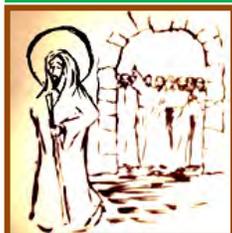




4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C



When God reveals his glory, we are struck by God's holiness and our unworthiness, and inspired to redirect our lives. We become God's faithful servants. So it was with Isaiah the prophet, Paul the persecutor turned apostle, and those simple fishermen called by Jesus to be leaders of the Church. In the gospel Jesus is teaching an eager crowd, prototype of the Church; they press close, so he moves from the shore to Simon's boat to continue his preaching. Then he asks Simon for a small act of faith: to fish once more despite the night's lack of success. In the unexpected catch – a revelation of God's power – Simon recognizes Jesus' majesty; he prostrates himself and confesses his sin. Now he and his companions enter into a new relationship with Jesus. They readily follow, and they will seek more followers. Another word for following the Lord is faithfulness, and this is what St. Paul demands: fidelity to the gospel he preached, especially to the resurrection. In the risen Christ, God's glory is fully manifested.

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
January 31, 2016**

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. 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 or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



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

Marriage Sunday in our Archdiocese will be celebrated in our parishes the weekend of February 6/7. On Saturday, February 13 at 4:30 pm, couples from across the archdiocese are to gather for a **Celebration of Marriage** with Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Andrew Kim Parish [849 Don Mills Road – North York]. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome and couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries – 25th, 40th or 50+ anytime in 2016 are asked to RSVP online at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage by February 1 to ensure reserved seating.

Call 416-964-8694 for more information

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2016



We are grateful to 'new parishioners' who have already registered with us and requested a box of *Donation Envelopes* for 2016. Parishioners who have not yet collected their box of donation envelopes may do so [as of this week] by visiting/calling the parish office at 416-757-2806. **Thanks you.**

Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2015

| Mass Schedule | | February 01-07 2016 |
|---|----------|---|
| Mon 01 | 8:00 am | Cecile Dumas [I] |
| Tues 02 <i>Presentation of the Lord [Candlemas]</i> | 8:00 am | Marguerite Jamieson [D] |
| | 7:00 pm | Mallia & Bajada Families [I] |
| Wed 03 | 7:00 pm | Anosh Joseph [I] - <i>Thanksgiving</i> |
| Thur 04 | 8:00 am | Art Ronson [D] |
| Fri 05 <i>First Friday</i> | 12:30 pm | Aroma Joseph [I] - <i>Thanksgiving</i> |
| | 7:00 pm | Rita Goodall [D] |
| Sat 06 <i>First Saturday</i> | 9:00 am | J. Gueircio [D] |
| | 4:30 pm | Josephine & Tony Ortega [I] - <i>25th Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| Sun 07 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00 am | People of the Parish |
| | 10:30 am | Victorine Joseph [I] - <i>Wellness</i> |
| | 12:15 pm | Christopher Singhroy [I] - <i>B'day</i> |

Feast of the PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Candlemas -
Tuesday, February 2nd 2016
 There is a morning Mass at 8:00 as usual. 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.
 The blessing of the throats will take place at the end of Mass on Wednesday, feast of St. Blaise.

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Jan 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 upcoming classes: **Feb 6, 27, Mar 5**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is mandatory. **Thanks.**

R.C.I.A. program for 2013 - sessions ...

Sessions continue every Saturday at 10.00 am in our church hall. The next sessions are on **Feb. 06, 10** (Ash Wednesday @ 7.00 pm in church), **20, 21** (Rite of Election), **27 & 28** (in church for 1st Scrutiny @ 12.15). **Thanks.**

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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sun, Jan 31
This weekend we have a message from CATHOLIC CEMETERIES during all Masses. 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. Bishop Wayne

Kirkpatrick will celebrate a Mass at St. Paul's Basilica to mark the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE starting at 3.00 pm.

