

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

Parish Week ☩ Sunday, 27 January 2019

Saturday, 26 Jan. / Ss. Timothy & Titus, bishops

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Marilou)
4.00 pm St. Albert Sch. 1st Reconciliation Family Instruction
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Patrick DeCaires)

SUNDAY, 27 JAN. / 3 - C

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Dagma Abraham (Deidre & family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Marie Collins)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
12.00 pm Mass: † Alois Aschauer (Rosa)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 28 January / St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Douglas Dias (Daphne)
5.30 pm Memorial Mass: Christian Benjamin Padua
6.00 pm St. Albert Sch. 1st Reconciliation Family Instruction
7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (CWL)

Tuesday, 29 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Clement D'Souza (family)

Wednesday, 30 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday
(Piedad Ypil-Tonks)

Thursday, 31 Jan. / St. John Bosco, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Denzil Minnan Wong
(SVDP Conference, SMG)

Friday, 1 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Paul & Margaret O'Connor
(St. M.G. St. Vincent de Paul Conference)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Joel Benedict (mother)

Saturday, 2 Feb. / Presentation of the Lord

- 8.00 am Mass: † For the unborn (Audrey)
5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Caldeira (Caldeira & Das family)

SUNDAY, 3 FEB. / 4 - C

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *Blessing of Throats*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Jesus Mopas (Rosalina)
10.30 am Mass: † Mark Rego (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Angela Miandro (Franca)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Nehemiah 8.2-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-30; Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21;

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Alex Fraser

The 69 victims of the Taliban attacks in Afghanistan



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

11.30 am, 27 January

The theme for the 2019 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* comes to us from Indonesia:

"Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue." (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

The Catholic Women's League will host a Prayer Service to mark this occasion at 11.30 am on Sunday, 27 January.

2nd Collection 27 January, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 27 Jan., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

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| 4 Feb. | ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am);
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 6 Feb. | St. Maria Goretti School 1 st Reconciliation (8:45 am);
- St. Albert School 1 st Reconciliation (7:00 pm) |
| 10 Feb. | Infant Baptism (1:30 pm) |
| 14 Feb. | St. Maria Goretti School Mass (8:45 am) |
| 17 Feb. | Knights of Columbus (1:00 pm) |
| 20 Feb. | St. Albert School Confirmation Info Night;
- Mass, 7:00 pm; Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 24 Feb. | - 2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> ;
Catholic Women League (11:30 am) |
| 27 Feb. | St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Info Night;
- Mass, 7:00 pm; Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 4 Mar. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 6 Mar. | Ash Wednesday;
- St. Albert School Liturgy, <i>Junior</i> (9:30 am);
- St. Albert School Liturgy, <i>Senior</i> (10:30 am);
St. Maria Goretti School Liturgy (12:30 pm) |
| 10 Mar. | Infant Baptism (1:30 pm) |
| 16 Mar. | Wedding: David Shirbon – Leanne Vase (3:00 pm) |
| 17 Mar. | Knights of Columbus Meeting (1:00 pm) |
| 20 Mar. | St. Albert School Lenten Reconciliation (9:15 am) |
| 21 Mar. | St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Reconciliation (8:45 am) |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For information on the 2018 *Children's Christmas Pageant*, *Gregorian Masses* and more, see pages 3-4 in the website bulletin.

Sacramental Preparation

Kindly remember in your prayers our parish youth who will soon be receiving the Sacrament of *Reconciliation*:

26 & 28 January: **St. Albert School**

Reconciliation Instruction

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

FIRST CONFESSION, 6 February:

ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: 8.45 am

ST. ALBERT SCHOOL, RCIA & RCIC: 7.00 pm

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

9 & 11 February: **St. Albert School**

1st Holy Communion Instruction #1

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

20 February: **St. Albert School**

Confirmation Family Information Night

MASS: 7.00 pm; MEETING: 7.30 pm.

23 & 25 February: **St. Albert School**

1st Holy Communion Instruction #2

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

27 February: **St. Maria Goretti School**

Confirmation Family Information Night

MASS: 7.00 pm; MEETING: 7.30 pm.

2 & 4 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

1st Holy Communion Instruction

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

7 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

Confirmation Instruction #1

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.



New Altar Servers

NEW YEAR TRAINING SERIES

9 February – 2 March

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The New Year Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will begin at 9.00 am on Saturday, 9 February. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.



