



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.
- Matthew 18:20

Prophets live a hard life. If they struggle with their vocation, it is because of its demands. Speaking God's word can make us unpopular; not to speak it gives us responsibility for our neighbor's fate. The first reading assumes that we are linked by unbreakable bonds as members of the human family. In the gospel, Jesus calls on the individual Christian, and then the community, to win back the person who has erred. The entire community shares the responsibility of witnessing to the gospel, and it is the disciples together who must decide when a member is to be excluded from their communion. Yet this is not to be done without heartfelt prayer for the sinner's repentance – a prayer for which Jesus promises an answer. He is in our midst when we gather in his name. The second reading presents the attitude which must govern the Church's decisions regarding its members. Each of us has a responsibility toward the other members of the Church, and toward all God's children, to keep the commandments. Love of our neighbor is the key and the answer to all God's commands. It is much easier to win over a wrongdoer to repentance if we seek out that person in love.

23rd Sunday in OT – Sept. 10, 2017

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at email him at olfatima@rogers.com or call him on 416-757-2806 for further information.



Legion of Mary

The parish's Legion of Mary *praesidium* has its **10th ANNUAL AUXILIARY FUNCTION** at Our Lady of Fatima Church hall on **Saturday, September 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm**. All members are invited to join us in celebrating this special day dedicated to our Blessed Mother.



Improve your Confidence!



Are YOU 14 years of age or older? Give us 3 hours a week for 11 weeks and we will teach you how to remember names, introduce guests, present awards, create memorable talks, and speak effectively and with great confidence!

Our next Scarborough class will be at **St. Theresa Shrine**, 2559 Kingston Road, on *Sunday evenings from 6 - 9 pm*. Class dates are September 24th to December 10th, 2017.

Call us at 416-410-7776, or visit our website, www.clctorontoeast.com, to learn more.

The annual **LIFE CHAIN** by Campaign Life for **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** will this year take place on **Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 - 3:00 pm** at the usual location: **Danforth/Victoria Pk intersection**. **KEEP THAT HOUR FREE AND JOIN US!**

		September 11-17 2017
Mon 11	8:00 am	Lynette Gutierrez [I] - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Tues 12 <i>Holy Name of Mary</i>	8:00 am	Jayden Gutierrez [I] - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
	7:00 pm	Benedict De Silva [D] - <i>Death Anniv.</i>
Wed 13 <i>5th Fatima Apparition</i>	7:00 pm	<i>Commemoration: 5th Apparition</i> Celebration presided by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins
Thur 14 <i>Triumph of the Cross</i>	8:00 am	Maria Guercio [I] - <i>for wellness</i>
	7:00 pm	Carmelita Martina [D]
Fri 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8:00 am	Rod MacDonald [D]
	7:00 pm	Antonietta Flammia [D]
Sat 16	9:00 am	Gregoria & Juan Casero [D]
	4:30 pm	Tony Albi [D]
Sun 17 <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00 am	Matthew Fernandes [D]
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	Tony Fernandes [D]

TERESIAN CARMELITE EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTRE



The Carmelite Spirituality Centre hosts another Carmelite Spirituality Lecture
Theme: **St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**
Speaker: Mary Lou Dabon ocds
When: **today** – in church hall @ **6:00 pm**

Admission is free ... all are welcome

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy meetings will resume on **Sunday, September 24**, during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome. Applications and other details regarding **First Communion** and **Confirmation Classes** will be ready for pick up from the Office **by September 17**. **Thank you.**



The SENIORS' ACTIVITY CLUB

resumed its weekly meetings at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Hall from last Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

Seniors are very welcome to join.

Introducing MERRYMAKERS!
a dynamic afternoon program for 3-5 year olds

Mary, Mother of God School is now registering children for 2½ hours of enriched programming on Monday and Thursday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play.

For more information call at 416-531-7897 [school]
Come and make merry with us!



23rd Sun in Ordinary Time – Sunday, Sept 10

The **Lord's Flock** has its weekly prayer meeting at the regular time of 2pm. New members are always very welcome to join.

Another lecture in this year's **Carmelite Spirituality Series** is on today at 6:00 pm in our church hall. All are welcome.

Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary – Tuesday, Sept 12

We have **morning Mass** at 8:00am as usual. **Evening devotions** begin at 6:30 pm include the Rosary and holy Mass in honor of the **Most Holy Name of Mary**. All are welcome.

