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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

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St. Kevin .....905-450-0571

Bishop Francis Allen ....905-457-4677

Cardinal Leger S.S. ....905-453-2232

February 9th, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."*

*From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia*

## Marriage Sunday

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 8/9, 2020 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. Let us also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or are struggling from a broken relationship. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Mass Intentions For the Week of ~ February 9th ~



### **Monday, February 10** **St. Scholastica**

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
Special Intentions for:  
• The McCauley Family

### **Tuesday, February 11** **Our Lady of Lourdes**

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
Special Intentions for:  
• Joaquin Braganza

### **Wednesday, February 12** **Ferial**

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
Special Intentions for:  
• Maikel Michriky

### **Thursday, February 13** **Ferial**

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Francisco Frial †

### **Friday, February 14** **St. Cyril & St. Methodias**

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Louis Freitas †  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. - Mass  
• Olive, Noberta & Allen Lee †

### **Saturday, February 15** **Ferial**

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Antonio D' Ovidio †  
• Fr. John Sinh Do †  
• Roger Lasquite †  
• Bertelle Fernandes †  
• Ruby Bellon †  
• Carlos Guerra †

***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

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
We are a people who like to know what others think of in the vast array of topics.  
One such topic is people's faith life.

And so it is natural to expect that there would be many surveys conducted to see where Catholics are at, regarding many of the dogmas and doctrines we hold as 'Truth' in our Catholic Church. These surveys can be very helpful to Church leaders, such as myself, because they give us a perspective of where people are at in their Catholic faith life. One survey that is very revealing shows the understanding that Catholics have regarding the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharist (i.e. the Bread and Wine Consecrated at Mass). Increasingly Catholics see the Eucharist as a 'Symbol' of Christ's presence. A majority of Catholics understand the Eucharist in the same way that our brothers and sisters in the other Christian traditions understand it (i.e. Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, etc.). The number of surveys that have recently been conducted, show clearly that many Catholics do not believe or fully understand what the Catholic Church has taught from the very beginning – what we call in theological language 'Transubstantiation'. For 2000 years the Catholic Church has always taught that the bread and wine offered at Mass, become the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church has taught that the Eucharist is truly Christ present, not in a Symbolic way, but truly present as He is in Heaven.

We need to ask the difficult question why so many Catholics no longer believe or hold to the true teaching on the Eucharist. Why is it that many see the Eucharist as symbol and not as the True Presence? We need to ask this question, because it has many implications on how we see the Church, the Celebration of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, the Authority of the Church, etc.

How do you understand the Eucharist?

Next weekend I will continue to write on this very important distinction.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Upcoming Weekend: April 24-26, 2020 - Four Points Sheraton (Argentia Road), Mississauga. Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Take a fresh look at your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. For more information and application, please go to <http://www.wwme.org> or email: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925.

## Care for Our Common Home - Green Tip #3 Reduce Carbon Emissions



We know from Global Climate Change Conferences that we must reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful gases into the atmosphere. We can adjust our driving routines. Combine multiple errands into one trip to reduce the amount of fossil fuel used. Walk, bike, bus, train, or carpool. Choose cleaner transit options where possible. Brampton has 12 locations with charging stations for electric cars. <http://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Parking/Pages/Electric-Car-Charging.aspx> Social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society. Laudato Si V.231



February 9th, 2020

## World Day of Prayer - March 6<sup>th</sup>



Friday, March 6, 2020 is World Day of Prayer. A service will be hosted by the Catholic Women's League of St. Anne's Parish, Brampton at 2:00pm. The service has been prepared for the event by the Women of Zimbabwe. This is a worldwide event of Christian women of many traditions who come together each year on the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer. Local area churches participate in the ecumenical service sponsored by the St. Anne's CWL. All are welcome!

## Office Closed for Family Day - February 17<sup>th</sup>

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for family day. The Church will be closed shortly after the 9:00am Mass.

*Have a safe and happy Family Day together!*

## Catholic Mom's Group



**Faith, Love, & Hope!** Calling all moms to please join us on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be talking about all types of Love, our Faith, and our Hopes. We look forward to gathering together to discuss these amazing topics in further details. Hope to see you there!

## Knit One Crochet Too - Join Us!



The St. Mary's Knitting/Crocheting Group will meet in the Fatima Room. **Mornings** from 10am to noon on: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. **Evenings** from 7pm to 9pm on: Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We welcome beginners to experts. Come to learn, improve, or teach in a friendly, fun environment. Find schedule in the Religious Store.

## Knights of Columbus Food Drive - February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

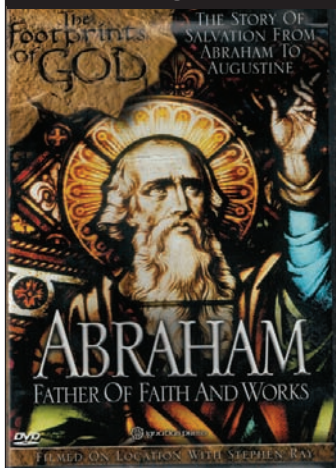


The Knights will be holding a food drive at all masses on the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with fellowship Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food items, baby formula and personal toiletry items that can be left at the entrances of the church or in the parish hall.

## 28th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9:00am—5:30pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building 255 Front St., W. Adult Rally \$25, Youth Rally \$15, Simultaneous YOUTH Rally Ages 13-18 In the John Basset Theatre, right next door! For more information or tickets visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) email: [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca) call: 647-243-9441

## Movie Night Presentation: Abraham Father of Faith and Works - Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>



Hosted by popular Catholic author, speaker and apologist Steve Ray. This entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible Study, apologetics course and Church history study is rolled into one remarkable adventure! Two 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. We appreciate your financial assistance.

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm Abraham Father of Faith**

Who will be attending? Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion to the office.

Let us  
Pray

### For the Sick

Andy Hasulo  
Jose Murillo  
Fausto Ortega  
Adrien Castro

### For the Recently Deceased

Peter O'Meara  
Gabriela Cabral



## Pray for Vocations

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact** **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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