



5th 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.

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February 07, 2016

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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.



On Saturday, February 13 at 4:30 pm, couples from across the archdiocese are invited 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

First Holy Communion meetings ...

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

R.C.I.A. program – sessions ...

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

Mass Schedule		February 08-14 2016
Mon 08	8:00 am	Libby Tillo [I] – Birthday
Tues 09	8:00 am	In honour of the Holy Family
Wed 10 Ash Wednesday	12:30 pm	Olive Faldas [D]
	7:00 pm	Fraginal Family [I] – Thanksgiving
Thur 11 Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick	8:00 am	Frank Finn [D]
	7:00 pm	John Groves [D]
Fri 12	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Gemmetti [D]
	7:00 pm	Holy Souls
Sat 13	9:00 am	Anna Lanzetta [D] – Memorial Mass
	4:30 pm	Janet Teresa Miles [D]
Sun 14 1 st Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Tomasa + Benjamin Balallo [D]
	12:15 pm	Savita & Family [I]

There is a second collection, **THE FUEL OFFERING**, this 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.



Schedule on Wednesday Feb. 10 Day of Fasting and Abstinence

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
12.30 pm Holy Mass

with the distribution of Ashes

5:45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Mass with blessing & distribution of Ashes



Every Friday during Lent ...

8.00 am Morning Mass
6.30 pm Stations & Holy Mass

Every Saturday in Lent ...

9.00 am Morning Mass
9.45 am Reconciliation/Confessions
3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



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





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

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday, Feb 10
Lent begins today and this is a day of Fasting and abstinence!
 At 12.00 noon we pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. We pray again the Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm and then Holy Mass at 7.00 which includes the blessing and giving of ashes. *Students and Staff at Our Lady of Fatima School celebrate the beginning of Lent at 9.00 am in the school's gym. The St. Joachim School compliment will celebrate Ash Wednesday in the school's gym at 11.00 am.*
Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine.

Knights of Columbus mtg – Thursday, Feb 11
 The monthly general meeting for the Knights of Columbus will take place today at St. Bonaventure Parish starting at 7.15 pm. New knights who recently went through their first degree are encouraged to attend.

Friday Lenten Devotions – Friday, Feb 12
 At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass at 7.00 pm concludes the day's devotions.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Feb 13
 Today there is **NO RCIA** session or **Confirmation** class as this is the long FAMILY DAY WEEKEND. The OCDS Secretariat is hosting in our church hall a **Lenten Retreat** starting with holy Mass in the church at 9.00 am. OCDS members are encouraged to attend; all others are very welcome.

1st Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Feb 14
 This weekend we have a 2nd collection – **the Fuel Offering** – in all Masses. This is the long weekend and hence there is **NO First Communion class** or **Children's Liturgy** or **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting.

Tomorrow - Monday February 15 - 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.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER **2016 RALLY**

Saturday, March 5 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Bldg., 255 Front Street West, Toronto ... from 9.00 am – 5.30 pm
 Info? www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org
 Tickets? call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360 or email: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

24th Annual Catholic Renewal Ministries



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

The Jubilee of Mercy – Previous Jubilee Years



Pope Alexander VI declared that for the jubilee year 1500, he would personally open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. This was the last time that a holy door of the ancient Constantinian Basilica of St. Peter's would be opened, before its initial and slow dismantling in 1506. It was replaced by our present St. Peter's Basilica, which took 120 years to finish.

By the time that the jubilee year 1525 began, the Protestant Reformation had taken root and all of Europe would soon enter a great religious and social crisis, including the (last) sack of Rome by Protestant soldiers of the Catholic Emperor Charles V in 1527.

The Council of Trent (1545-1563) was in suspension when Pope Paul III proclaimed the jubilee year 1550. He died Nov. 10, 1549, and the celebrations were carried out by Pope Julius III. Vast crowds flocked to Rome despite the grave Catholic-Protestant crisis. Pope Gregory XIII, who gave us our modern calendar in 1582, proclaimed the jubilee year 1575 and some 300,000 pilgrims visited Rome.

The jubilee years of 1600, 1625 and 1650 were proclaimed respectively by Popes Clement VIII, Urban VIII and Clement X.

Pope Innocent XII declared the jubilee year 1700. He died on Sept. 27, 1700 and the jubilee year was closed by Pope Clement XI. Pope Innocent XII was the first pope to offer substantial shelter and assistance to pilgrims travelling to Rome specifically for the jubilee year. A similar program was offered by Pope Benedict XIII, who proclaimed the jubilee year 1725. The 14 Stations of the Cross inside the ruins of the Roman Coliseum were erected during the jubilee year 1750, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XIV.

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

Lenten Practices

Lent is a time of **reflection** and **prayer**.
 It is a time of **voluntary penance**, choosing **to join in the suffering of Jesus** and bringing us closer to Him.
 We can choose to **give up something** like candy or a favorite TV program, remembering – each time we deny ourselves – **of the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for OUR sins**.
 We may also choose to **ADD** something to our daily routine that will bring us closer to Jesus.
 Some families choose this time for renewed diligence in family prayer or scripture reading.

