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Save the Day:

The Word of God
January 24th

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

Pope Francis had declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is **to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God**. This year, the celebration of **Sunday of the Word of God will be held on January 24**.

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.

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In today's Gospel we hear of the calling of the first disciples at the sea of Galilee. While working as fishermen, Jesus encounters James and John mending their nets with their father Zebedee and calls them to a radical shift in their lives. Jesus does the same when he encounters Peter and his brother Andrew (also fishermen).

How easy it would have been for these four men to politely refuse the invitation of Jesus to follow him – if they did refuse then theirs would be the life without the Cross of Christ.

All of us must also decide if we are to follow Christ – and if we decide we need to further ask ourselves, to what level will we follow? To follow Christ is to have both our feet on the path of Christ – we do not compromise in any way and walk with one foot in Christ and the other in the world. This is not what Christ demands of us – no, He demands all of us.

I encourage you to discern in prayer this week on how you are living out your life as a **'follower of Christ'**. Are you committed 100% to follow Christ and take up your cross that He will give you? Do be afraid to ask these hard questions and answer them with truthfulness before God. If you need to be more committed to the path of the Cross of Christ, then ask our Blessed Mother and all the Saints to help you do so, for the Saints are examples to us of those who have taken the call to follow Christ and lived it fully.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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Faith Formation



New Podcast
From Fr. Mike Schmitz, featuring
Jeff Cavins: *The Bible In A Year*

The Bible in a Year

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by **Fr. Mike Schmitz** and featuring **Jeff Cavins**, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes (you can start any day of the year) **Each 20-25 minute** episode includes:

- **two to three scripture readings**
- **a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz**
- **and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.**

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's

[Register](#)

[When you don't
understand the bible](#)

By Fr. Mike Schmitz



Kids



Adventure Catechism 1:
**"Who Made the
World?"**

Join brother Francis in this
amazing adventure

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



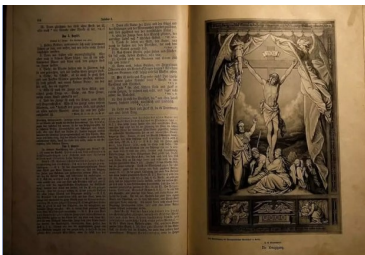
Why a God?

Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the

answers to life. **Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him?** We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it's not only reasonable to believe in God, it's essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, **"You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. until they rest in Thee."**

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Bible Verses



"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God - John 1:1

"But He said, 'On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.' -

Luke 11:28

"holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain" - Philippians 2:16



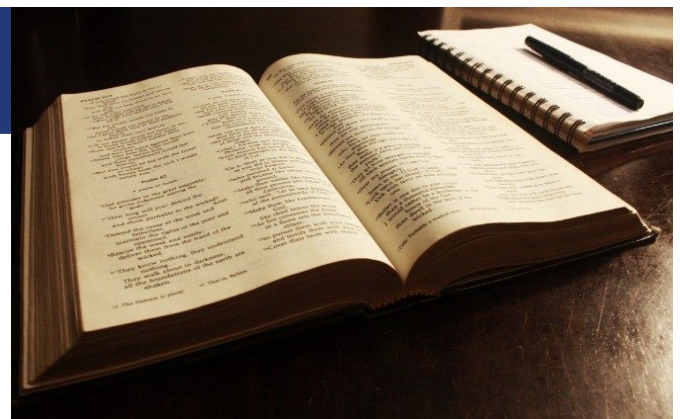
Sunday of the Word of God: 'A day of awakening'

Pope Francis instituted **'The Sunday of the Word of God'** to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" issued on 30 September 2019.

The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.

Importance of Sacred Scripture in our lives

A note released on Saturday by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and signed by the prefect, Cardinal Robert Sarah, explains that The Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people **"reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God."**



Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints



Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor - 1225–1274

A theological Grand Master, he positioned every piece exquisitely on the chessboard

The silhouette of St. Thomas Aquinas stands like a giant on the highest summit of human thought, casting such a wide and deep shadow over the surrounding landscape that all subsequent thinkers labor in the shade on the slopes below him. It is fair to say that **Thomism, the thinking method and intellectual conclusions of St. Thomas, has been the Catholic Church's standard theology since he lived in the thirteenth century.**

St. Thomas understood that all thinking about God is done from inside original sin and within the parameters of human intellectual capacity. The uncreated, timeless, mysterious God, then, is by definition incomprehensible to creatures trapped in time, space, matter, sin, distraction, and confusion. *God is outside of the universe, rather than being just one important ingredient in the recipe of reality. This essential "otherness" of God means that His presence is not completely accessible to the senses. It is not just a question of seeing farther, understanding more deeply, hearing more acutely, or feeling more intensely. Twenty senses instead of five would still not be enough to capture God because He transcends all other forms of being known to us.*

patron saint of students and all Catholic educational establishments.

