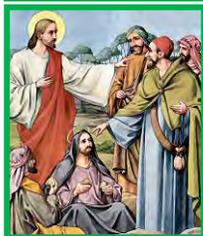




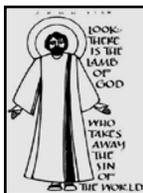
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A**



What does it mean to be called by God? Today's scripture readings put before us several of God's witnesses and explain our own vocation as Christians. John the Baptist did not recognize Jesus until God revealed him; then he witnesses to him as lamb of God who redeems from sin, the Spirit-filled person, God's chosen one. Isaiah speaks of a servant (or a small remnant of Israelites who remained faithful to God), called from birth to lead back God's chosen people and all nations. Christians have understood this to be a prophecy about Jesus, whose life perfectly glorified the Father. Paul insists that he is called to preach the Good News (apostle means one who is sent). But St. Paul is not the only chosen one; the Christians of Corinth also are called to be God's holy people, members of the community of saints for whom Jesus is Lord. God calls each of us to holiness. The psalm suggests what our response should be: praise, listening to God, witnessing, as did Jesus, the perfect servant of God's will.

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2017**

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call Fr. Victor on 416-757-2806 or email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for more information.



**DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2017**



We thank 'new parishioners' who have recently registered their family with us and requested a box of *Donation Envelopes* for 2017. 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?**

Get more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Read more by visiting our website: [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca) and downloading an application form. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes to your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household! Without full and complete information the system is unable to issue a valid tax receipt.



**Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2016**

**First Holy Communion meetings ...**



**Registered applicants ONLY** will start attending the Sunday 10:30 am Mass as well as meetings for the **Children's Liturgy** from this Sunday, **January 15, 2017**. Candidates in public schools have a formal class at 9:30 am in the church hall

prior to the 10:30 am Mass. Attendance is mandatory both to the Sunday Mass and the class. Parents are requested to notify the office if their child is unable to attend class due to illness or other just reason. Thank you.

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Mass Schedule		January 16-22 2017
Mon 16	8:00 am	Mary Greene [D]
Tues 17	8:00 am	Rita Carty [D]
Wed 18	7:00 pm	Reynalda Canosa [D]
Thur 19	8:00 am	Carmela Martino [D]
Fri 20	12:30 pm	David Counsel [D]
Sat 21	9:00 am	Frances Callahan [D]
	4:30 pm	Gordon & Doris Irwin [D]
Sun 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	William Lang [D]
	10:30 am	Maria Donofrio [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

**Knights of Columbus**

Announcement in church this Saturday/Sunday, January 14/15

**Free Throw**

At Our Lady of Fatima School Friday, January 20 from 6 – 9 pm



The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all parishioners for their donations to the *Annual Sock Drive* and also for your support in the purchase of *Christmas Cards*.  
Fraternally,  
Kevin Hurley [GK/SK]



**Confirmation classes ...**



**Registered applicants ONLY** are reminded that classes start on Saturday, **January 28, 2017** in the church hall at 2:30 pm. The **ENROLMENT** ceremony will take place at the 4:30 pm Mass, in the church, on the same day. There is an information meeting for parents and candidates this Friday, January 20 at 7:00 pm in our church hall. All candidates should attend the **Enrolment Mass** with their families. Attendance is **mandatory** to all the sessions listed in the schedule given. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church, is also mandatory.

**NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

**LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMELITES COMMUNITY**



The community's monthly meeting is next Tuesday, **January 17, 2017** in the church hall. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. New are prospective members are very welcome to attend [as observers] and join us in prayer.

**Queen and Beauty of Carmel, pray for us**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Celebrated on Sunday, January 29, 2017

at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Basilica





**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Sun, Jan 15  
 The regular schedule for Sunday Masses and other activities is followed. **First Communion Class** meets today also @ 9:30 am for public schools applicants. Those in Catholic Schools meet during **Children's Liturgy** during the 10:30 am Mass. At 2:00 pm there is a **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting in the church hall.