Stewardship: 2018 Receipts, 2019 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.

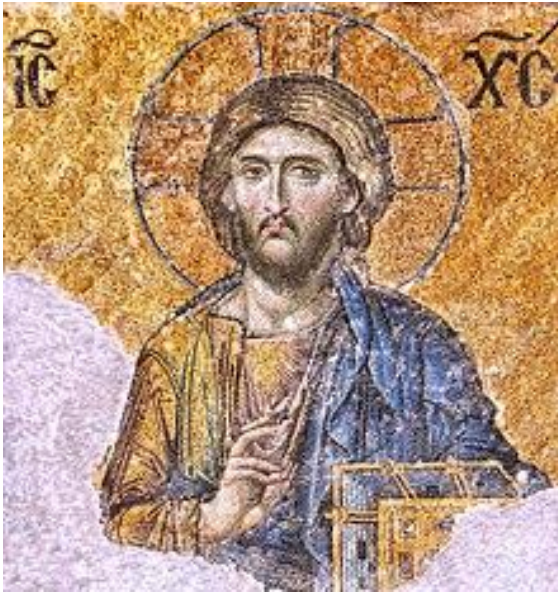
The Lord of hosts has sworn, "As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass." - *Isaiah 14:24*

Celebration of Marriage Mass

4 pm, 10 February

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>
or by calling: 416-934-3400, ext. 523.



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God

*The explanation for the name and title of our Lord
Jesus Christ, Son of God.*

Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name “Jesus” means “God saves.” The child born of the Virgin Mary is called Jesus, “for he will save his people from their sins.” There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

“Christ” in Greek, “Messiah” in Hebrew, means the “anointed one.” Jesus is the Christ because he is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for his redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah and he made the meaning of the term clear: “Come down from heaven” (John 3:13), crucified and risen, he is the Suffering Servant “who gives his life as a ransom for the many” (Mt. 20:28). From his name comes our name *Christian*.

The title “Son of God” signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf. Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (cf. Jn 1:1). To be a Christian, one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (cf. Acts 8:37; I Jn 2:23). The title “Lord” indicates divine sovereignty. To confess or invoke Jesus as Lord is to believe in his divinity. “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (I Cor. 12:3).

“And the angel said to them, ‘Be not afraid; for the behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!’ ”

Desiderata

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste,
and remember what peace there may be
in silence. As far as possible, without surrender,
be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others, even to the dull and
the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons;
they are vexatious to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may
become vain or bitter, for always there will be
greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your
plans. Keep interested in your own career,
however humble; it is a real possession
in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs,
for the world is full of trickery. But let this not
blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals,
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love; for in the
face of all aridity and disenchantment,
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in
sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself
with dark imaginings. Many fears are born
of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.
You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be.
And whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace
in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery
and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



[Photo above:]

2018 Children's Christmas Pageant



Gregorian Masses

This ancient practice consists of thirty Masses said for 30 consecutive days for the deliverance of a soul from Purgatory.

The name is derived from Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604) who popularized this pious practice. In his *Dialogues*, the saint relates

how a deceased monk appeared to him requesting that 30 Masses be said for the release of his soul from purgatory. On the 30th day the monk appeared to his blood brother, who had no idea Masses were being said for him, relating that he had been released from purgatory.

The Sacred Congregation on Indulgences has said that this practice “has a special efficacy for obtaining from God the speedy deliverance of a suffering soul, and that this is a pious and reasonable belief of the faithful.”

Gregorian Masses are celebrated in monasteries, seminaries, religious communities and in missions where celebrants usually have fewer pastoral commitments than parish priests. There are some requirements to obtain this benefit for the departed loved one; the Masses must be said consecutively,

without interruption, for 30 days; they can be said by more than one priest, on more than one altar, as long as they are said for thirty consecutive days for the same intention.

The practice is approved by the Church. There is no official “guarantee” that a soul will be released from purgatory after the thirty Masses are offered, since only God ultimately knows the state of a person’s soul. Still, this hallowed tradition underscores the power of the Holy Mass and the importance of having prayers said for the faithful departed.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

World Day for Consecrated Life

2 February 2019

On Saturday, February 2, the Church celebrates the *World Day for Consecrated Life*. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 consecrated men and women. The World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these sisters, virgins, brothers and priests and to pray for God’s blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2018 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul’s Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women, who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.