[Learn More](#)

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You." St. Augustine of Hippo

Prayer

Father, I dedicate this new day to you;
as I go about my work.
I ask you to bless those with whom I come in contact.
Lord, I pray for all men and women
who work to earn their living;
give them satisfaction in what they do.
Spirit of God,
comfort the unemployed and their families;
they are your children and my brothers and sisters.
I ask you to help them find work soon.
Amen.

- By St. Ignatius Loyola

3 minute Prayer Retreat



We Are the Church

May he draw our hearts to himself, that we may follow him in everything and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances, which he enjoined on our fathers

- 1 Kings 8:58

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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>

Joy-Filled Marriage - Online Course



The online course is offered by
Guardian Angels Parish

- ♦ Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm
- ♦ Feb24 to Apr 7, 2021
- ♦ Online via zoom webinar and in-class at Guardian Angels Parish Hall once COVID restrictions have been lifted.

[Learn More](#)

Live Your Faith

Why Don't Catholics Read the Bible?



In this episode of **The Catholic Talk Show**, the guys talk about the relationship between Catholics and reading Holy Scripture

In this episode, we will discuss:

- Did The Catholic Church really chain the Bible to the Pulpit?
- Is Catholicism a "Religion of The Book"?
- Which translation of the Bible should Catholics use?
- What is more important, Scripture or Sacred Tradition?
- How to read the ENTIRE Bible by attending Mass
- and much more

[Learn More](#)

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was *immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus.*

Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate?

Please contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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

World Leprosy Day - January 31st

effect:hope
The Leprosy Mission Canada

A man with leprosy came to Jesus, pleading with Him and kneeling before Him, saying, **"If You are willing, You can make me clean."**

Then Jesus, moved with compassion, extended His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will. Be clean." - Mark 1: 40-41

But leprosy is no ancient or Biblical disease— it still persists today. Every day more than 600 people are diagnosed with leprosy around the world. Many living with leprosy today face the same discrimination and hate that the man from the Gospel stories experienced 2000 years ago.

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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

The CWL is once again beginning a 'virtual' Bazaar with some new items and ideas! Our theme this week is 'Winter Warmers and Wonders!' Please check out the link for some lovely knitted items and some fun Winter things for the home.

Since we cannot visit the Religious Articles Store at present, please contact Fran at 905-867-7595 or fern0@rogers.com if you see something you are interested in. Thank you for supporting our Catholic Women's League and the charities we assist throughout the year. Click [HERE](#) to see inventory



\$10.00 Men's
grey/black



\$8.00 Lady's grey/
green



\$12.00 Girls grey/
pink hat.
\$5.00 texting mitts

MASS

Intentions
for the Week

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

Monday - January 25th
Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 am - Mass

- Carlos Rebelo †

Tuesday - January 26th
Sts. Timothy and Titus

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - January 27th
St. Angela

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - January 28th
St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 am - Mass

Special Intention For

- Claudia Calderon

Friday - January 29th
Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Saturday - January 30th
Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

DPCDSB Grade 5 Extended French program for the 2021 - 2022 School Year.

**Any families that were unable to attend Session #1 are welcome to join Session #2

Virtual Extended French Information Session #2
Mississauga Region
Monday January 25, 2021
@ 7:00 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)
Meeting ID: 985 3857 2281
Passcode: 5SAPx0 (zero not letter O)

[Learn More](#)

FAMILY CORNER

Passing the Faith On to Your Kids

By Jackie and Bobby Angel

Jackie and Bobby talk about how to bring your children to Mass, especially those under the age of reason.



As parents of four kids all under the age of 7, Jackie and Bobby have some experience introducing their kids to Mass. The reason kids get bored or fidgety during Mass is the

same reason any adult gets bored: they don't understand what's going on. Anytime you're in a situation where you don't understand what's happening (sporting events, ceremonies, lectures, etc.) you're naturally going to become bored and anxious for it to be over. This is what kids under the age of reason experience almost constantly.

Overall, remember that your children's minds are still growing, and it's okay if they don't understand what's going on or are a little rambunctious during mass. God is working in their lives through you, and as long as you are intentionally bringing them the faith, the Lord will be able to work within their hearts as they grow in understanding.

[Learn More](#)

Essential Catholic Relationship Advice for Couples

By Christopher West and Maria Mitchell



Times are tough for defenders of traditional marriage, but in this video Christopher West makes the case for why we may live to see the tides turn for the better. In this Caffeinated Conversation, Ascension Presents producer Maria Mitchell converses with West, an international speaker and author of many books on the Theology of the Body, and the message of hope they share is not only for those who defend traditional marriage, but for every "body." They also discuss their encounters with Pope John Paul II, ways to pray with your whole heart, and Ascension's newly revised Joy-Filled Marriage program.

[Learn More](#)

"La Felicidad sobre Roca Firme"

Por Padre Angel Espinosa de los Monteros



- La felicidad
- Que no es la felicidad
- Que no da felicidad
- Y más

[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	12:30pm 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.).

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."

- St. Gianna Molla

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