Candlemass: Presentation of the Lord – Tuesday, Feb 02
The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**. The blessing of candles will take place during evening devotions and Mass starting at 6.30 pm. Morning Mass will be at 8.00 am as usual.

Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Feb 03
The regular Fatima devotions start at 6.30 pm and then holy Mass and the blessing of throats. **Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine.**

First Friday devotions – Friday, Feb 05
Devotions start at 12.15 pm and include prayers, DM chaplet, Mass and adoration. At 6.00 pm devotions include prayers, the chaplet, benediction and holy Mass.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Feb 06
The RCIA session is at 10.00 am in the stage room in the church hall. The **first formal** Confirmation meeting in the church hall is today at 2.30 pm. This weekend the Archdiocese is marking **Marriage Sunday** in all the parishes.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Feb 07
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 This weekend we have a 2nd collection – **the Fuel Offering** – in all Masses. **The Lord's Flock** prayer group has a fellowship celebration at 1:30 pm.

There is a second collection, **THE FUEL OFFERING**, next weekend - **Feb 06/07** - during all Masses.



The newly installed furnace has kept us warm during the recent spell of cold weather. It still needs some fine-tuning, but it is doing a great job. **Colder weather means higher fuel bills!** This is a once-a- year collection [in the middle of winter] when we cannot do without heating in our premises.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated



KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREATS
on Saturday, Feb. 6, Fr. Francis Ching C.C. will speak on **"The Power of Forgiveness"**.
This Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat will be held at St. Brigid's Church, from 2.00 to 4.30 pm.
For more information go to www.kolbeapostolate.com

Men's Conference

On **March 19th** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for **Serviam Ministries' 1st 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 or 1-888-522-2070

*God bless you
with health and happiness*

The Jubilee of Mercy – Previous Jubilee Years



The first time that a jubilee year took place in the Catholic Church was enacted in 1300. At the time, Europe was recovering from devastating wars among Catholic rulers and the ravages of the bubonic plague. Christians wanted to return to a holier way of living. Thousands became determined to travel on foot and make a pilgrimage to Rome to pray at the tombs of Sts.

Peter and Paul and to seek a blessing from the pope so as to obtain special graces and persevere in their renewed Christian lifestyle. Nobility and peasants flocked to Rome on Christmas Day 1299. Among the pilgrims was Dante Alighieri, who wrote about it in his "Divine Comedy" (Canto XXXI of "Paradise").

The reigning pope, Boniface VII, was moved with admiration for their faith, issued a papal bull (*Antiquorum Habet Fida Ratio*) and declared that 1300 be a year celebrated with the forgiveness of all sins. He also decreed that a similar jubilee year should be held every hundred years.

The popes took up residence in Avignon, France, in 1305 (the Avignon Papacy: 1305-1377). As the year 1350 approached, many people, experiencing the initial ravages of the Black Death, requested Pope Clement VI to declare 1350 as a jubilee year rather than wait for the year 1400. He consented to the request and determined that a jubilee year be held every 50 years.

However, once the papacy returned to Rome, Pope Urban VI decided to reduce the time between jubilees to 33 years – in honor of the length of the earthly life of the Lord – and declared 1390 as a jubilee year. He died on Oct. 15, 1389. Pope Boniface IX presided over the Jubilee Years of 1390 and 1400. Pope Martin V decided that 1425 and not 1433, as formerly set, should be a jubilee year. The marking of a jubilee year every 25 years was set via papal bull by Pope Paul II in 1470. So, the next jubilee year was to be 1475. The pope died on July 26, 1471 and the jubilee year was presided by Pope Sixtus IV.

By MSGR. LAURENCE SPITERI ... to be continued

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

Monday February 15, 2016 is

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

Daily Mass will be at 9.00 am; office and church are closed
There is **no** RCIA session, **no** CONFIRMATION class [Sat. Feb 13], **no** CHILDREN'S LITURGY or **FIRST COMMUNION** class [Sun. Feb. 14] because of the long FAMILY DAY holiday weekend.

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www.fatimashrine.ca

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