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Pastor Rev. Liborio Amaral Associate Pastor Rev. Patrick Ezimora C.C.E. Deacons Franciscus Sukardi and Douglas Asselstine Parish Lay Pastoral Assistant Liz Rvbka **Parish Secretaries** Olga Calderon and Sinia Alvarado Church Custodian Paul Kindree 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 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 Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment Adoration Chapel Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parish Schools

St. Mary	905-451-1020
St. Francis Xavier	
St. Kevin	905-450-0571
Bishop Francis Allen	905-457-4677
Cardinal Leger S.S	905-453-2232

January 12th, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord



The Office will be closed on Friday, January 17th until 3:30pm

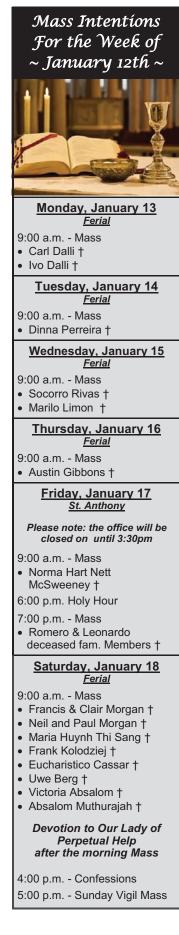
Baptisms Please contact the parish office.

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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Pastor's Corner

ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the 'Feast of the Baptism of the Lord'. This feast also brings to the close the Christmas Season.

This feast of the baptism of the Lord is an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of baptism and its impact on our lives. We should hold our baptismal date as 'sacred' in our calendar year. Long ago, on April 14, 1963, I was baptized and began to receive the graces of God's presence in my Life. In the 56 years I have lived on this earth, I am sure that I have not been conscious of the many, many times the Lord has touched me with His Grace. I thank God, for His presence in my life because these moments have assured me of His existence and His love for me. These moments of Grace have helped me to 'know in faith' that God exists and that I am meant for more than to 'return to the earth' of which I was made. I have a soul and that soul desires to return to the God who created me.

It seems as if every year I ask parishioners in my pastor's corner for the feast of the baptism of the Lord, if people remember their baptismal date – and this year I ask again this same question. Do you know when you were baptized? If so, remember to make that date special and

celebrate with great Joy. Bring the Lord into your celebration that day – if you like ice-cream than go and buy yourself an ice-cream and buy one for the Lord... and since the Lord loves you so much, He will not mind if you have His ice-cream after you have had your own... hahaha. Yes, celebrate your 'Baptismal Day'.

If you do not yet know your baptismal day, then I encourage you to find out the date so that you can also celebrate your 'baptismal day' with the Lord.

So on April 14th, 2020 what do you think I will be doing to celebrate my 'baptismal day'? You get three chances to guess and win a prize.

And what is the 'prize' that you can win? You get three chances to guess the prize and win the 'grand prize'.

And what is the 'grand prize' you can win? You get three chances to guess the grand prize to win the 'Golden Prize'.

And what is the 'Golden Prize' that you can win? (I will give you a hint... Jack and the bean stock was the first to win this Golden Prize, hahaha).

I will stop here because I now forget what I will be doing on my 'Baptismal Day'... hahaha. Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

Religious Life - Sister Vocaciones - January 19th

On March 28th, 2015, Yesennia Guzman parishioner of St. Mary's at the age of 19, entered the religious life and joined the Missionary order, Servants of the Lord and Virgen of Matara (www.ssvmusa.org). Where She was given her religious name, Sister Maria Reina de las Vocaciones. She spent her last 4 years of formation studying in Washington (DC). Next month our sister will travel to Rome, Italy to finish her last year of formation and afterwards she will go on missions anywhere in the world. For this reason, on January 19th during the 3:00pm mass (Spanish), She will receive a special blessing. Her family and the Parish Community would like to cordially invite everyone to attend the mass and later to join us in Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, where we will be hosting a small reception to say goodbye to Sister Vocaciones. P.S. Keep Sister Vocaciones and her family in your prayers.



NOTE: Sr. Vocaciones and her community depend in the generous support of parishioners, families and benefactors to do the work of God. If you would like to help Sr. Vocaciones with the cost of her travels and studies, please feel free to give her any monetary offering you can.