Commemoration of 5th Fatima Apparition – Wednesday, Sept 13

At 6:00 pm H.E. Cardinal Collins is welcomed at the school; greeting, procession to church, blessing of **Centenary Memorial** and at 7:00 pm Solemn Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. *Prayers and Mass include the intentions requested in the envelopes reserved at the shrine.* All are welcome to join us.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Thursday, Sept 14

Morning Mass is at 8:00 as usual. At 6:30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by sung Mass in honour of the **Triumph of the Cross**.

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – Friday, Sept 15

Morning Mass is at 8:00 as usual. Evening Devotions in honour of **Our Lady of Sorrows** start at 6:30 pm and include the Rosary and holy Mass.

Weekend Activities – Saturday, Sept 16

The morning Mass is at 9 o'clock. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4:30 pm as usual. In all of this weekend Masses we have a 2nd collection for the parish **Renovations Fund/Centenary Memorial**.

24th Sunday in OT – Sunday, Sept 17

CHILDREN'S LITURGY meetings resume next Sunday during the 10:30 am Mass. Applications for **First Communion** and **Confirmation Classes** in the upcoming program for 2018 are available at the office from tomorrow, Monday. The **Lord's Flock** has its weekly prayer meeting today at the regular time of 2pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1. for the parish's **RENOVATIONS FUND**: > to balance payments for the **construction work** outside the office building and the outdoor Fatima shrine – the **Centenary Memorial!** The collection is **next weekend, Sept.16/17**. Please use envelopes in box of donation envelopes or the [blue ones] available at church entrances.



2. for the **NEEDS OF CHURCH IN CANADA** ... this annual collection for the **Needs of the Church in Canada** is done in all parishes across the nation on the weekend of **September 23/24**. Funds are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) for national, international, pastoral and humanitarian activities worldwide.

Thank you for your generous support!

R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2017 – Apr. 2018

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Already a Catholic and would like to deepen your faith? Perhaps you want to refresh your Catholic doctrine?

Then you are invited to join the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) program, a journey of teaching and prayer for anyone wishing to explore and strengthen the beauty of the Catholic faith.

If you or anyone you know is interested contact the parish office, during office hours, pick up a form or phone us on (416) 757-2806. Deadline for applications is September 15, 2017. Email: olfatima@rogers.com



FATIMA APPARITIONS CENTENARY YEAR
Celebrating the 5th Fatima Apparition

1917-2017
100 YEARS OF THE APPARITION

Fifth Fatima Apparition
September 13, 1917

Celebrations

Friday, September 8: The Nativity of the B.V.M.
6:15 pm Rosary & Evening Prayer, the 8th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass hosted by the **Lucia Dos Santos Community** of the Secular Carmelites, including enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Definitive Promise of members.

Sunday, September 10: Carmelite Spirituality Lecture
6:00 pm The **Teresian Carmelite Centre** and the **OCDS Secretariat** are hosting in our church hall another lecture in the Carmelite Spirituality series entitled **St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**.
*** Entrance is free and all are welcome ***

Tuesday, September 12: Most Holy Name of Mary
6:30 pm Recitation of the Rosary and other prayers and holy Mass in honour of the **Most Holy Name of Mary**.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Commemoration of the 5th Apparition
5:45 pm **Our Lady of Fatima School** welcomes H.E. Cardinal **Thomas Collins**. [Prayers in the church begin at 6:00 pm] Entrance **PROCESSION** with the statue of the Virgin of Fatima starts from the School, through the parking lot, blessing of the newly completed **Centenary Memorial**, and solemn sung Mass presided by **Cardinal Collins**.
*** Light refreshments served in the church hall ***

Thursday, September 14: Triumph of the Cross
6:30 pm We pray the **Stations of the Cross** followed by holy Mass in honour of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**.

Friday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
6:30 pm Recitation of the **Rosary of the Seven Sorrows** followed by holy Mass in honour of **Our Lady of Sorrows**.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Scarborough
(St. Clair and Victoria Park intersection)

... a timely reminder!
Family of Faith Campaign

The **Family of Faith** campaign managers would like to thank *parishioners* who have been **regularly honoring their campaign pledges**. You are most definitely making a difference to the efficient management of the archdiocese and the parish funds. We remind those **who have neglected to honor their pledge donation for a while**, should reconsider continuing and completing their pledge.

Speak to **Kathryn Collins** at **416.934.3400 ext. 535** or email to kcollins@archtoronto.org.

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

A big THANK YOU!

Fr. John Kuziona – the missionary priest from MALAWI – Africa again sends heartfelt thanks, from his Bishop and all parishioners for our warm welcome and generosity in our response to his appeal in the **MISSION CO-OP PROGRAM** of the Toronto Archdiocese last month. He assures us of his prayers and including those of his Bishop, the other missionaries and all parishioners.

God bless your generous hearts