



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

The gospel text about the beatitudes teaches us that the Christian life has radically different values from the world's. Today Jesus tells his humble followers that they are to be like salt (which is essential to life) and like beacons to the world. But they must remain faithful to Christ's message if they wish to be saved, their good works done for God's glory, not their own. In the midst of the world their lifestyle must witness to the life-bringing cross. St Paul reminds the Corinthians, those seekers after wisdom, how he had relied only on Christ crucified in his preaching. The power of God was shown in his weakness, not in the logic or eloquence of his arguments. The psalmist pictures the attitudes and deeds of the good person who is a sign to the world. Isaiah lists those good works; sharing our goods as a concrete sign of love for our brothers and sisters, and working to end their oppression, blesses us with God's own presence. With such deeds Christians will be the salt and light of the world!



5th Sunday in OT – February 09, 2014
“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon or a consecrated religious? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997 or on vocations@vocations.ca or call Fr. Victor ocd at 416-757-2806 or email olfatima@rogers.com for information.

today is MARRIAGE SUNDAY in The Archdiocese of Toronto
Wishing all married couples and their families a very happy and blessed day!

First Holy Communion meetings ... Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: Feb. 9, 23. Candidates in public schools have a formal class at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. Thanks.
Next Confirmation classes are on ... Classes take place in the church hall on Saturday at 2:30 pm. Attendance is mandatory for all meetings listed in the class schedule given out with the application forms. Up-coming scheduled classes are on: Feb. 8, 22. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church, is also mandatory. Thanks.

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY next Monday
Daily Mass will be at 9.00 am; office and church are closed
There is no CONFIRMATION class [Sat. Feb 15], no FIRST COMMUNION class and CHILDREN'S LITURGY [Sun. Feb. 16] because of the Valentine's DAY Dinner & Dance [Fri. Feb 14] and because of the long FAMILY DAY holiday weekend.

Mass Schedule table for February 10-16, 2014. Columns: Day, Time, and Celebrant. Includes entries for Mon 10, Tues 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick), Wed 12, Thur 13, Fri 14, Sat 15 (9:00 am and 4:30 pm), and Sun 16 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:15 pm).

Are you new in the parish? Please consider registering with us. Visit our website: www.fatimashrine.ca or phone the parish office at 416-757-2806 for more details. Thanks for updating your personal data. Your support means so much to us! Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, FRANCE and SPAIN Celebrating Quincentennial of St. Teresa of Avila. Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Victor Mallia, OCD, Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Toronto. September 15 – 27, 2014 13 days \$3,190.00. An information meeting for persons interested in this European/Marian Pilgrimage is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2014 in our church hall at 7:00 pm.

This Week...

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick – Tuesday, Feb. 11
To celebrate this special day of prayer for the sick, apart from the morning Mass, we will have evening devotions starting at 6:30 and these will include the Rosary, prayers for the sick and Holy Mass.





This is Marriage Sunday – Sunday, Feb 09
 There is **Children’s Liturgy** during the 10.30 am Mass. The **First Communion** class meets today at 9.30 am [only for public schools applicants]. Those in Catholic schools meet for Children’s Liturgy. The **Lord’s Flock** prayer meeting today is at 2.00 pm as usual. There will be no classes or meetings next weekend due to the Family

Day holiday. **Today is the last day for reserving tickets for our VALENTINE’S DAY dinner dance & karaoke night.** Volunteers will be at the back of the church to serve you.

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To celebrate this special day – **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** – we will have evening devotions starting at 6.30 and include the Rosary and Holy Mass.

Welcome to our Valentine’s Day Party – Friday, Feb 14

“Valentine’s Day” Friday, Feb. 14, 2014
 Featuring: **D.J. Andrew Mission**
Dinner & Dance/Karaoke Night
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
 Feb 14 Don't Forget!
 Doors open at 6:00 pm **\$25.00**

NO tickets yet? Hurry, get them NOW!

Weekend activities – Saturday, Feb 15

This Saturday there is **NO RCIA meeting** and **NO Confirmation class.**

Today’s liturgy ... 6th Sunday in O T – Sunday, Feb 16

This Sunday all our extra activities take a break; that is there is **NO First Holy Communion class, NO Children’s Liturgy, and NO Lord’s Flock** prayer meeting in the afternoon.

Have a happy holiday next Monday!

Enjoy the day with your loved ones.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2014

When? Saturday, March 1

Where? Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Bldg, 255 Front Street West, Toronto.

Time? 9.00 am – 5.30 pm

Info? www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Tickets? call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510

or write to: **Catholic Renewal Ministries,**

1 Clairtrell Road, Box CRM7, Toronto,

Ontario, M2N 7H6

Remember to Evangelize

CELIBACY!

Why can’t women be priests?

What is celibacy for God’s sake?

We all know people who do not understand the Church’s position on these two topics. Why not find out some great ways to respond to these people in your life. The Apologetics ministry will help answer these questions on **February 22** right after the 9:00 am Mass in the church hall at **St. Bernadette’s Parish**, 21 Bayly St. E. Ajax. Contact Tom Kennedy **905-427-6137** for more information or email tomandkennedy@gmail.com.



Bring a friend all are welcome

MY SISTER ELLEN

My sister Ellen, is sacred
 To me, and all I hold dear.
 The one I truly believe in.
 Honest and smart, and sincere.

The source of good morals, and judgment;
 Of principals, justice and truth;
 Good character always to strive for.
 Implanted in me in my youth.

The death of our father was tragic,
 The family so large, and so young!
 And Ellen supported my Mother,
 And fought with disaster, and won.

The bombs fell, and London was burning.
 In wartime, so many are killed.
 And fear, for family, and safety.
 In faces, the strain was revealed.

The family grew older, and married.
 From hardship now all living well,
 And Ellen deserves so much credit.
 Providing, her protective shell.

As Mother grew old and was fading.
 She was cared for, protected and loved.
 Daytime and nighttime she nursed her,
 Until she was called from above!

A lifetime of duty and service,
 Of sacrifice, sorrow and pain;
 Of joyful, loving, and kindness,
 the family her chosen domain.

I owe her a debt everlasting,
 I’d repay her, if only I can.
 The example she gave me to follow,
 has made me a far better man.

I love her with deepest conviction.
 I pray for her every day.
 May God give her peace and contentment.
 And sunshine to guide her each day

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Dennis Hayes – in tribute to his sister ELLEN - who passed away in London, England, U.K. on Friday, January 31, 2014