



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – A**



Repeatedly the prophets insisted that God protects the poor and the despised; three times our prophet invites his hearers to seek God and take refuge in him. In the beatitudes Jesus expands on this Old Testament insight. These demanding ideals which reverse the world's values, are addressed to all who would be his disciples. The first, about poverty of spirit, sets the tone and sums up all the rest. Those who do not rely on the world are free to entrust themselves to God. Then Jesus speaks directly to his followers, preparing them for persecution – and the joy which can flow from it. For if we suffer with Christ we will share his joy! The psalm reminds us of the happiness of those “poor ones” who trust in God so as to be filled by him. This looks like foolishness, but St. Paul insists that the gospel opposes human wisdom. We cannot be proud of our own accomplishments; our only boast is God's grace. Living according to the beatitudes conforms us to Christ and graces us with an anticipation of eternal joy.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29, 2017**

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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](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 are grateful to 'new parishioners' who have already registered with us and requested a box of *Donation Envelopes* for 2017. 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 2016**

**First Holy Communion meetings ...**

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 26**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. **Thanks.**



**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 11, 25, Mar 4, 25, Apr 1, 22, 29** [Retreat]. Weekly 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 04, 11, 25, Mar 1** (Ash Wednesday @ 6:30pm in church), **05** (Rite of Election), **11, 18, 19** (in church for 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny @ 12:15), **25, 26** (in church for 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny @ 12:15). **Thanks.**



		<b>Jan 30-Feb 05 2017</b>
Mon 30	8:00 am	<b>Charles &amp; Carmela Mallia [D]</b>
Tues 31	8:00 am	<b>Joseph Patrick A. Philips [D]</b>
Wed 01	7:00 pm	<b>Christopher Singhroy [I] – B'day</b>
Thur 02	8:00 am	<b>Marta Pingol &amp; Benjie Alcantara [D]</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Jorge Alegarbes [D]</b>
Fri 03 <i>First Friday</i>	12:30 pm	<b>Holy Souls</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Mallia &amp; Bajada Families [I]</b>
Sat 04 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 am	<b>Albert Beattie [D]</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Lidia Pobre &amp; Nenaida Bondoc [D]</b>
Sun 05 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	10:30 am	<b>John Corcoran [D]</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Joan Sueling + Chris Singhroy [I] – B'day</b>

**Offering**

During all Masses next weekend [**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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the parish's **RENOVATIONS FUND**. In this Centenary Year of the Fatima Apparitions we are planning an outdoor **Centenary Memorial** for which we are relying on your help and support. We welcome gift-donations from individual sponsors.

**Get more information from the office**

**Feast of the PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Candlemas -**

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**



There is a morning Mass at 8:00 as usual.

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

*Devotions and prayers start at 6:30 pm followed by*

*Enrolment in the Scapular of Our lady of Mount Carmel.*

**The blessing of the throats on the feast of St. Blaise will be before 12:15 and after 7:00 pm masses on Friday.**



**Please, honor your pledge**

Thank you for your commitment to the **family of faith** campaign. The efforts that we make together, will further the Pastoral Plan and mission of our Church. Please make sure your payment information is up-to-date, including a new card or a new expiry date. As payments are made, funds will be deposited in our account to address a number of local priorities. Our parish has already received funds from this campaign to support recent projects carried out in our church such as: *the installation of the air conditioning system in our church and the renovations on the front steps of the church.* We are now seeking to attract some funds to replace the old elevator with a more modern one. Please, honor your pledge!

Donations/payments can be sent directly to the **Donations Processing Centre, Family of Faith campaign, 1155 Yonge Street – Toronto, ON – M4t 1W2**. Contact them at **416-934-3400 x555** or email to [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org) with any changes to data or other questions.

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

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY**

**The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate**

**MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2017**

**in the weekend of February 11/12**



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Sun, 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**.

**Regular Fatima devotions** – Wednesday, Feb 01

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.**

**The Presentation of the Lord [Candlemas]** – Thursday, Feb 02

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**. Morning Mass will be at 8:00 am as usual. The blessing of candles will take place during evening devotions and Mass starting at 6:30 pm.