El 28 de marzo del 2015, Yesennia Guzmán feligrés de ésta Parroquia, a la edad de 19 años, ingresó a la vida religiosa con la congregación de Servidoras del Señor y Virgen de Matará (www.ssvmusa.org). Donde recibe el nombre religioso de Hermana María Reina de las Vocaciones. Sus últimos 4 años de estudios los ha realizando en Washington (DC) y su último año lo realizará el próximo mes en Roma, Italia. Después será enviada a misiones a cualquier parte del mundo.

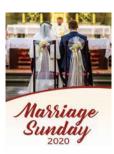
Debido a esta ocasión especial, el domingo 19 de enero durante la Santa Misa de las 3:00pm recibirá una bendición especial, por lo cual todos están cordialmente invitados. Después de la Santa Misa, su familia y la Comunidad de la Iglesia de Santa María ofrecerá una pequeña recepción en el salón de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para quienes deseen saludar y despedirse de la hermana Vocaciones.

P.S. Por favor mantenga en sus oraciones a la hermana Vocaciones y su familia. **NOTA:** Hna. Vocaciones y su comunidad dependen del generoso apoyo de los feligreses, familias y benefactores para hacer la obra de Dios. Si desea ayudar a Hna. Vocaciones con el costo de sus viajes y estudios, no dude en darle cualquier donación monetaria que pueda.

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Marriage Sunday Weekend February 8th&9th



Sunday, February 9, 2020 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 1148 Finch Ave., Pickering, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where all are welcome to attend and married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows. The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place at **3 pm**, doors open at **2 pm**. Registration deadline is February 4th. All married couples are invited to attend; however, reserved seating will be available only for couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversaries. For more information and to register online please visit: <u>http://archtoronto.org/marriage</u>

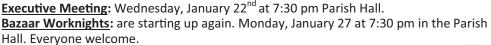
Vocation of Marriage - Dinner Dance - February 15th

Join us February 15th for a Very Special Evening of Dining and Dancing to Celebrate Your Vocation of Marriage.

Buffet dinner, wine and music. Babysitting available. St. Mary's Church Hall from 6pm - 10pm, \$40.00 per Couple. Please contact the Office for Tickets.

CWL Upcoming Meetings

The Catholic Women's League will be receiving renewal and new memberships after all masses on the weekends of January 19/20 and January 26/27. Cost of membership is \$25.00. All ladies are invited to stop by to learn more of the mission of the CWL both in our parish and beyond.



Calling All Moms!

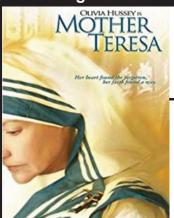
Moms Group Meeting January 14th at 10 am or January 28th at 7pm. We are starting the New Year off talking about faith based resolutions for everyone in our families including ourselves. Moms of all ages are welcome.



Knit One Crochet Too!

The St. Mary's Knitting/Crocheting Group will meet in the Fatima Room on Monday, Jan. 20th at 7 pm and Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 10 am. We welcome beginners to experts. Come and learn, improve, or teach in a friendly, fun environment.

Movie Night Presentation: Mother Teresa - Sunday, January 19th



2 versions will be shown - a docudrama for older children and adults, and an animated version for the little ones. Please see the poster for more details. Suggested donation \$5 per person. Popcorn, drinks & a slice of pizza provided.

<u>Sunday, January 19th at 4:30 pm—Mother Teresa</u> Who will be attending? Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: ____ Ages of Children: _____

Please return this portion to the office by this Tuesday evening at the latest.



<u>For the Sick</u> Aldina Oliveira Teresa Alves <u>For the Recently Deceased</u> Marina Ortega Eucharistico Cassar Sarah Jane Reilly Mary DeFreitas Maxiemillian Epp Carlo Martellaccio Liborio Tavares



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother

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

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Thank You for your Offering

December 22nd, 2019 \$12,340.60 December 25th, 2019 \$27,048.20 December 29th, 2019 \$10,799.95 January 1st, 2020 \$9,257.10 January 5th, 2020 \$13,532.95



