

WHY SHOULD WE ONLY REST IN PEACE? WHY DON'T WE LIVE IN PEACE TOO?

Parish Week ☩ Sunday, 14 January 2018

Saturday, 13 Jan. / St. Hilary, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Holy Souls in Purgatory (Audrey)
3.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Giovanni Diliso
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Charles)
- RCIA/C Initiation, Rite of Commissioning

SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY / 2-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Marivic Rempillo (Patrick De Caires)
1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 15 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Caroline)
7.00 pm Mass: † Antonio Berandnetti (Braganza family)

Tuesday, 16 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Manzanilla Biales family (family)

Wednesday, 17 Jan. / St. Anthony, abbot

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rozario Fernandes (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Fr. Daniel Galea (family)
7.30 pm St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
Family Information Night

Thursday, 18 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Daphne)

Friday, 19 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alfred & Victoria (Caroline)
11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, 20 Jan. / St. Sebastian, martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Brandon Clarke (The Romany family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Jack Collins (Marie)

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY / 3-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Senator Tobias Enverga Jr. (Bernardez family)
10.30 am Mass: † Rosalia Pipitone (Abate family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Nazarena Raponi (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 Samuel 3.3-19; 1 Corinthians 6.13-20; John 1.35-42

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Philippe Le Blanc
Florinda Mutoc
Kitty Paes

Cardinal Bernard Panafieu of Marseille, France

The 180 victims of Tropical Storm Tembin in Mindanao



Ordinary Time



The day following the Feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* marks the resumption of the liturgical season called ORDINARY TIME. There is nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time. Its name refers simply to the fact that weeks are listed by *ordinal* numbers; 1st, 2nd 3rd, etc.

During Ordinary Time, we examine the ordinary ways in which we celebrate the mysteries of God's Kingdom in our lives. Ordinary Time begins after Christmas season. It is interrupted a few weeks later by Lent and Easter; it resumes on the day after Pentecost, and continues until the beginning of a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

During this longest of the liturgical season - 34 weeks altogether – we reflect on the message of Christ and on our role as a Christian community, in helping to bring about the *Kingdom of God* in the world. We focus on the work of being the Church: sharing the mission of Jesus to proclaim God's love.

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- 22 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
Family Information Night #1 (7:30 pm)
23 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion
Family Information Night #2 (7:30 pm)
25 Jan. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
28 Jan. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- Installation of CWL Executive (12.00 pm Mass)
5 Feb. ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 Feb. St. Maria Goretti School 1st Reconciliation (8:45 am);
- St. Albert School 1st Reconciliation (7:00 pm)
11 Feb. - Catholic Women League Bake Sale;
Infant Baptism
14 Feb. **Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins;
- Day of *Fast and Abstinence*;
- Parish Mass (8.00 am);
- Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass (9:00 am);
► St. Albert School Liturgy Juniors (9:30 am);
► St. Albert School Liturgy Seniors (10:15 am);
St. Maria Goretti Liturgy (12:30 pm);
- Parish Mass (7.00 pm)
17 Feb. Training for New Altar Servers (9.00 am)

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion Information Meetings

Parents with children ready to enroll as Candidates for

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
are invited to attend one of three Information Meetings this month:

FOR ST. ALBERT SCHOOL:

Wednesday - 17 January

FOR ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL:

Monday or Tuesday - 22 or 23 January

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

This invitation is extended to all families who have:

- ☐ Children in Grade 2 in our Catholic Schools;
- ☐ Children in private and public schools who have been enrolled in the Saturday Sacramental Preparation classes, which begin each year in September.

We also welcome:

- ☐ Families with children enrolled in Catholic schools in Grade 3 or above, and who have not yet received these Sacraments;
- ☐ Families with children in private and public schools who have just moved into our parish and would like information on enrolling the children in our Saturday classes *next* September, to prepare for these Sacraments in 2019.

Sunday School

10.30 am Mass

New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish

hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old on the Hall level, during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children. Kids who want to join the Sunday School should assemble in front of the Altar with their catechists just before the Entrance Procession at the beginning of Mass. They will receive the Priest's blessing, and then they will be led to the Stage area downstairs for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



Christopher Leadership

Are you searching for an opportunity to realize your full potential in the workplace, or to be more comfortable in social settings? The *Christopher Leadership* course will enhance your leadership and communication skills, while building self-confidence.

Classes will be held at:

ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR CHURCH

2210 Lawrence Avenue East (Just East of Birchmount)

Thursdays, 7-10 pm; 1 February to 19 April (excluding 29 March)

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

142 Markham Road (Just North of Kingston Road)

Wednesdays, 7 - 10 pm; 7 February to 18 April

Want more information? Call:

Christopher Leadership, 1-800-418-8925 or 416-410-7776

Stewardship: 2017 Receipts, 2018 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2017 are in the Vestibule. They may be picked up after Mass.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2018 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

Ensure that you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes* must be identical. If you notice any discrepancy, advise the parish office right away. If you use someone else's envelopes, your donation would be credited to the other person.

Please write the amount of your *donation* in the spaces provided on the front of your envelopes. (If you miss doing this, our financial advisors must stop to do so, and this *really* slows down the recording process.)

Changes for our Parish Records

Please notify the Parish Office at 416-261-0076, if you:

- Have a change in your family
- Have a change of address
- Have a new phone number, e-mail, cell phone
- Will be moving out of the Parish

A simple phone call would keep our parish records updated and eliminate unnecessary postage and returned mail.

Tithing: Claiming the power of the Star of David

Claim the power of the *Star of David*, and the *Keys of the Kingdom*. Whether there is a crisis or not, we have to make difference, for our *God is Great*. Determine through your faith that the shadow of the Almighty will be upon you. Even if work is slow and prosperity is limited, things will be different because you will act by faith. Every Sunday, every Day of the Lord, is a time of consecration for tithers. Present your tithe to the Almighty along with your thanksgiving for all blessings received. That way, you will honour God and ensure the secure ministry of the Church.

The Lord of hosts has sworn, "As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass." - *Isaiah 14:24*

Therefore the Lord the God of Israel declares, "I promised that your family and the family of your ancestor should go in and out before me forever;" but now the Lord declares, "Far be it from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt." - *1 Samuel 2:30*

St. Francis Xavier

A 1st-degree relic of **Saint Francis Xavier** is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, 12-14 January. The forearm of the saint, kept at the *Church of the Gesù* in Rome, will be in Canada from 29 December - 2 February. In our archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by *St. Michael Cathedral Basilica* (12 Jan.), *St. Francis Xavier Church* (13 Jan.) and *Our Lady of Lourdes Church* (14 Jan.). More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: www.cco.ca/relic. This is the first time the relic has been on Canadian soil. The body of St. Francis Xavier, which is buried in Goa, India, and the relic of his arm, are incorrupt; they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552.