



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C



Being Christ's disciple is costly; our Master demands absolute love and total loyalty. We must renounce, for the love of Christ, whatever holds us back from his way, hating – that is, preferring Christ to – the dearest people in our lives! At the height of his success, Jesus risked the loss of his followers by demanding total commitment. Each of

us must be willing to carry our own cross to Calvary, personally sharing in the Lord's passion. Like the builder of the tower, we must be prepared to finish the life-project we have undertaken; like the king going to war, we will not fight a losing battle. The wisdom which we learn from God, today's first reading declares, is not like human wisdom but teaches us God's will. In the second reading, Paul writes from prison to Philemon, a slave-owner, on behalf of the escaped and convert slave Onesimus. Paul begs Philemon to take Onesimus back as a brother Christian. It does not occur to the apostle to condemn slavery, but he advocates a radically new relationship. Gospel renunciation should revolutionize the quality of our love.

23rd Sunday in OT – Sept. 04, 2016

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at email him at olfatima@rogers.com or call him on 416-757-2806 for further information.



The Lucia dos Santos OCDS Community

7th Anniversary commemoration

The Lucia dos Santos OCDS Community is hosting a **Thanksgiving Celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday, September 8, 2016** – feast of the **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - marking the 7th anniversary since the foundation of this community of Secular Carmelites. The celebration starts at 6.15 pm and includes the **Rosary and Evening Prayer (Vespers)**. The enrolment in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will take place at the end of Mass. Some time for fellowship will follow in the hall.



All are welcome. Candidates joining the **Aspirants Program** for this year are invited to attend the celebration.

Legion of Mary

The parish's Legion of Mary *praesidium* has its **9th ANNUAL AUXILIARY FUNCTION** at Our Lady of Fatima Church hall on **Saturday, September 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm** All members are invited to join us in celebrating this special day dedicated to our Blessed Mother.



		September 05-11 2016
Mon 05 <i>Labour Day</i>	9:00 am	Beatrice Doyle [D]
Tues 06	8:00 am	Beatriz Malakas [D]
Wed 07	7:00 pm	Demetrio Dionido [D]
Thur 08 <i>Nativity of B.V.M.</i>	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Jason Conrad Mejia [D] <i>Good of the Carmelite Order</i>
Fri 09	8:00 am	Charlene Matondo [D]
Sat 10	9:00 am 4:30 pm	Kenneth Alex Camoren [D] Dr. Hermogenes Lorenzo [D]
Sun 11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm	Alfredo Ayson [D] - <i>Death Anniv.</i> People of the Parish Mark-Joseph, Melanie & Molly Lule [I] - <i>Thanksgiving</i>

Tomorrow, Monday, is
LABOUR DAY
Daily Mass is at 9.00 am

TERESIAN CARMELITE EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The Carmelite Spirituality Centre presents a series of reflections in this **Holy Year of Mercy – Be merciful, as your Father is merciful** – in our church hall.

Next Lecture:
Sun. Sept. 11 – Mercy: God's Embrace
Sun. Oct. 02 – Mercy in the life of St. Therese
Sessions starts at 6.00 pm

Admission is free – Coffee is served – All are welcome

***** Regular Office Hours *****
PLEASE RESPECT THIS SCHEDULE
... as of September 06, 2016

Monday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 3:00pm

 **Reminder**

Office closes for lunch break from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm and is closed all day on all Saturdays, Sundays and other Statutory Holidays.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The **Children's Liturgy** meetings will resume on **Sunday, September 18**, during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome. Details regarding **First Holy Communion Classes** and for **Confirmation Sessions** will be announced with applications at a later date. **Thank you.**



23rd Sun in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Sept 04

On this long holiday weekend there is **NO Lord's Flock** prayer meeting. The regular office hours resume on Tuesday.

Labour Day holiday – Monday, Sept 05

The morning Mass is at 9:00 and the office and church are closed for the rest of the day.

Back to school – Tuesday, Sept 06

Today we welcome back the staff and students of the parish's two Catholic Schools as they return to classes after their summer vacations.

