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Office Hours

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

Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

February 16th, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

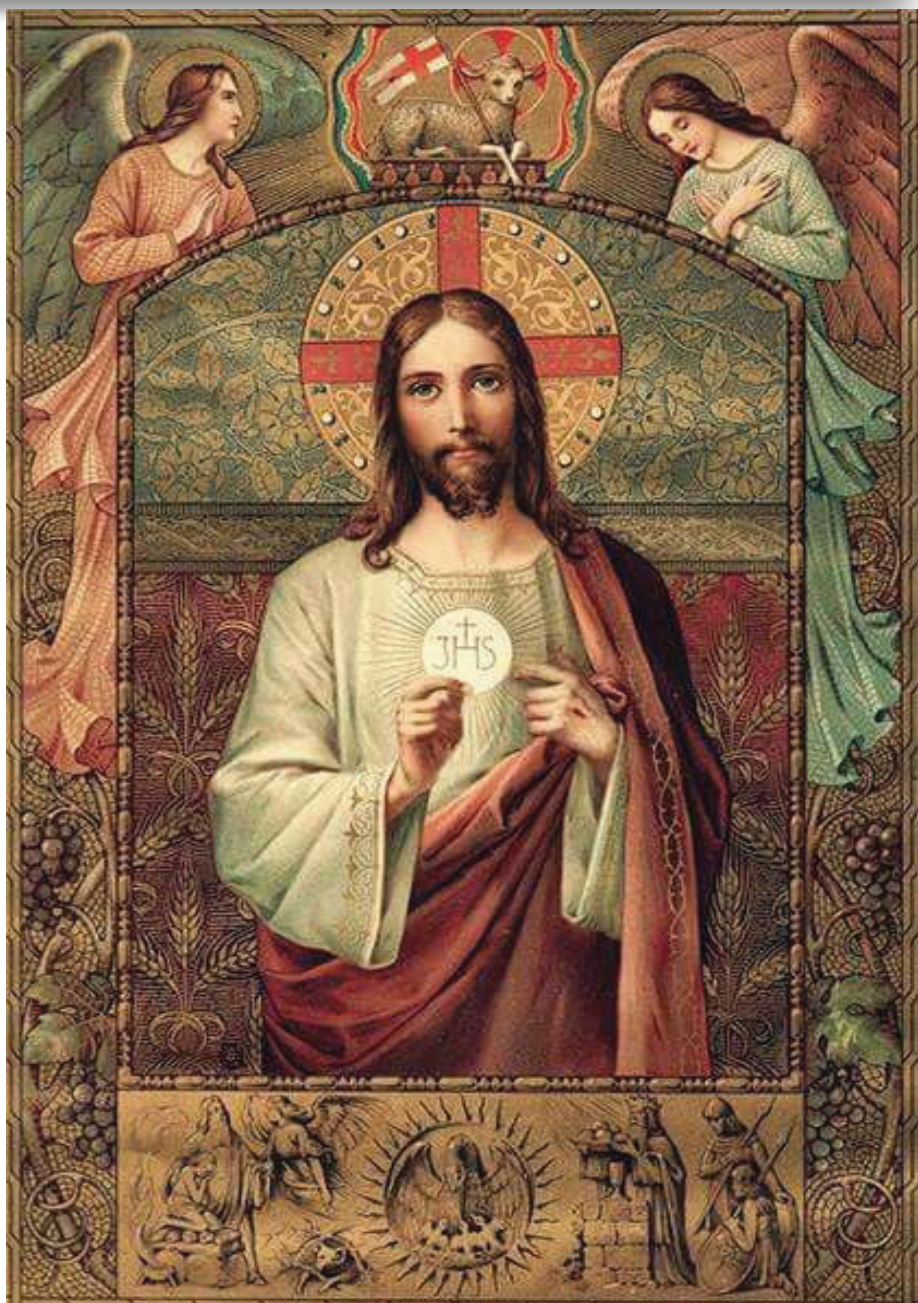
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Adoration Chapel

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

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St. Kevin905-450-0571

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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions For the Week of ~ February 16th ~



Monday, February 17 *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Carlos Rebelo †

Tuesday, February 18 *Ferial*

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Adelaida Santos-Fiel †

Wednesday, February 19 *Ferial*

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intentions for:

