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ST. MARY'S
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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pastor:
Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

Deacons:
Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support

Request for Mass intentions:

Because we are still under lockdown, we are not able to accommodate requests for mass intentions. The mass intentions that we are currently announcing during our weekday masses are for those intentions that had been previously booked prior to the Lockdown. We ask you to be patient in your request for mass intentions until we are out of lockdown and can resume our public celebrations of the masses.



" PLEASE, **DO NOT USE 2020 DONATION ENVELOPES** - IF YOU DO, YOUR DONATION WILL BE CREDITED TO WHOEVER HAS YOUR NUMBER FOR 2021" Don't forget to write, as clearly as possible, your complete name and address. **Thank you!**

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we enter into the Season of Ordinary Time – we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time this Sunday.

In today's Gospel we are given a glimpse of the process of how faith in Jesus grows from recognizing the uniqueness of the person of Jesus to the radical decision of dropping everything and following Him.

As John looks out and recognizes Jesus walking by, he informs the two disciples near him, **"look, here is the Lamb of God!"** This statement brings the two disciples to walk behind Jesus – curiosity has touched their minds. As they walk behind Jesus, our blessed Lord stops and turns around and asks that famous question which is also a question for all of us as well – Jesus asks **"What are you looking for?"**

We can ask ourselves this very question – what are we looking for? And each and every one of us must answer this question with sincerity and truthfulness. What are we looking for?

Many people are looking for money, fame, prestige, power, glamour etc. And yet even if they find what they are looking for in these things they are still empty – they begin to search for something else that might fill the void they seek.

If one is looking for joy, peace, fulfilment, understanding, etc., then one need not look any further than what the first disciples found after spending the day with Jesus. As we hear in today's Gospel Andrew rushes to find his brother Peter and proclaims that **"We have found the Messiah."**

May we be like Andrew and find in Jesus the promised one and then rush to let others know what we have found.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

Faith Formation



Is Society On The Brink Of Collapse?

In this episode, we will discuss:

- What is causing our rapid societal decay?
- What signs point to societal collapse?
- How can The Catholic Church fight back?
- Why “rest” is a secret weapon to fight back
- How greed and sin are leading to the collapse
- and much more

[Learn More](#)

Kids Pick



The Greedy Pirate

The greedy Pirate Pete has stolen Whitebeard's sword and it's up to Ryan and Deb to find it! Since only the selfless of heart can wield the sword, Ryan must learn to put others' needs ahead of his own. Will he

learn to be truly selfless in time to save Pirate Fest?

Register for Free to watch Picks of Week & More

1. Click on the links
2. Register using your email
3. Enter St. Mary's Access Code: **8b36b3**

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Pick of the Week



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a

miraculous healer.

God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André—as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother André also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. On October 17, 2010, Brother André became the first Canadian-born male saint and the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is living proof that **“it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures.”**

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Bible Verses

Jesus said, *“If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me”* - **Matthew 10:39**

“As for you, my friends, you were called to be free. But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires control you. Instead, let love make you serve one another” - **Galatians 5:13**

“You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart”- **Jeremiah 29:13**

What Are You Looking For?

World Day of the Sick

January 11, 2021

World Day of the Sick: Pope urges **“trust-based relationship”** in care for the sick

In his message for the 29th World Day of the Sick on 11 February, Pope Francis urges a path of healing grounded in a trusting and interpersonal relationship between the sick and those who care for them.

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love.” Pope Francis makes the point in his message for this year's World Day of the Sick.

In order to fight hypocrisy and self-idolatry, he says, Jesus asks us to **“stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them,”**

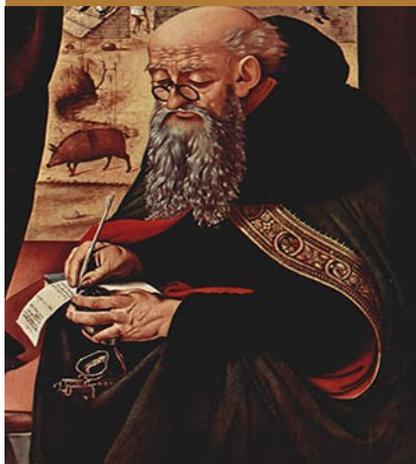
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Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints

Saint Anthony the Great - January 17th



Anthony was born in Egypt in 250. At age 20, when his parents died, Anthony made sure his younger sister's education could be completed in a community of holy women. He then sold all his possessions and left for a life of solitude in the desert. There an elderly hermit taught him about prayer and penance. For 20 years, he lived in isolation. Anthony wanted to know God deeply. He did penance by taking only bread and water once a day at sunset. The devil appeared to him in terrible shapes to tempt him. But Anthony had great confidence in God. Anthony's unusual life did not make him harsh but radiant with God's love and compassion.

Stories of Anthony's holiness spread, and people came to learn from him how to become holy. Some admirers wanted to stay, so Anthony—at age 54—founded a type of monastery consisting of hermitages near one another. Anthony wrote a rule that guided the monks. Later when Anthony heard of the persecutions of the Christians, he wanted to die a martyr. At 60, he left the desert to minister to the Christians in prisons, fearlessly exposing himself to danger. He came to realize that **a person can die daily for Christ by serving him in ordinary ways with great love.**

Patron saint for the recovery of lost items and is credited with many miracles involving lost people

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If You Don't Know What Are You Looking For, Pray

Prayer

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen**

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Members of God's Household

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.

