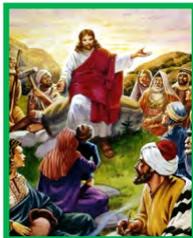




**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – A**



The book of Sirach, a collection of wisdom sayings, reminds us that we have been given the freedom to choose right or wrong, life or death. God calls us only to life; our choice is to be made in fidelity to him. Though it may be difficult, God's law is not burdensome for those who choose to be faithful. They are happy to do his will. Such wisdom is not readily understood by the world. Paul tells us.

Christ was crucified for preaching the wisdom that transcends human understanding. Jesus' life shows that we must die to ourselves in order to receive life. Only the Holy Spirit can lead us in the ways of God, since the Spirit alone plumbs his depths. God's commands, not to be set aside, are given their interpretation by Jesus in today's gospel; he completes the former law. He insists on an ideal of behaviour which goes beyond external legal obedience. Reconciliation with those we have offended takes precedence even over sacrifice to God. This way of life is demanding, but God's grace and guidance are with us.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2017**

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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.



**First Holy Communion meetings ...**

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: today & **Feb 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. Up-coming classes: **Feb 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. Up-coming sessions: **Feb 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.**



**MARRIAGE SUNDAY**  
 The Archdiocese of Toronto  
 Celebrates today ...  
**MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2017**

**Next Monday – February 20, 2017 is FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

Daily Mass is 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.**

		<b>February 13 - 19 2017</b>
Mon 13	8:00 am	Wendy Lahar [D]
Tues 14	8:00 am	Charles & Carmela Mallia [D]
Wed 15	7:00 pm	Crispin Aquilar [D]
Thur 16	8:00 am	Ruth Mac Donald [D]
Fri 17	8:00 am	Holy Souls
Sat 18	9:00 am	Wendy Lahar [D]
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 19 <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Marriage Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Priscilla Pinto [D]
	10:30 am	Jonathan Fernandes – Birthday
	12:15 pm	Rocco Mansera [D]

**Offering**

>>> Next weekend **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 also welcome gift-donations from individual sponsors.

**Get more information from the office**

**Please, honor your pledge**

Family of Faith

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.

The parish's share from pledged funds will not be deposited in our account unless pledges are honoured. Our parish has already received funds from this campaign to support recent projects. We are now seeking to attract some funds to replace the old elevator with a more modern one. And we need some more sponsors to fund an outdoor shrine to **Our Lady of Fatima** as a fitting *memorial* of our love and devotion for Our Lady in this CENTENARY YEAR OF THE APPARITIONS. 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.**

**Are you new in the parish?**  
 Please consider registering with us.  
 Visit our website: [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca) or phone the parish office at 416-757-2806 for more details.  
 Thanks for updating your personal data.  
**Your support means so much to us! Thank you!**

**LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY**  
 The community's monthly meeting is on Tuesday, **February 21**, in the church hall and it starts at 7:00 pm. Non-members are welcome to attend as observers and join us in prayer.

**Queen Beauty of Mount Carmel – Pray for us**



# Ordinary Time

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Feb 12

In the Archdiocese of Toronto this is **Marriage Sunday**. 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.

## Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Feb 15

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.**

## Family Day weekend activities – Saturday, Feb 18

Morning Mass is at 9:00 am, **no RCIA** session and **no Confirmation** meeting. All are welcome to the **Pre-Lenten Retreat** hosted in our church and hall by the OCDS Secretariat starting in church with 9am mass.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Feb 19

As this is the long **FAMILY DAY WEEKEND** there is **no First Communion class** and **no Children's Liturgy** today, and the **Lord's Flock** have no prayer meeting this weekend.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Spend a very Special Weekend Together

A weekend of discovery ... a lifetime of love!

Worldwide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a weekend getaway that helps married couples re-discover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Apply NOW – limited space available.

**Up-coming weekend – March 17-19, 2017** [wwme.org]

For more info and registration contact Gerard & Marge (905-792-1925) or at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com)

## LIFT JESUS HIGHER

2017 RALLY

**Saturday, March 4 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.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)  
 Tickets? call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360  
 or email: [info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](mailto:info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)



## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Renewal Ministries

**On Sat. March 4 at 3:00 pm at St. Bede Anglican Church**  
 80 Westbourne Ave, right on St. Clair Ave. E.

This year's theme is "Am I Being Unfair To You?" and was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of **The Philippines**.

World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement of Christian women of many traditions who each year, since 1922, come together on the first Friday or Saturday of March to observe a common day of prayer. This service offers us a moment to reflect upon and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to share in the community of Christians around the world, and to commit to working for social justice.

Join us in this service at **St. Bede Anglican Church** with members of **Our Lady of Fatima Catholic, Clairlea Presbyterian, and Victoria Park United Churches** and other Christians from around the world.

For more information please phone the office at 416-757-2806



## Jacinta Marto: Pearl of Great Price – 3

### The Conversion of Jacinta Marto [pt. 2]

However, the Blessed Virgin Mary wanted them to experience this vision, as well as the world at large! ....

From that moment on Jacinta Marto would never be the same. Indeed, it was this graphic and unforgettable vision of hell on July 13th, 1917 that would change her heart, her actions and her life in its totality. Saint Pope John Paul II, in the beatification process of Jacinta and Francisco gave them each a specific title which really exemplified the essence of their charism, indeed the essence of their sanctity. The Pontiff called Francisco "A Little Mystic"; whereas Jacinta he called "A Little Victim Soul". What then is this so called "victim soul"?

Such a soul offers himself/herself to God to generously offer sacrifices, as well as to accept sufferings sent by God, primarily for the purpose of souls: the conversion of poor sinners and the salvation of their immortal souls. Padre Pio, Josefa Menendez, Saint Therese – all of these were victim souls. Therefore, after the vision of hell viewed by Jacinta and the two others, Jacinta was imbued and permeated with an insatiable desire to save souls, especially the poor sinners from the horrendous, but all too real place of hell.

The Catholic Church has always taught that any person who dies unrepentant in the state of mortal sin, has been condemned to the eternal chastisement of hell and for all eternity. Indeed, the only one to blame is that soul itself for having chosen of its free will to commit mortal sin, live in mortal sin, and die unrepentant in mortal sin!

Blessed Jacinta Marto could not forget the pain, the suffering, the anguish, the despair of these many souls that she saw in this apparent sea of fire, tortured at the same time by the many hideous devils. This graphic vision shown to her by the Blessed Virgin Mary would move Jacinta to the practice of heroic virtue in the realm of sacrifice. Let us now look into the many sacrifices undertaken by this "Little Victim Soul", Blessed Jacinta Marto!

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



**Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017**

**Ash Wednesday is on March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN**  
 – a day of fasting and abstinence –

**40 CANS FOR LENT**

