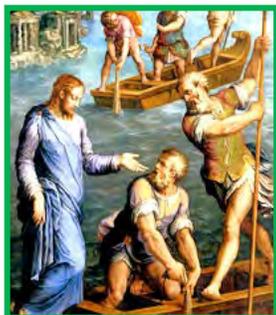




3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

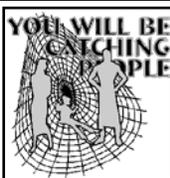


From the start of his ministry, Jesus provokes dynamic movement. He goes beyond John the Baptist cry for conversion of heart when he invites the people in the midst of their work to leave everything and follow him. The first four disciples, simple fisher-men, do so without hesitation. They in turn will seek other followers for Christ. The cures Jesus works accompany the Good News as signs of that the kingdom

of God has come. Matthew presents Jesus' ministry in Galilee as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, for whom the presence of God, means happiness and the liberation of a conquered people. If Christ fulfills God's promise, his followers have no reason to take sides behind other leaders. All who acknowledge Jesus as Lord are united in him, Paul reminds us: they must not continue in serious quarrels. With the psalmist we can pray to be steadfast followers of the Lord, placing all our hope in him. Those who accept the invitation to be disciples live under God's rule and in the light of the Good News.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22, 2017

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email him at vocations@archtoronto.org or call Fr. Victor on 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2017



Thanks again to 'new parishioners' who have recently registered their family with us and requested a box of *Donation Envelopes* for 2017. We are very grateful for your support. Families who have recently moved from or to our parish are kindly asked to inform the parish office and update their data at their earliest convenience. We would like to have our records updated by the end of this month.

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 and downloading an application form. Please inform the office (416-757-2806) with this information.



Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2016

First Holy Communion meetings ...



Applicants are expected to attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and *Children's Liturgy* gatherings on the following Sundays: **Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 26**. Candidates in public schools meet at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. 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!

Confirmation classes ...

Registered applicants 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. 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!

Mass Schedule		January 23-29 2017
Mon 23	8:00 am	Agnes Gomes [D]
Tues 24	8:00 am	Rita Carty [D]
Wed 25	7:00 pm	Vincenzo Martino [D]
Thur 26	8:00 am	Cirilla Cardozo [D]
Fri 27	8:00 am	David Counsel [D]
Sat 28	9:00 am	George Little [D]
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 29 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	Dana Sulay [I] - Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	John Corcoran [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Celebrated next Sunday, January 29, 2017

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

Family of Faith Up-to-date information

Please help the **family of faith** campaign at campaign@archtoronto.org and **416-934-3400 x555** maintain its records correct by letting them know of any changes to your information, including your e-mail address and all relevant details. We thank you for your commitment to our parish's **family of faith** campaign. To help ensure our parish benefits from your help on a timely basis, please make sure your payment information is up-to-date, including a new card or a new expiry date. Donations/payments can be sent directly to the **Donations Processing Centre, Family of Faith campaign, 1155 Yonge Street – Toronto, ON – M4t 1W2**. *Donations for December 2016 received in January 2017 will not be included in the 2016 tax receipt but in the one for the following year.*

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

The Knights of Columbus are very thankful to all students who participated or helped in Friday'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: Kevin Hurley [GK/SK] kofccouncil5080@outlook.com

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sun, 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. details below.

School Masses this month – Monday, Jan 23

The first school mass of the new year for **Our Lady of Fatima School** will be celebrated in our church today at 12:30 pm. **St. Joachim’s School** mass for January will be celebrated on Thursday at 9:15 am

Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Jan 25

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 placed at Our Lady’s shrine.**

Memorial Mass – Thursday, Jan 26

The family of **Avelino Beloso** is hosting a **Memorial Mass** in our church on the 40th day of his passing. The mass starts at 7:00 pm.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Jan 28

Today’s **RCIA** session is at 10:00 am in the meeting room on the stage in the church hall. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4:30 pm during which Gd7 students in our **Confirmation program** will have their ENROLMENT CEREMONY. They are **all** expected to attend and the presence of family members is greatly appreciated.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Jan 29

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 is at 2:00 pm as usual. Meanwhile, Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will celebrate a Mass at St. Paul’s Basilica at 3:00 pm to mark the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**.

Senior Men’s High School Retreat (Grades 11 & 12)

The **Office of Vocations** is hosting a day retreat at **Blessed Sacrament Parish, 24 Cheritan Avenue Toronto on Saturday, February 11, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm).**

Provides a time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession.

For more information please call the **Office of Vocations** at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Candlemas

Thursday, February 2nd 2017

The traditional blessing of candles and the procession will take place during an evening Mass at 7:00 pm.

Devotions and prayers start at 6:30 pm and this celebration brings to a close Christmastide.



Parishioners are encouraged to attend

Offering

During all the Masses on the weekend of **February 04/05** we have a second collection – **THE FUEL OFFERING**. This is a once yearly collection [in the heart of winter] to off-set our heating bills.

On the weekend of **February 18/19** there is a 2nd collection for the parish’s **RENOVATIONS FUND**. In this Centenary Year of the Fatima Apparitions we are planning a **Centenary Memorial** for which we are relying on your help and support.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated



Jacinta Marto: Pearl of Great Price

Having entered into the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children— Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, it is more than propitious that we write on the topic of Fatima. In fact, Pope Francis has encouraged this most noble undertaking!

The message is so wide, expansive, evangelical, impressive, inspiring as well as extraordinarily simple that we will focus, in this short article on one aspect of the message of Fatima. More than an aspect, better said, we will focus on one person who was involved in the message of Fatima and it is the person of Jacinta; her full name would be Jacinta Marto.

For sake of brevity we would like to focus on what we believe to be the so called “Conversion” of Jacinta Marto; indeed, we can now call her Blessed Jacinta Marto, because she was beatified with her older brother Francisco by Saint Pope John Paul II—among the youngest saints in the Church Calendar!

By nature, Jacinta was extroverted, joyful, exhilarant, expansive, playful as well as competitive, a lover of dance and simply a lover of life! In a word, she was a typical good little girl, somewhat prayerful, a good daughter as well as a good sister. However, there was nothing really extraordinary about her person and nature until something happened that radically transformed her life forever!

In the year 1916, Jacinta, Francisco her brother, as well as Lucia her cousin, all of them shepherds, had a visitation by an angel actually three times. This angel taught them how to pray, what to say in prayer, as well as a posture in prayer—that of prostration!

May 13, the following year 1917, the three children were visited by the woman dressed in white; it was the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady would actually appear to them 6 times in total, culminating in October with the great miracle of the sun witnessed by more than 60, 000 people!

by Fr. Ed Broom, omv ... To be continued



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017

Join us at Mary, Mother of God School ...

for an evening of live music on Saturday, *January 28th, 2017, at 7:30 pm*. Our wonderful house band will take us on a journey through the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s, and beyond! Tickets are \$20 (19 years old and older, please). Munchies, desserts and coffee (Cash Bar).

For tickets, please call: 416-531-7897