- Maikel Michrisky
- Doris Borg †

Thursday, February 20 *Ferial*

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Jose Cabral †

Friday, February 21 *St. Peter Damian*

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Alvaro Frade †

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

- Mario Funari †

Saturday, February 22 *Ferial*

9:00 a.m. - Mass

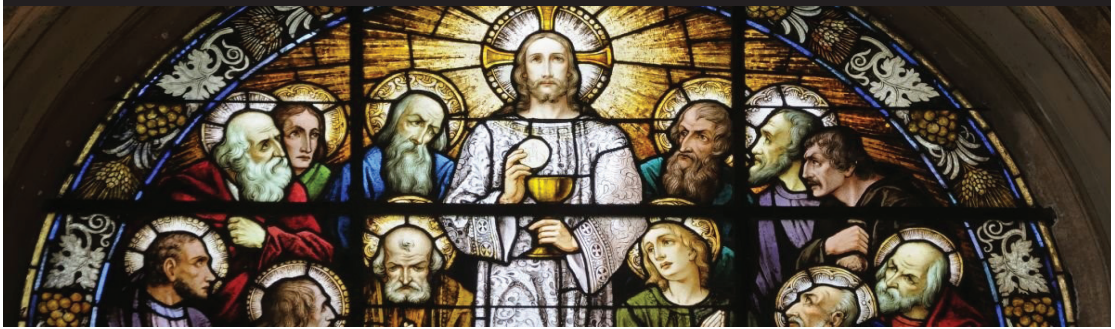
- Viljam Trampus †
- Tuffa Gobena †
- Fr. Liborio Tavares †
- Kris Salandanan †
- Eucharistico Cassar †

*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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Last week I wrote in my pastor's corner the sad reality that many Catholics (now a majority) understand the Eucharist to be symbolic and not the True Presence of Christ. I said that this Symbolic understanding of the Eucharist has implications on how we see the Church, the Celebration of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, the Authority of the Church, etc. Why is it that many Catholics believe that the Eucharist is symbolic? There can be a number of reasons. The reasons can vary – and here are some possible reasons why it can be:

- That these Catholics are uneducated in the Catholic understanding of 'Transubstantiation'.
- That these Catholics cannot believe that Jesus Christ can truly be present in the Species of Bread and Wine as the Church teaches.
- That these Catholics cannot fathom the possibility of such a 'Eucharistic Miracle' to happen in the world we live in.
- That these Catholics fear the consequences of taking such a step of faith in believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. If Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist as He is in Heaven, then how could anyone refuse to attend Sunday Eucharist except for a very serious reason.
- That these Catholics find it easier to live life with the Eucharist being symbolic, so that they can excuse themselves from 'practicing their faith'.

Yes, there can be a variety of reasons why Catholics believe the Blessed Sacrament to be symbolic and not as the Church has always taught from the very beginning. I conclude this pastor's corner with a statement made by a great modern saint about the Eucharist and what it means to us Catholics, to our Church and to the World:

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887 – 1968) uttered these words:



*"It would be easier for the world to survive without
the sun than to do without Holy Mass."*

This statement can only be made if the one uttering it truly believed that at the celebration of the Eucharist the Bread and Wine became the True Presence of Christ Himself – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Conversely, this statement would be absurd if it were uttered by someone who only understood and believed that the Eucharist was only a symbol. For the true believer the Mass is the greatest worship that Christians can offer to God!

Next week I will continue to develop this train of thought on the Eucharist.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

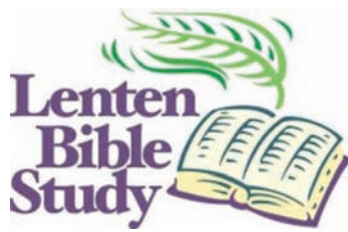
Office Closed for Family Day - February 17th

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Family Day.
The Church will be closed shortly after the 9:00am Mass.

Have a Safe and Blessed Family Day!

February 16th, 2020

St. Mary's Lenten Bible Study



You are invited to join us for St. Mary's Lenten Bible Study to be held Mondays evening on March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Halls. All are Welcome!

"The Bible is the great love story between God and humanity. At its centre stands Jesus, whose own story brings to fulfilment both God's love for us and our love for God." Pope Francis.

Catholic Mom's Group



Faith, Love, & Hope! Calling all moms to please join us on February 25th at 7:00 pm. 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. 19th, March 4th, and 18th.

Evenings from 7pm to 9pm on Feb. 24th, March 9th, and 23rd.

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 22nd & 23rd



The Knights will be holding a food drive at all masses on the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd 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.

Come & See Weekend



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend for men aged 17 and older at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 13th at 7 pm to Sunday, March 15th at 1:30 pm. The weekend offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood. The weekend live-in experience at St. Augustine's Seminary offers men discerning diocesan priesthood a

closer look at seminary life with meals, prayer, the Sacraments, socializing, and recreation. The weekend also includes presentations by seminary professors, the Director of the Office of Vocations, and His Eminence Cardinal Collins. This event is open to men in grade 12 and above; those aged 17 may attend if parental consent is given. Registration is required. Registration can be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact us at: 416- 968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org.

42nd Annual Concelebrated Mass in Honour of St. Patrick



March 1, 2020, 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at St. Cecilia's Church, 161 Annette St., Toronto. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. A reception will follow with refreshments and entertainment provided by traditional Irish dancers from the Johnson School of Dance, and the music of Michael Kelly.

World Day of Prayer - March 6th

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. All are welcome!

Fellowship



Sunday

February
22/23

Let us Pray

For the Sick

Jose Murillo
Fausto Ortega
Adrien Castro
Evelyn Ezimora
Thomas Foley
Helen Hasulo

For the Recently Deceased

Gabriela Cabral
Maria Castaño
Bella Alquiros



Pray for Vocations

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact**

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