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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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Pastor's Corner

For the last few months I have been focusing on the meaning of what a “Practicing Catholic” implies. We saw how it implies living out the Ten Commandments and adhering to the Catholic Church’s teachings in the area of Faith and Morals. This week I would like to focus on the last part of what it means to be a “Practicing Catholic” – the “Precepts of the Catholic Church. There are 6 precepts (Commandments) of the Catholic Church. Faithful practicing Catholic’s are called to live out these precepts (Commandments) as they are called to live out the Ten Commandments.

(From the website: www.canonlaw.info) The 6 precepts of the Catholic Church are the following:

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation, and rest from servile labor.

Commentary: Weekly Sunday Mass (as distinguished from the reception of the Eucharist, which is not required here) is obligatory for all Roman Catholics (1983 CIC 1247; some Eastern Catholics have a slightly different discipline). There is, strictly speaking, no such thing as a “dispensation” from the Sunday obligation. There are instead some factors that might excuse Sunday Mass attendance. One thinks of personal illness or serious infirmity, or the need to take care of someone suffering from same, significant travel situations, or certain jobs affecting public safety or welfare. Saturday evening Mass (regardless of the “type” of Mass—say, a wedding Mass—it is) satisfies the Sunday obligation (1983 CIC 1248). Watching televised Masses or joining in other prayer or Communion services do not satisfy the precept, however praiseworthy one’s participation in such optional activities might be (1983 CIC 1248). Servile labor, which may be thought of as work primarily oriented to sustaining our earthly existence or occupation, is today probably better understood not so much in terms of the physical exertion required, but rather in terms of the orientation of the work. An accountant, for example, might find digging in the garden or cutting the grass (traditionally reckoned servile activities) to be recreational, whereas doing tax returns on Sunday could be servile work for such a person, and should be avoided. For a cashier, playing the guitar is likely recreational, while for a professional musician, practicing on Sunday is probably a work to be avoided.

2. Confess your sins at least once a year.

Commentary: Catholics above the age of discretion, generally held to be about seven years of age, are required to confess their grave sins to a priest, even one of a different rite, at least once per year, at any time during the year (1983 CIC 989, 991). Strictly speaking, persons free of grave sin are not required to make an annual confession, but all Catholics are strongly encouraged to bring even their venial sins to confession (1983 CIC 988). Certainly persons conscious of having committed grave sins should not delay in seeking absolution notwithstanding the annual nature of the precept. A well-executed “penance service” is a wholesome activity for Christians, but it is not sacramental confession and does not satisfy this requirement. “General absolution”, even if, as is often the case, it is celebrated illicitly, does satisfy the precept, but persons receiving same are still required to confess their grave sins later in individual confession (1983 CIC 962).

3. Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.

Commentary: This reception of the Eucharist can take place within or outside of Mass. For Catholics in the United States, the period for satisfying this precept has been extended beyond what, liturgically speaking, is the Easter season, to run from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday (after Pentecost). By canon law, though, any just cause allows the precept to be fulfilled at any time of the year (1983 CIC 920).

4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.

Commentary: The Church’s laws of fast and abstinence have probably never been lighter. Most Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent are penitential times (1983 CIC 1250), but since shortly after the Second Vatican Council, the external discipline of abstaining from meat on Fridays has been abrogated in favor of the recommendation to perform some other self-imposed penance (1983 CIC 1253). Only on Fridays in Lent are Catholics, aged 14 and older, bound to abstain from meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, moreover, Catholics aged 18 to 59 inclusive, are also bound to fast, by which discipline, however, they may still take one full meal during that day, and two smaller meals (1983 CIC 1252).

5. Help provide for the needs of the Church.

Commentary: While the Church has the innate right to require from the faithful whatever is necessary to support its legitimate temporal activities (1983 CIC 1260), in fact it rarely exercises this authority. Rather, it leaves to individual Catholics the right to determine precisely when and how they will assist with the temporal needs of the Church (1983 CIC 222, 1261, 1262, 1266). The obvious lack of specificity in these canons, however, should not be taken as a sign that they may be, for all practical purposes, ignored. Sunday collections, annual appeals, spontaneous offerings, bequests and wills, and so on are all ways that Catholics have to satisfy this precept of support. Note that offerings given for a specific purpose can be used by Church authorities only for that purpose (1983 CIC 1267).

