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November 26, 2017



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Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 6:00 p.m. Adoration/ 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Devotions

Rosary. Half an hour before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Those interested in being Catholic

Adults who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

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# Our Lord Jesus Christ , King of the Universe

## Pastors' Corner:



Last week's pastor's corner focused on "Who is Jesus Christ?" and how this question is raised in our first week of six in our new Baptismal preparation process. The second theme we also look at on the first session is the Catholic Church and how it relates to Jesus Christ.

If we were to ask strangers on a busy street corner what they thought of the Catholic Church, we would get a lot of responses in the negative, I would suspect. To separate the Catholic Church from Jesus Christ is an easy thing for people to

do now-a-days. People are comfortable in making the separation... even Catholics.

Cardinal Dolan (Archdiocese of New York) recently spoke to this issue of how Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church are being separated – as if one can live on without the other. A report was written making mention of some of Cardinal Dolan's key points in his presentation. Here are these key points:

Speaking of those who believe there is a separation "Their favorite caricature of the church is as a corrupt, arrogant, self-righteous, judgmental hypocrite," Dolan said. "I sure don't have any problem admitting that, at times, it can be tough to love the church because of her imperfections. The mystical body of Christ has lots of warts."

However, Dolan noted, it is clear from the Acts of the Apostles, in particular the conversion of St. Paul, that "Jesus Christ and his church are inseparable."

When Saul was blinded and knocked off his horse on his way to Damascus, Dolan said, the voice he heard was, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"He didn't say, 'Why do you persecute my people?' Nope. 'My followers?' Nope. 'My disciples?' Nope. To be rather blunt, Jesus and his church are the same. Christ and his church are one. Jesus Christ and his church are synonymous," the cardinal continued.

"The dominant opinion and sentiment that we face today is, 'We want Christ; we want nothing to do with that stupid church.'"

A YouTube video by evangelical Jefferson Bethke - "Why I hate religion but love Jesus" - "went viral with 27 million views" because of that sentiment, he said.

"Such is the popular and the successful crusade now to annul the spousal bond between Christ and his bride, the church," Dolan said. "We hear this all the time, right? 'I prefer spirituality to religion; I want the Lord as my shepherd, as long as I'm the only one there; I want Christ as my king in a kingdom of one; I'll believe, I won't belong; God is my father, and I'm the only child; Jesus is my general, but there's no army.' They want Christ without his church."

It is clear from Church teaching and History that Jesus Christ decided to Found a CHURCH... the Catholic Church. He gave St. Peter the Keys to this Church and made him His Vicar on Earth. Yes, it has its flaws (it's warts, as Cardinal Dolan says) and this is because its members are flawed and sinful. And yet, Christ sticks with his Church, because he gave his life on the cross for its birth... and he has married it in a mystical union.

In the first session of our new Baptismal preparation process we try to remind the parents that the baptism of their child we be an entrance (and integration) into the Body of Christ which is the Church. We hope that by focusing on the importance of knowing Christ and His Church he founded, they can see the importance of "Practicing their Faith" so that they can raise their children in the "Practice of the Faith".

Blessings,

*Fr. Liborio*

## Blessing of Advent Wreaths - Next Weekend

We will be blessing our parish Advent wreath and lighting the first purple candle the weekend of **December 2 & 3** (First Sunday of Advent).

Families are invited to bring their Christmas Advent Wreath on that weekend to have it blessed at any of the Masses.



"Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact :

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November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**\$10,945.15**

It's the season to be Jolly...



**November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**



Next Weekend we will be celebrating the first Sunday of advent, this marks the beginning of a time to prepare. It is an exciting time, for we are awaiting the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. **What can we do to prepare for this very special occasion?** There are many ways to prepare. Here at St. Mary's we will have additional times available for the Sacrament of Confession. We will also have an advent preparation program you can do here or at home. **So let's get excited, Christmas is near.**



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- Monday - November 27**  
*Ferial*  
9:00 a.m. - Mass
- Tuesday - November 28**  
*Ferial*  
9:00 a.m. - Mass
- Wednesday - November 29**  
*Ferial*  
9:00 a.m. - Mass
- Thursday - November 30**  
*St. Andrew*  
9:00 a.m. - Mass
- Friday - December 1**  
*Ferial*  
9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Francis Law †  
6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. - Mass  
• Ted & Francis Norloch & Deceased Family †
- Saturday - December 2**  
*Ferial*  
9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• All Souls in Purgatory  
*Special Intention For*  
• Claire Caldeira  
• Margaret Morhart  
• Henrique Torres †  
• James & Kent Smith †  
• Stella Ramsawak †  
• Denzil Dias †  
• Mathew Torres †  
• Gordon Oldham †  
• Betty Whale †  
• Menich Family †  
• Ivan Ursic & Family †  
  
*Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass*  
4:00 p.m. - Confessions  
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

**ADVENT 2017**  
**Day of Confessions**  
**December 10-16, 2017**

"Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." - **Pope Francis.**

From **December 10 to 16, 2017**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Confessions at our parish will be available on:

<b>Wednesday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b> Evening Confession time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	<b>Thursday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b> Morning Confession time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon Evening Confession time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
<b>Friday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b> Morning Confession time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon Evening Confession time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	<b>Saturday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b> Morning Confession time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon Evening Confession time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**St. Mary's Advent Preparation**



Here at St. Mary's Church — Prepare for Advent by joining us in the Sullivan Room for a 3 part Video Presentation of the Formed production of Anima. Mondays, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesdays, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> following 9 am Mass. You can also enjoy this program & many more at home by registering online.

**To Register Go to:** FORMED.org Use the following code to sign up. Parish Code: **8b36b3**



**CWL News**

**The Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar was a huge success! Thank You!!!!**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the set up, clean up, and working the tables. A special "Thank You" to all those who baked, sewed, knitted, made crafts, and the many others who helped make the bazaar a success. It was greatly appreciated! Thank you for coming out to support the C.W.L. with your donations and purchases.

**The Catholic Women's League invites their members to a Christmas Social** on Wednesday December 6 at 7:00 PM at St Mary's School Gym. Members will have an opportunity to renew their 2018 membership. Membership fee remains at \$20.00. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening of laughter and fellowship.




Note: At this year's social we will be collecting warm winter socks, toques and mitts for the homeless in Brampton. (Warm winter socks are all ways needed.) OR Something for a new born baby for Birthright, such as a onesie, diapers or anything else suited for a new born.

**Winners of St. Mary's Catholic Women's League Annual Raffle Draw held on November 18, 2017 are as follows:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Queen Size Quilt Therese Landry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250.00 Cash Prize Peter Do



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