**OCDS monthly meeting** – Tuesday, Jan 17

The **Lucia dos Santos OCDS community** has its monthly meeting in the church hall at 7:00 pm.

**Regular Fatima devotions** – Wednesday, Jan 18

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 left in the intentions list and envelopes at Our Lady's shrine.** The week of prayer for **Christian Unity** starts today.

**Meetings** – Thursday, Jan 19

Our priests will attend a **Regional Meeting** for them at Annunciation Parish from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. **The Seniors Activities Club** meets in our basement from 12.00 noon for their regular socializing.

**Confirmation: Initial Meeting** – Friday, Jan 20

Parents and registered applicants in this year's **Confirmation Program** are to attend an **Initial Meeting** today at 6:30 pm in our church hall. The **Formal Enrolment of candidates will take place during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, January 28.** The first class is on Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 pm in the church hall. This month's **Patrician Meeting** by the Legion of Mary will take place today at 7:00 pm in the Chapel [Family Room] using the entrance on the West side of the church. The **Free Throw Contest** hosted by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Fatima School [in the gym] is today from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

**Weekend activities** – Saturday, Jan 21

Today's **RCIA** session is at 10:00 am in the meeting room on the stage in the church hall. The **Couple for Christ** are holding a SEMINAR for their members in our church hall between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4:30 pm.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Sunday, Jan 22

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.



**VATICAN CITY**

*"On the occasion of the centenary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Cova da Iria, and welcoming the invitation of the Republic and of the Portuguese bishops, His Holiness Pope Francis will go on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima May 12-13, 2017."*

The announcement was made in a December 17 communique from the Vatican. Official statements confirming the dates had already been made over the past few days by both the president of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, as well as the Fatima Shrine itself. Of all Marian apparitions, those relating to Our Lady of Fatima are among the most famous.

On May 13, 1917, siblings Francisco and Jacinta Marto – 9 and 7 – and their cousin, 10-year-old Lucia dos Santos, took their sheep to graze near the Portuguese town of Fatima when they saw a figure of a woman dressed in white and holding a rosary.

After this first appearance, the Virgin Mary then appeared to the children on the 13th of every month from May until October. The message of the Fatima apparitions can be summarized primarily as a call to repentance and prayer.

In 1930, the Catholic Church proclaimed the supernatural character of the apparitions and a shrine was erected at Fatima. It was visited by Pope Paul VI on May 13, 1967, and later by Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI. St. John Paul II had a particularly strong devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. After a harrowing assassination attempt in 1981, he credited his survival to her miraculous intervention. As a sign of his gratitude, he placed the bullet from the failed assassination in her crown. *"Pray for the brother who shot me, whom I have sincerely forgiven. United to Christ, as a priest and victim, I offer my sufferings for the Church and the world,"* Pope John Paul II said on that occasion.

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin traveled to Fatima October 11-13, six months before the Pope's own visit, largely as a precursor to the papal trip. His visit, which could indicate what the Pope's schedule might look like, included a stop in Lisbon, where he gave a talk on "The Identity of Europe" at a conference at the Catholic University of Portugal marking the 50th anniversary of its founding in 2017. He also visited several churches and had dinner with Cardinal Manuel José Macário do Nascimento Clemente, the Roman Catholic Patriarch of Lisbon.

At Fatima, Parolin participated in an Oct. 12 blessing of the candles and praying the holy rosary at the Little Chapel of Apparitions before processing to the altar to celebrate a candlelit Mass in front of the Basilica of the Holy Rosary. On Oct. 13, there was a special procession to the Basilica with Mass and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate **MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2017** in the weekend of February 11/12

**Family of Faith** 2016 Tax Receipts

The **family of faith** campaign will be issuing tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are **not issued** by our parish. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts received and postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. *If you prefer to receive your tax receipt by e-mail, please contact the **Donations Processing Centre** via [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org) providing your full name, address, and the name of your parish.* Donations for December 2016 received in January 2017 will not be included in the 2016 tax receipt.

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

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**Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017**