**Feast of St. Blaise + First Friday devotions** – Friday, Feb 03

Devotions start at 12:15 pm and include prayers, DM chaplet, the blessing of throats, Mass and adoration. At 6:00 pm devotions include prayers, the chaplet, benediction and holy Mass at the end of which throats are blessed in honour of St. Blaise.

**Weekend activities** – Saturday, Feb 04

The RCIA session is at 10:00 am in the stage room in the church hall. **Regular Confirmation meetings** in the hall start next week at 2:30 pm. Next weekend the Archdiocese will be marking **Marriage Sunday**.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Sunday, Feb 05

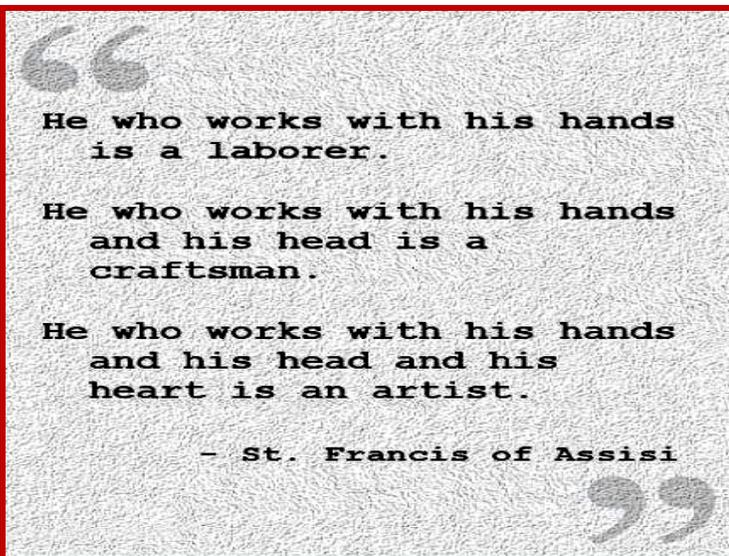
The regular schedule for Sunday activities is followed: **First Communion class** is at 9:30 am; **Children's Liturgy** is at the 10:30 am Mass and This weekend we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection – **the Fuel Offering** – in all Masses. **The Lord's Flock** prayer meeting is at 2:00 pm.

**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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



**Jacinta Marto: Pearl of Great Price – 2**

**Conversion**

One of the highlights and key notes of the preaching of Jesus, Saint John the Baptist, as well as Saint Peter in his Pentecost discourse is the call to conversion. "Be converted, the Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mk. 1:15) was actually the first words we have of Jesus in His Public ministry. There are two forms of conversion—the radical conversion of Saint Matthew who left all to follow Christ, as well as Saul of Tarsus who encountered Christ on the road to Damascus. Then there is the slow and painful process of daily conversion that we all have to work at on a daily basis.

**The Conversion of Jacinta Marto**

Basically Jacinta was a good girl all of her life. However, there was a specific event that occurred to her, as well as to her brother Francisco and cousin Lucia, that would leave an indelible mark on Jacinta's soul and radically transform her total life. When and what happened to change this little girl's life? It was the third apparition of Our Lady to them on July 13, 1917. In this most powerful apparition, Our Lady revealed to these three little shepherd children a graphic vision of Hell. Our Lady opened up her hands and it was as if the earth opened its mouth.

The children could see what appeared to be a lake or even sea of immense fire. In it they could see the damned souls—some were transparent, others bronze, still others brown and finally some were pitch black. Also the children perceived hideous animals that were transpiercing the souls; these were the devils. In addition to this, the children could hear the cries of despair of the damned souls. Many souls seemed to be floating without any equilibrium, like balloons blown by the wind with no anchoring. This graphic Dantesque vision of hell seen by the children never left their memories and would move them to acts of heroic virtue in the realm of sacrifice. One more note: the children said they would have died of fear if the Blessed Virgin were not there present with them. However, the Blessed Virgin Mary wanted them to experience this vision, as well as the world at large!

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



**Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017**

**Monday February 20, 2017 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 18], **no** CHILDREN'S LITURGY or **FIRST COMMUNION** class [Sun. Feb. 19] because of the **long holiday weekend**.