- Ephesians 2:19-20

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Religions at the Service of Fraternity in Our World

Religions at the Service of Fraternity in Our World From: From Rev. Anthony Prakash Lohale, OP, Director

".....the goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love..." – Pope Francis As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on Thursday, January 28, join us for "Religions at the Service of Fraternity in our World," an online panel discussion with Muslim and Catholic speakers on Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship).

DATE: Thursday, January 28

TIME: 4:00p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/ReligionsAtTheService>

The Songs of the Angels in the Book of Revelation

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program: The Songs of the Angels in the Book of Revelation **Saturday, January 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A VIRTUAL EVENT OFFERED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY** After a brief introduction to the Book of Revelation, this talk will explore the hymns of the Apocalypse, their role and function, and St. John's message of hope in a time of crisis. Presented by: Monsignor A. Robert Nusca.

COST: \$25

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/HymnsoftheAngels>

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Live Your Faith

Vatican on Covid Vaccines w/ Jimmy Akin



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Matt Fradd and Jimmy Akin discuss the Vatican's recent document in response to concerns about receiving Covid-19 vaccines, or any vaccines, developed using cell lines from aborted fetuses.

They read through the document together and unpack each paragraph one at a time. As we do, we cover:

- The distinction between formal cooperation with evil and remote material cooperation with evil
- How this document fits in with the history of Catholic moral teaching (going all the way back to the letters of St. Paul)
- The potential consequences involved with following your conscience

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today's first Scripture reading: **"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening".**

Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Taller Virtual "Como Mantener una Relación Saludable"



Invitamos a todas las parejas a recibir un Regalo de Año Nuevo

19 Enero 2021
de 7:00pm a 9:00pm

Para mayor información **contactar a:**

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Online Faith Formation Study

Offered in Partnership with the University of Dayton, **open to all members of the Archdiocese of Toronto.**

Certificates of completion offered conjointly with the Archdiocese of Toronto

Registration is now open for Cycle 2 online seminars on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith.

Download list of courses and seminars offered

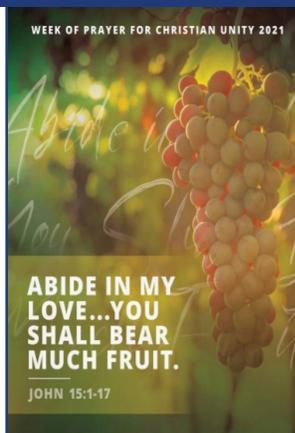
DATE: February 21 to March 27, 2021.

REGISTRATION CLOSES: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

COST: \$50 USD for five-week courses; \$40 USD for three-week seminars.

For more information, contact Connie Price at cprice@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 513

FRIARS' Student Writing Contest 2021



Re: Friars' Student Writing Contest 2021 - **WIN GREAT PRIZES!**
Rev. Dr. Luis Melo, Director It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. **Students aged 14-18 are invited** to write a five-hundred-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2021. This year's essay theme is, **"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"** (cf. John 15:5-9).

Please see the poster for more contest details:

<https://bit.ly/FriarsWritingContest>

Grade 9 Registrations - 2021/2022



Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School is now accepting Grade 9 registrations for the 2021/2022 school year. Please visit the following website to view registration details and get started. **[Click Here](#)**

Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus provides an opportunity for Catholic men 18 years and older to become better Catholic men through helping others and sharing their Catholic faith.

For more information please contact:
Jim Caldwell (647) 468-1559 or
Fernando Gonzalvo (416) 270-7882.

MASS Intentions for the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube of Facebook channels

Monday - January 18th
St. Margaret of Hungary

9:00 am - Mass

Tuesday - January 19th
Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - January 20th
Pope St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - January 21st
St. Agnes

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - January 22nd
Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Saturday - January 23th
Sts. Vincent Ildefonsus of Toledo

9:00 am - Mass

Special Intention For

- James and Jennifer Andrade

“Tearful Smiles”

Many years ago, when I was teaching 5th grade, I was grading students' science homework papers. One of the questions was "Who developed the system of naming organisms?" or something like that. Anyway, the correct answer was supposed to be Carl Linnaeus. One of my students wrote 'Adam' for his answer. When I questioned him about it, he said he was referring to Adam in the Bible. He had learned in Sunday School that Adam had named all the animals in the Garden of Eden. Guess what? I counted his answer correct!

- Angela Watson

FAMILY CORNER

Prayer for Healing and Hope (COVID-19)



During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety and perhaps even despair. Some have lost their precious lives, some have lost those whom they love, some have suffered through the debilitating effects of this illness, some have lost their jobs, their income, and most

have encountered much disruption to the normal flow of their daily lives.

Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Savior in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands. To rest in the hands of God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. It means we are free to love God and others, despite the challenges we face. It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear.

**Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease
present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion
and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died
into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.
(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.**

- My Catholic Life

La división entre los Cristianos

Por Fernando Casanova



Jesús nos pide que nuestra Iglesia sea Una sola. La división entre los cristianos no está en el corazón de Dios.

[Aprenda Más](#)

Office Schedule

Closed Until Further Noticed

Church Schedule

**Church Open
for Private Prayer**

Monday to Friday	9:30am to 8:00pm
Saturdays	9:30am to 11:00am
Sundays	1:00pm to 4:00pm

Livestream Masses

Monday to Sat.	9:00am Mass
Sundays	9:30am Spanish 11:00am English

Confession Times

Fridays	6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturdays	9:45am to 11:00am

Only 10 persons will be allowed at any one time – this will include the priests hearing Confessions.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).

“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.”

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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