather, we are presented with the stark immediacy of their response, which points to a remarkable and spontaneous moment of commitment. They were ready. God’s grace, already at work in them, and their response to that grace, had prepared them for this moment.

The calling of these four men might seem a remarkable and unique event, but perhaps it is the same call that comes to us. Again and again Jesus says to each of us, “Follow me.” By God’s grace we too can respond with a complete gift of self, again and again giving our “yes” to His invitation to let ourselves be loved and to bring His love to others. *(Reflection of Kathleen Giffen, of Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, January 27, 2020

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Pearl-Ann Galayini

#### Tuesday, January 28, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Migeul Francisco

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for John Ryall’s 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### Thursday, January 30, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Anthony Pillai

#### Friday, January 31, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

#### Saturday, February 1, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Sung Kyu-Oh

4:30 p.m. + William Carvalho

#### Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Henry & Kitty Grimes

9:30 a.m. + Vincenzo and Anna Saracino

11:00 a.m. + German Guerra

### Banns for Ordination

**William Nalepka** is to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto on May 23, 2020 at St. Michael’s Cathedral.** Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal to the bishop of pastor any impediment to sacred orders.

### Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collins’ talk to be live-streamed on Sunday,  
**February 2, 2020**

in the parish hall

**Theme:** Naomi and Ruth

Ruth 1:1-22

**Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm**

**Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm**

The parish hall will be open from 6:30 p.m. – coffee, juice and water provided. All are welcome.

### *The Gospel according to Matthew*

Our series on the *Gospel according to Matthew* will continue until Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

**Gourmet Italian Dinner Fundraiser**

“We, the Knights of Columbus, are hosting a fund raising dinner for the parish to support our initiatives. What do we do? We help you, the church, parish, priests, and deacons where and when we can. You have seen us at the parish picnic, Pancake Sunday, Children’s Xmas party, Angel Tree Program and of course, the weekly Three Hail Mary program. Now, we are asking for your financial support. We are having a fund raiser. In return for your \$50.00 ticket, you will receive a gourmet Italian dinner, prepared for you by Paisano’s Italian Restaurant, along with Italian pastries, wine, live music and dancing. This is not your average dinner. You will not leave hungry! You will be here, with your fellow parishioners, friends, family, “loved ones”, after all, it is the week before Valentine’s Day. You will enjoy an evening of friendship, fun and dance AND, at the same time, help the Knights of Columbus raise funds so that we can continue to help our church and parish become a community of support following Jesus.”

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Lifeteen – **Satisfied**

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: EDGE - **Restoration**

**World Leprosy Day – Sunday January 26, 2020**

So few Canadians realize that leprosy still impacts millions of people worldwide. In fact, today 600 people including 50 children, will hear these words: “You have leprosy.” Words that could change their lives forever. Leprosy CAN BE CURED. We can help by collecting and trimming postage stamps and leaving them in the box on the table in the foyer.

**WEBSITE - CARDINAL'S VISIT**

The parish website now has highlights of the recent visit of Cardinal Collins in which he presented Msgr. Pat with the papal scroll on his being named a Monsignor. Be sure to also check out other aspects of the parish website which has recently been updated and improved.

**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.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

The Ministry to the Sick welcomes any new parishioners who might wish to join this important ministry of visiting the sick either in hospital, in senior residences or at home. This ministry will require an interview, first, as well as training. Ministers to the Sick enable those who cannot come to Mass to receive the Eucharist. As well, some of the ministers assist the priests in their monthly visits and masses at the senior residences. For more information, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office either by phone or through the parish email.

**YOUNG LEADER'S RETREAT**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be offering, at St. Edward's Parish, a Younger Leader's Retreat, entitled, "Love in Service" on Saturday, March 7, 2020. This retreat is designed to engage male and female youth, aged 12 - 17, who serve in various parish ministries (altar serving, music ministry, youth programs, or other ministries in the parish). The free retreat will include talks, group discussions, recreation and lunch. More information will be contained in next week's bulletin.

**Poor Box**

Please remember the poor box on your way out of the Church. All funds assist our local St. Vincent de Paul society in its ministry to the poor.