



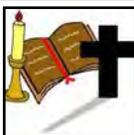
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A



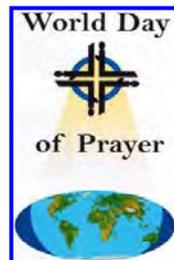
Today's liturgy confronts us with a question: are we pagans in practice, or do we believe and act as though God really loves and cares for us? In Isaiah's prophecy God assures his people that they have not been forgotten. He loves them with a mother's love, the strongest of human affections. God's love is unconditional and unwavering. In the Gospel Jesus pictures God as a father who provides everything his children need. They are not to be like pagans, excessively concerned about material possessions. We need worry about one thing only, God's interests, God's kingdom. Then he will provide for us like a father and love us eternally like a mother. Detachment from things and attachment to God identifies us as Christians. St. Paul says that even the servants of the kingdom, Christ's ministers, must not be concerned about how their ministry is humanly judged. God will determine what thanks they should be given. Christians must live as though they really believe in God's love for them.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 26, 2017

"No one can serve two masters." If God is calling you to serve him as 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.



**Next 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

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Mar 05, 26, Apr 02, 09, 30**. 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: **Mar 4, 25, Apr 01, 08, 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: **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), **Apr 1, 2** (in church for 3rd Scrutiny @ 12:15), **8** (in church for rehearsal @ 10:00). The Easter Vigil celebration during which candidates will receive the sacraments will take place on Saturday, April 15 starting at 7:30 for 8:00 pm. **Thanks.**



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|  <i>Keeping a Holy Lent</i> | | Feb 27 – Mar 05 2017 |
| Mon 27 | 8:00 am | Bill [William] Thompson [D] |
| Tues 28 | 8:00 am | Aguifina Abueg – Deceased fam. mem. |
| Wed 01 Ash Wednesday | 12:30 pm | Ruth MacDonald [D] |
| | 7:00 pm | Oscar Pereira [D] |
| Thur 02 | 8:00 am | Dan Bates [D] |
| Fri 03 First Friday | 8:00 am | Bajada & Micallef Fam.– Deceased |
| | 12:30 pm | Holy Souls |
| | 7:00 pm | Fortunato Ortega sr. [I] |
| Sat 04 | 9:00 am | Teresita Ausan [D] – Mem. Mass |
| | 4:30 pm | Philomena Singhroy [I] |
| Sun 05 1st Sunday of Lent | 9:00 am | Bill [William] Higgins |
| | 10:30 am | Josephine Lind [D] |
| | 12:15 pm | People of the Parish |

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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

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



Ordinary Time

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent begins – Wednesday, Mar 01

Day of Fasting and Abstinence! At 12:00 noon we pray the **Stations of the Cross** followed by holy Mass. We again pray the **Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 pm and then Holy Mass at 7:00 which includes the blessing and giving of ashes.

Students and Staff at Our Lady of Fatima School will celebrate the beginning of Lent at 9am in the school's gym. The St. Joachim School compliment will celebrate Ash Wednesday in the school's gym at 11am.

First Friday devotions – Friday, Mar 03

Devotions start with morning Mass at 8am at the end of which solemn adoration begins. At 12noon we have prayers, the chaplet, Benediction holy Mass at 12:30. At 6.30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross** and then holy Mass.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 04

There is no **RCIA** meeting today and the **Confirmation** class will be at the regular times. The **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** is today from 9am and the annual prayer service for the **World Day of Prayer** is also today starting at 3pm. See more details on these activities elsewhere in this bulletin.

1st Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 05

Children's Liturgy gatherings and **First Communion** class are at the regular time. [The class for public schools applicants starts at 9:30 am]. The **Lord's Flock** prayer group meets at 2:00 pm as usual. The **RCIA** team and candidates in this year's program will participate in the **RITE OF ELECTION** presided by Bishop Vincent Nguyen.



Schedule on Wednesday March 1 Day of Fasting and Abstinence

- 12.00 noon **Stations of the Cross**
- 12.30 pm **Holy Mass**
with the distribution of Ashes
- 5:45 pm **Reconciliation/Confessions**
- 6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross**
- 7:00 pm **Mass** with blessing & distribution of Ashes



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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.



Jacinta Marto: Pearl of Great Price – 5

The Heroic Sacrifices and Example of Bl Jacinta Marto [pt. 4]

On one occasion, in the middle of summer, the heat and humidity was so intense that the children were almost dying of thirst. Therefore, Lucia went to a nearby household and asked for water. She was given a pitcher of water to share with Francisco and Jacinta. Upon arriving with the water, the two decided that they would prefer to suffer the heat and humidity and not to drink the refreshing water. Why? Once again this sacrifice could be offered for the sake of the conversion of poor sinners, so that they would be saved from the eternal fires of hell. Consequently, Lucia poured the contents of water onto the ground. All of them went thirsty. They had a greater thirst for the eternal salvation of immortal souls; like Jesus who cried out on the cross: I THIRST!!!

In the same context, Jacinta could hear the crickets sounding and her head was pounding and she started to complain. Francisco quickly intervened and reminded her that she could offer even her headache up as a sacrifice for the conversion and salvation of poor sinners. Jacinta quickly did as her brother suggested!

Eventually the crowds would come and pester the children with interminable questions about what they saw and heard. Once again Jacinta would offer this suffering as a sacrifice for the salvation of souls.

Rosary in totality. Early on the three children would obey their parents and pray the Rosary, however, in an abbreviated fashion, in which they would just say the first two words of the Our Father and the Hail Mary so that they could proceed to their play as soon as possible. After the graphic and unforgettable vision of hell and the damned sinners, not only did the children pray the whole Rosary, but they would pray many Rosaries during the course of the day. Indeed, such was the love and thirst that Blessed Jacinta had to collaborate with God in the salvation of immortal souls.

by Fr. Ed Broom ... to be continued



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