



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – C**



Jesus is our liberator. But do we believe that? Will we let him free us? Today Luke the historian begins his account of Jesus' effective, Spirit-filled ministry in Galilee. In his hometown of Nazareth Jesus declares himself to be the liberator promised by Isaiah. (Freeing people

from physical and social evils is the bible's sign of liberation from sin). Thanks to our baptism, St. Paul tells us, we can experience the freedom of Christ. Through Baptism, prejudicial distinctions are erased and all members of Christ's body are called to contribute their gifts for the common good. We are to respect our differences and maintain our unity, no one's gift excluding or dominating another's. When we praise God for others' gifts and are not jealous of them, we are free to carry on Christ's liberating work. The first scripture passage, which shows Ezra the priest reading from the book of the Law, reminds us of our own liturgical assemblies. We gather to hear the demanding word of God and answer with our Amen. However difficult it is to obey, God's words bring joy.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24, 2016**

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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**



There is a second collection – **THE FUEL OFFERING** – On the weekend of **Feb 06/07** – during all Masses.

This is a once yearly collection [in the heart of winter] when heating is imperative!

**Your generous support is greatly appreciated**

Mass Schedule		January 25-31 2016
Mon 25	8:00 am	Alcestis Lazaro [D]
Tues 26	8:00 am	Stefan Saganski [D]
Wed 27	7:00 pm	Roger Alfonso [D]
Thur 28	8:00 am	Lucille Castrucci [D]
Fri 29	8:00 am	Charles & Carmela Mallia [D]
Sat 30	9:00 am	Goel Anand [D]
	4:30 pm	Eleanor Stephen-Ritchie [D]
Sun 31 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Larry McCalla [D]
	12:15 pm	Joseph Patrick A. Philips [D]

**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)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Celebrated on Sunday, January 31, 2016

at 3 pm at St. Paul's Basilica

**First Holy Communion meetings ...**



Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 21, 28**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9.30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. *Thanks.*

**Next Confirmation classes are on ...**

Classes start at 2.30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. These are the up-coming classes: **Jan 29 & Feb 6, 27, Mar 5**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is mandatory. *Thanks.*





**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sun, 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. This weekend we have the members of the CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE launching another

one of their courses in our area. See more details below.

**Baptism Preparation Mtg. – Monday, Jan 25**

A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will take place in the church at 7.00 pm.

**Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Jan 27**

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.**

**Initial Mtg for Gd7 Confirmation applicants – Friday, Jan 29**

Parents and Gd7 applicants in our Confirmation program are invited to an initial meeting in our church hall at 7.00 pm. Attendance is mandatory.

**Formal classes start on Saturday, February 6, at 2.30 pm.**

**Weekend activities – Saturday, Jan 30**

The RCIA session is at 10.00 am in our usual meeting room in the church hall. The Baptism celebration in the church starts at 10.30 am. And the Gd7 students in our Confirmation program will have their ENROLMENT CEREMONY in the 4.30 pm Mass. This weekend, in all the Masses, we will have an appeal by **Catholic Cemeteries.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Jan 31**

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The Knights of Columbus are very grateful to parishioners who attended their OPEN DAY last week. They are also very thankful to all students who participated or helped in yesterday's **FREE THROW CONTEST** at Our Lady of Fatima School gym and hosted by knights from St. Francis Council #5080.



Congratulations and well done to all contestants / winners!  
 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.*



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

**The Jubilee of Mercy – The Origin of Jubilees**



The Year of Jubilee is not an invention of the Catholic Church. Rather, it is rooted in the Old Testament. The Law of Moses, as presented in Leviticus 25:10-14, states that there should be a year of jubilee every 50 years.

It was a wonderful year, announced with great fanfare. Property was restored to its original

owner. Slaves were set free and returned to their proper family. Debts were forgiven. The land was left uncultivated. Jesus Christ, quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, announced the completion of the Jubilee according to the Law of Moses with its replacement and presented himself as being the new jubilee, not only to Israel but to humanity (Luke 4:19). He came down from heaven to redeem the world.

The numbering of the year for a jubilee in the Catholic Church is calculated according to the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ as man. The Catholic Church marks the beginning and the end of a Jubilee Year or holy year with solemn religious celebrations. The underlying aim of every jubilee year is to deepen one's relationship with God, to renew and strengthen the faith of the believer, to encourage works of charity, to deepen fraternal communion among human beings, and to obtain pardon of the temporal punishment of sin – a call to an authentic personal conversion.

It is rooted in the Lord's gift of mercy and forgiveness. This is why the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) is an integral part of each jubilee year. It is above all a time for special graces (indulgences) from the redeemer.

There are two kinds of jubilees. The "ordinary" kind is celebrated every 25 years. There have been 26 such events in the history of the Catholic Church. The other kind is the "extraordinary" jubilee. The coming Jubilee of Mercy falls within this category. The last extraordinary jubilee year was in 1987.

By MSGR. LAURENCE SPITERI ... to be continued

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY ... 2016 Celebrated in The Archdiocese of Toronto in the weekend of February 06/07**

**Christopher Leadership Courses**

**Find Your Voice and Learn Life Skills**

Every Wednesday, from February 24, 2016 in Grace Church – 700 Kennedy Road, Scarb. Other locations are also available.

For information/registration, please call the Christopher Leadership Course toll free number at **1-800-418-8925** or **416-410-7776** or visit our website at [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com)



**Come and See Weekend February 26-28**

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend at our Archdiocesan Seminary for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Call Fr. Chris: **416-968-0997** or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)