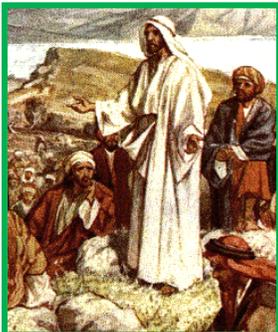




5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A



The gospel text about the beatitudes teaches us that the Christian life has radically different values from the world's. Today Jesus tells his humble followers that they are to be like salt (which is essential to life) and like beacons to the world. But they must remain faithful to Christ's message if they wish to be saved, their good works done for God's glory, not their own. In the midst of the world their lifestyle must witness to the life-bringing cross. St Paul reminds the Corinthians, those seekers after wisdom, how he had relied only on Christ crucified in his preaching. The power of God was shown in his weakness, not in the logic or eloquence of his arguments. The psalmist pictures the attitudes and deeds of the good person who is a sign to the world. Isaiah lists those good works; sharing our goods as a concrete sign of love for our brothers and sisters, and working to end their oppression, blesses us with God's own presence. With such deeds Christians will be the salt and light of the world!

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2017

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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 ofatima@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: **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 11, 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.**



		<p>February 06 - 12 2017</p>
Mon 06	8:00 am	Pedro & Erlinda Echavarre [I]
Tues 07	8:00 am	Antonio Gemmit [D]
Wed 08	7:00 pm	Alphonsus Lambe [D]
Thur 09	8:00 am	Pedro & Erlinda Echavarre [I]
Fri 10	8:00 am	Fraginal Family [I] - Thanksgiving
Sat 11	9:00 am	For all the Sick
Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick	4:30 pm	Gord Morton [D]
Sun 12	9:00 am	People of the Parish
6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 am	Theresa & Joseph Jandrasitis
	12:15 pm	Khalil & Nahil Nijmeh [D]

Offering

>>> During all Masses this 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 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 welcome gift-donations from individual sponsors.

Get more information from the office

Family of Faith

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. We are now seeking to attract some funds to replace the old elevator with a more modern one.

And we need 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 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 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.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2017

next weekend ... February 11/12

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**.



5th 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 2nd collection – **the Fuel Offering** – in all Masses. **The Lord's Flock** prayer meeting is at 2:00 pm.

Regular Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Feb 08

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.**

Priests' Zone Meeting – Thursday, Feb 09

Priests from our zone will be attending their monthly gathering at **St. Theresa's Shrine** from 10:30 am. Keep all priests in your prayers.

Our Lady of Lourdes + World Day of the Sick – Saturday, Feb 11

To celebrate this special day – **Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes** – we will pray the holy Rosary for the sick of the world after the 9:00 am Mass.

The RCIA session is at 10:00 am in the church hall. The **1st Confirmation meeting** in the hall starts at 2:30 pm. Next weekend the Archdiocese will be marking **Marriage Sunday**.

6th 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.



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



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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