Weekly Fatima Devotions – Wednesday, Sept 07

The regular Fatima devotions start at 6:30pm as usual. Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine. All are welcome to join us.

Birthdays of the Virgin Mary – Thursday, Sept 08

We have morning Mass at 8:00am as usual. The OCDS Thanksgiving Anniversary Mass Celebration starts at 6:15pm, including the Rosary, Evening Prayer and holy Mass with the Enrolment in the brown Scapular of Our Lady of Carmel. All are welcome to attend.

The SENIORS ACTIVITIES CLUB resumes its weekly gatherings today. The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS have their meetings at 6:45 & 7:15 pm in the Knights Chambers.

Weekend Activities – Saturday, Sept 10

Apart from the 9am Mass, we have a wedding celebration at 2:00pm. The Secular Carmelites are having a recruitment drive during all of this weekend Masses.

24th Sunday in OT – Sunday, Sept 11

CHILDREN'S LITURGY meetings will resume next Sunday. The Lord's Flock has its weekly prayer meeting at the regular time of 2pm. New members are always very welcome to join. The third lecture in this year's Carmelite Spirituality Series will take place today at 6:00 pm in our hall.

Welcome back school staff and students!
 at *Our Lady of Fatima* and *St. Joachim Catholic Schools!*
 We hope you had a very good summer break and by now are settling down to the School's routine. We greet and welcome back **Olympia Crosby**, Principal at Fatima School, and **Nicole Peres**, Principal at St. Joachim's in their third year with us. To both we wish them another happy and fruitful year. We also welcome new staff and teachers, and all new students. May you always be inspired by the Holy Spirit in all future endeavors.

Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima
PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN and PORTUGAL
 Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Victor Mallia, Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Toronto
 June 5 - 16, 2017 12 days \$2,890.00

A Centenary Pilgrimage to European Marian shrines.

Kindly place a booking or ask for more info from the travel agents.
 Call: # 1-877-999-8868 / 905-886-0232

... a gentle reminder!

In the initial spirit of the *family of faith* campaign and the prayerful consideration that compelled so many of us to make a *sacrificial gift* to secure a future for our Church, *parishioners – who have neglected to honor their pledge donation for some months – are kindly asked to do their best to up-date their pledge level at their earliest convenience. If one is not in a position to honor their pledge, kindly contact the Donations Processing Centre directly and let them know of your intention to cancel or suspend pledge payment.*
 Speak to **Kathryn Collins** at **416.934.3400 ext. 535**
 or email to kcollins@archtoronto.org

Please note that if pledges are not honored the parish will not receive its share from the campaign.

The SENIORS' ACTIVITY CLUB
 resumes its weekly meetings at *Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Hall* from **Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.**
 Seniors are very welcome to join.

2016-Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year-2017
 In this **FATIMA APPARITIONS CENTERARY YEAR** the parish is offering its faith community an opportunity to renew its commitment to **Christian family life –** an excellent way of revitalizing the life of our parish's Christian community life!
 The **COUPLES FOR CHRIST – Foundation for Family and Life** are hosting a **CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR** in our church hall, every Saturday, for six sessions, from October 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm. For more information visit the parish website: www.fatimashrine.ca or call the parish office at 416-757-2806. Do not miss out on this opportunity to experience again the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.



All are welcome! All are welcome! All are welcome!

The annual **LIFE CHAIN** by Campaign Life for **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** will this year take place on **Sunday, October 2nd from 2:00 - 3:00pm at the usual location: Danforth/Victoria Pk intersection.**
KEEP THAT HOUR FREE AND JOIN US!

R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2016 – Apr. 2017
 Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church? Already a Catholic and would like to deepen your faith? Perhaps you want to refresh your catholic doctrine?
 Then you are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program! It is a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for those who wish to explore the beauty and strengthen their Catholic faith. A new program will begin this Fall. If you know anyone interested, please ask them to call or contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806.
 Email: olfatima@rogers.com

Life is fragile