6. Observe the Church’s laws on marriage.

Commentary: Most adult Catholics live in the married state. While the canons regulating marriage are many and complex (1983 CIC 1055-1165), the first thing to keep in mind about them is that Catholics are not free to pick and choose which aspects of Church discipline on marriage they will observe and which ones they won’t. Even if a Catholic is not married to another Catholic, canon law still regulates the marriage (1983 CIC 1059). Moreover, the laws on marriage are not limited to those rules leading up to the wedding, but they also impact on the conduct of the marriage and on such things as the care and raising of children (1983 CIC 226, 1134-1136).

I hope that these pastor’s corner reflections have helped to clarify what is meant by the phrase “Practicing Catholic”. Let us pray for each other that we will be faithful members of the Catholic Church and practice our faith fully in compliance with Jesus Christ, who died for his bride the Church. Blessings, Fr. Liborio

January 21st – 27th 2018



**THIS WEEK
AT A GLANCE**

Monday - January 22

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Carmela Cini †

Tuesday - January 23

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday - January 24
St. Francis De Sales

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Ellen & Ben Mangabang †
• Vincente Pereira †

Thursday - January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Carlos Rebelo †

Friday - January 26

St Timothy & St. Titus

9:00 a.m. - Mass

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

• Monica & Peter Vincent
D'Souza †

Saturday - January 27

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Rory Manning †
• Lise Pilon †
• Daisy Martyn †

*Devotion to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
after the morning Mass*

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

*Let Us Pray For the
Recently Departed*

Nelson Garcia
Peter Johnson
Flora Ferreira
Charles Menezes

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Fr. Gustavo is away on
holidays visiting his
family in Argentina until
Jan. 25th. We wish him a
safe flight back and that
he had a wonderful time
with his family.

Banns for Ordination



Douglas Asselstine is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 26, 2018, at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

First Communion and Confirmation Mass Retreats

Reminder to First Communion and Confirmation families that
our third of five week "Mass-Retreat" begins this

Thursday January 25th at 7pm, OR this Saturday January 27th at 10am.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with Roman Catholic Archbishop Cardinal Thomas Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other city-wide religious leaders on: Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3:00 pm. Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E., Toronto. Homilist: His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. Parking available, refreshments to follow. For more information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training

Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering Lay Pastoral Visitors Training on Saturdays March 3 & 10, 2018 – 9:30am to 4:00pm. Training is to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins in our parish communities. New and seasoned volunteers welcome. At St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Mississauga. Please bring your own lunch, no cost, registration is required. For more info., call 416- 934-3400 ext. 523 or <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops>

Marriage Sunday

Thomas Cardinal Collins is extending an invitation to all married couples, in particular those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2018 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. It be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Blessed Trinity Parish in North York at 3:00 p.m. Registration begins January 2018, to register please visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage

CWL Upcoming Events



The Catholic Women's League will be receiving renewal & new memberships after all masses this weekend and next. The membership remains at \$20. All ladies are invited to stop by to learn more of the mission of the CWL both in our parish and beyond.

Executive Meeting: Wednesday January 24 (instead of January 17) lower level - 7:30 pm.

The St. Mary's Knitting/Crocheting group will be meeting downstairs at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the following dates: January 25 and February 8 and 22. Newcomers welcome. Learn to knit or crochet or improve your skills in a friendly, sharing environment.

Parish Employment Opportunity


Part-Time Receptionist at St. Mary's Church. Mon. to Thurs. 9:30 am-1:00 pm & Fri. 9:30 am- 4 pm. For more info. or to apply, please forward your resume by email to liz@stmarysbrampton.com. Computer literacy a must, Spanish speaking is an asset.

Pray for Vocations

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation,

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