



**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – C**



God promises us a new life overflowing with joy and blessing. The language of human love and wedding celebrations symbolizes this promise well. In the first reading God is a royal bridegroom who gives his bride Jerusalem a new name and a royal crown. How it delights God to love us! In John's gospel the wedding at Cana is the first sign of Jesus' glory and God's presence. Jesus' mother Mary

notes the embarrassing shortage of wine and intercedes with her son. Although his hour – of crucifixion and glory – has not come, Jesus changes the water used for Jewish purifications into an enormous quantity of wine. A new era of abundant blessing replaces the old. But we are aware of Jesus' passion even in this atmosphere of festive joy, and Mary will be standing by the cross when Jesus' glory is fully revealed. The Church is blessed by the gifts of grace, services and works of every member, St. Paul says. They come from the one Spirit and have one purpose: to build up the Church. All of us share in the blessings God gives in Christ.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 17, 2016**

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for further information.



**DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2016**



We thank 'new parishioners' who have recently registered their family with us and requested a box of *Donation Envelopes* for 2016. Their gesture is greatly appreciated and we are very grateful for their support. Families who have recently moved to our area and wish to be registered here with the Fatima parish are encouraged to visit or call the parish office at 416-757-2806 at their earliest convenience. We would like to have our records updated by the end of the month of January.

**Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan?**

Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household!



**Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2015**



**Please note ...**

The Lord's Flock prayer group will resume regular meetings this **Sunday, Jan 17** in the church hall from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

 <i>Mass Schedule</i>		<b>January 18-24 2016</b>
Mon 18	8:00 am	Eleanor Stephen Ritchie [D]
Tues 19	8:00 am	Pat Clark [D]
Wed 20	7:00 pm	Antonio Guida & Gaetano Baldessara
Thur 21	8:00 am	Giovanni Simone [D]
Fri 23	8:00 am	Mary Ellen Hardy [D]
Sat 24	9:00 am	Deloris Alves [D]
	4:30 pm	Luigi Di Nardo [D]
Sun 25 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00 am	Gordon & Doris Irwin [D]
	10:30 am	People of the Parish & in thanksgiving
	12:15 pm	Ramon Malantic [D]

**First Communion & Confirmation classes – 2016**



We remind parents, students and candidates registered in our parish's **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** class for 2016 that meetings start this weekend. These classes are on Sundays at 9.30 to 10.15 am (for applicants in public schools) and at the 10.30 am Mass for all applicants as of this Sunday.



**Knights of Columbus**  
*Free Throw*  
At Our Lady of Fatima School  
Saturday, January 23 at 9.00 am



**LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY**

The community's monthly meeting is this Tuesday, **January 19, 2016** in the church hall. The meeting starts at 7.00 pm. **Non-members are welcome as observers.**



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

January 18 to 25, 2016

Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God  
(1 Peter 2:9)

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with emphasis on refugees, led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other city-wide religious leaders on:



**Sunday, January 24, 2016**  
4:00 p.m.



**Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Church**  
2 High Meadow Place (north-west of Finch Ave. & Hwy 400)

Homilist: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto

Parking is available | Refreshments to follow in parish hall

For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto: (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or e-mail [vkwok@archtoronto.org](mailto:vkwok@archtoronto.org)



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Sun, Jan 17  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place in the 10.30 am Mass. **First Communion Class** meets today also @ 9.30 am for public schools applicants. Those in Catholic schools meet during Children's Liturgy at 10.30 am Mass. There will be a **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting today at 2.00 pm.

**OLF School Mass** – Monday, Jan 18

This month's School Mass for OLF school staff and students is at 12.30 pm. The Mass for St. Joachim school will be celebrated on Thursday at the school's gym at 9.45 am.

**OCDS community meeting** – Tuesday, Jan 19

The **Lucia dos Santos OCDS community** has its monthly meeting in the church hall at 7.00 pm.

**Regular Fatima devotions** – Wednesday, Jan 20

The regular Fatima devotions of Prayers and Mass start at 6.30 pm and then holy Mass. Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine.

**Meetings** – Thursday, Jan 21

**The Seniors Club** will meet in our basement from 12.00 noon for their regular social activities.

**Weekend activities** – Saturday, Jan 23

The RCIA session is at 10.00 am in our usual meeting room in the church hall. The **Free Throw Contest** hosted by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Fatima School [in the gym] is on today from 9.00 am.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Sunday, Jan 24

The regular schedule for Sunday activities is followed: **First Communion class** is at 9.30 am; **Children's Liturgy** is at the 10.30 am Mass and **The Lord's Flock** prayer meeting will be at 2.00 pm as usual.

**Remember to regularly visit our website ...**

[www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca)

**Bulletin and Announcements updated weekly**

### Men's Conference

On **March 19<sup>th</sup>** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for *Serviam Ministries'* 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face.

Special father/son rates available. All info and tickets:

[www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/info@ServiamMinistries.com](http://www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070



### The Jubilee of Mercy – A brief history

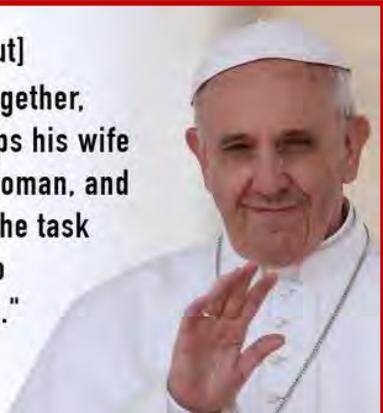
He has been shaking up all kinds of things ... and all kinds of people, especially among the Church upper hierarchy. Upon close examination, we can find a common thread in his way of doing things. It is rooted in the Lord's boundless mercy.

While it is true that some people expect that such mercy should allow for the inclusion of a relaxation in moral matters, the fact is that Pope Francis will apply mercy solely as a faithful follower of the Lord and a member, even though he is the supreme leader, of the Roman Catholic Church. He is not afraid of speaking about the elephant in the room and he does not hesitate to confront painful and embarrassing situations in the Church.

Popes can do wonders through the Petrine ministry, but always within the boundaries of Church doctrine. The revolution of Pope Francis lies within the new ways the Church should minister not only to her own members but also to humanity at large. His genius lies in his extraordinary touch to the human heart. In this regard, his pastoral ministry is exceptional and inspirational. The Jubilee of Mercy is another manifestation of this.

**By MSGR. LAURENCE SPITERI ... to be continued**

"[*Marriage* is about] man & woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man."



-Pope Francis

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Celebrated on Sunday, January 31, 2016

at 3 pm at St. Paul's Basilica



The Knights of Columbus are thankful and very grateful to parishioners who signed up and showed interest in joining the parish's St. Francis Council #5080. These, and any other Catholic men interested, are cordially

invited to an audio visual presentation **tomorrow, Monday January 18, at 7.15 pm in our church hall.** See you all tomorrow. Thank you again.

Contact: Kingsley Leon [GK/SK] [kofccouncil5080@outlook.com](mailto:kofccouncil5080@outlook.com)

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - *Candlemas* -

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

*The traditional blessing of candles and procession will take place during an evening Mass at 7.00 pm.*

*Devotions and prayers start at 6.30 pm.*

*Parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate.*

