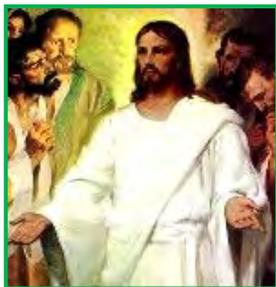




7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A



The readings today set forth the holiness which God expects of his people. The ideal perfect love, which our Old Testament reading calls for and which Jesus spells out for us in the gospel and demonstrates in his life and death, is based on God's own holiness. In the words of the psalm we recall how God has forgiven and redeemed us; we must act towards one another with the same spirit of forgiving love. Even our enemies and our persecutors must be loved. Christ demands of us only what he will practise himself. Christian maturity means that we imitate God in this perfect love. The law of holiness, given to the community by Moses, is explained in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. The believing community is the body of the risen Christ and the new temple of the living God. It is through our relationship with Christ that we become children of our heavenly Father and through the Spirit living in us that we learn that unselfish love by which we imitate the Father.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2017

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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.



Offering

>>> This weekend **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 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

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **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 1st Scrutiny @ 12:15), **25, 26** (in church for 2nd Scrutiny @ 12:15). **Thanks.**



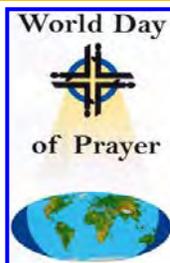
Monday – February 20, 2017 is FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

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.**

		February 20 - 26 2017
Mon 20 <i>Family Day Holiday</i>	9:00 am	Maxie Gomes [D]
Tues 21	8:00 am	Stephen D'Costa [I]
	7:00 pm	Jim Amodeo [D] – <i>Memorial Mass</i>
Wed 22	7:00 pm	Servillano Bungubung Sr. [D]
Thur 23	8:00 am	Anne Maureen Hubbard [D]
Fri 24	8:00 am	Bonifacio Reyes [D]
Sat 25	9:00 am	Antonio Reda [D]
	4:30 pm	Deborah Mangal [D]
Sun 26 <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Pothier Family [<i>Deceased members</i>]
	12:15 pm	Ang Go Bu [D]



**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

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



Ordinary Time

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Feb 19

This weekend there is a 2nd collection for the **Renovations Fund** in all Masses. 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.

Family Day holiday – Monday, Feb 20

On this holiday Monday morning Mass in church is at 9 o'clock. The church and the office are closed for the rest of the day.

OCDS community meeting – Tuesday, Feb 21

The community's monthly meeting begins at 7:00 pm in our church hall. In the church we have a *Memorial Mass* for **Jim Amodeo** also at 7:00 pm.

Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Feb 22

The regular Fatima devotions of Prayers and Mass start at 6:30 pm. **Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes placed at Our Lady's shrine.**

Weekend activities – Saturday, Feb 25

The **RCIA** and **Confirmation** meetings will resume today at the regular times. The *Couples for Christ* have an **MPA** meeting in our church hall from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Feb 26

Children's Liturgy gatherings and **First Communion** class resume today during the 10:30 am Mass. [The class for *public schools applicants* starts at 9:30 am]. The **Lord's Flock** prayer group meets at 2:00 pm as usual. This is the last weekend in this first period of *Ordinary Time*. On Wednesday the Church starts the **penitential season of Lent**.

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
 Tickets? call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360
 or email: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



25th Annual Catholic Renewal Ministries

Are you new in the parish?

Please consider registering with us.

Visit our website: 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.

Come and See Weekend March 17-19

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend at our Archdiocesan Seminary for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Call Fr. Chris: 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



Jacinta Marto: Pearl of Great Price – 4

The Heroic Sacrifices and Example of Bl Jacinta Marto [pt. 3]

Jacinta Marto had no formal education; she could neither read nor write. Her First Communion was given through the hands of an angel from heaven in 1916. She had no degree in theology and only knew the basics of her catechism. However, she had two excellent teachers that would lift her up to the heights of holiness in a very quick period of not too much longer than two years. Who were these teachers; the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit!

Let us summarily outline the sacrifices of this little shepherd girl.

1. One of the favorite past times of Jacinta was to dance; she simply loved to dance. For the sake of the salvation of souls, Jacinta willingly gave up dancing for the rest of her life!
2. Jacinta's favorite food was the luscious and sweet grapes of the Portuguese hills and vineyards. Indeed, she loved to eat these grapes. Once again, like the dancing, she decided that she would give up these grapes and in place of them to eat the bitter herbs and nuts from the field—a huge sacrifice. All of this done to save souls from the fires of hell!
3. She wore her normal, modest clothes. However, Jacinta, as well as Francisco and Lucia, made a hidden sacrifice that was seen by God alone and it was the ROPE. Beneath their clothes they fastened a rope around their waists. This caused them considerable discomfort during the course of the day. Our Lady told them to take it off at night so that they could at least have a good night's repose.
4. Upon their way to the fields where they would tend their sheep, the three children would often bump into poorer children who had barely anything at all to eat. The three children would willingly offer their lunches to the poor children to eat and thereby suffer hunger themselves during the course of the day. Why? For the simple reason to bar the gates of hell for many poor sinners!
5. They would tend the sheep in the midst of the summer heat and offer up the heat. Hell of course is much worse and it is forever and ever and ever!

by Fr. Ed Broom ... to be continued



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