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February 3rd, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 8:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. Friday 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

<u>Devotions</u> 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

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

& by appointment

Adoration Chapel

Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 8:00pm

Fridays 9:30am to 6:00pm

Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm



Parish Schools

Baptisms Please contact the parish office.

Marriages Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

Adults interested in becoming Catholic 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.

Vocations Director Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 www.vocationstoronto.ca

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ear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Mass Intentions For the Week



Monday, February 4
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Adam & Margaret Shushack& deceased family members †

Tuesday, February 5 St. Agatha

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Eva Desouza †

Wednesday, February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companians

9:00 a.m. - Mass Special Intentions for:

- Anna & Noel Noronha
- Fr. John Sinh Do †

Thursday, February 7 Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

· Charles Scerri †

Friday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Vincent Rodrigues †

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Bill Boyle †

Saturday, February 9 Ferial

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9:00 a.m. - Mass Special Intentions for:

- Rose Kantiono
- Manuel & Gilberta Camara †
- Fr. Benedict Do †
- Maria Huynh Thi Sang †
- Uwe Berg †

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

Pastor's Corner

God is good all the time, and all the time! The First Reading and the Gospel of today speak to us about prophecy: The prophet Jeremiah receives his prophetic calling. Jesus Christ, the Anointed Messiah, does not simply embody the fullness of the Law and the Prophecies, but He also transcends and perfects it. How come? The reason is that, in Jesus Christ, the Father's love is made visible and palpable, of human flesh and blood. St. Paul, in the Second reading, makes an outstanding poetry out of the mentioned transcendence and perfection of love. He declared: "If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing" (1 Cor 13:2). The love referred to here is not the merely human transient affection or compassion for somebody or something. It goes way beyond that! If you are willing to get to the bottom of the Pauline message, there is a hierarchy of things we need call back to mind. First and foremost, love is the very reason why there is something and not nothing; it is the very reason why we have been called into existence as concrete living beings; it is thanks to love that we have all been endowed with the capacity to know, to love, to procreate and manufacture things that endure. It is because of love that we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. Secondly, it is because of love that the Son of God became Son of Man (cf. John 3:16), so that the children of men may become children of God. It is thanks to love that Christ died and resurrected for our sins, opening for every believer the Gate to new life in Him by the mystery of water and the Holy Spirit; it is because of love that we are constantly nourished with the very Sacred Body and Blood of Christ so as to become more and more intimate with him, maturing steadily into active, not passive, members of his mystical Body, the Church, His Bride. Thanks to love, Christ ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit, to confirm us as God's own people, as well as to embolden us to render Him witness without timidity or fear of the worldly spirit. It is because of love that we have been called and chosen from different nations, races and peoples to come together and form one family of God in St. Mary's parish. It is thanks to love that there are various ministries and services in the one parish, just as there are different parts in the one physical body. Yet, although different, the ministries render selfless service to the one Lord (who although is the Head, is also present in each and every member of his Body) for the common good. The list can go on and on... But nobody should lose sight of the central message: every good that we are and have, is all THANKS TO LOVE, for all good things come from God (cf. James 1:17), and God Himself is love (cf. 1 John 4:8). Now I see why St. Paul says that love is the greatest of all (even of faith and of hope). What I wish you today and for the rest of this week is two things: first, that you may start (and continue) perceiving the ocean of God's love in which you daily swim; and secondly, that you too, like Mary, may share the love that you are and have.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)
I wish you and your family a blessed fruitful week!
Blessings,

Fr. Patrick CCE

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Fundraiser



Saturday, February 9, 2019, 6:30 pm, at the Rembrandt Banquet Hall, 930 Progress Ave., Scarborough. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be holding their annual fundraiser Valentine Dinner & Dance. A romantic evening of fun, dancing and great food! \$60 per person, for tickets contact Terry & Ingrid McCann. terrycmccann@gmail.com or (905) 830-6736. Advance ticket sales only. Hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The Feast Day of St. Blasé



An Armenian bishop, St. Blasé suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius, in the early 4th century. According to legend, he performed a miraculous cure to a boy who was choking to death. St. Blasé has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat, and the blessing of throats may take place on this day in memory of St. Blasé.



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Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997

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CWL Upcoming Meetings



Bazaar Worknights: Mondays February 11th, 25th, March 11th and 25th at 7:30 pm Church lower level. All ladies of the Parish welcome. **Executive Meeting:** Wednesday February 20th. at 7:30 pm Parish Hall.

An Evening at the Seminary



Monday, February 11, 2019 4:45 pm to Monday, February 11, 2019 7:00 pm . St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or by email: vocations@archtoronto.org website: https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/

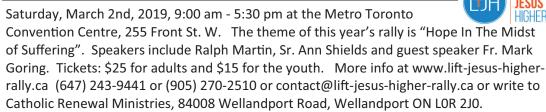
Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference



Saturday, March 23rd, John Paul 11 Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate an opening Mass at St.

Maximillian Kolbe parish at 9:10am. The conference will begin immediately after Mass next door to the John Paul 11 Cultural Centre. Speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mary Wagner, Fr. Eric Mah and Dorothy Pilarski. Early Bird Fee (before February 15th) \$55 + HST Regular price \$60 + HST. Light breakfast, lunch, free parking and book all included. For more details and online registration visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

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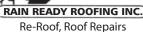
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