

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 22 JANUARY

9:10 AM +THOMAS D'SOUZA
Requested by the D'Souza Family

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY

9:10 AM +LENA LEE
Requested by Claudette Wan

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY

7:00 PM +VICTOR VIRGILIO
Requested by the Virgilio Family
+ROCCO LISCIO
Requested by Raffaella Liscio & Family
+VITO LISCIO
Requested by Raffaella Liscio & Family

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY

9:10 AM +ERNIE MATHES
Requested by Claudette Wan

FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY

9:10 AM ROBERT BUICK
Requested by the Buick Family

SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY

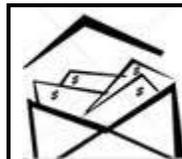
9:10 AM +PAUL OSCAR TENN
Requested by the Tenn Family

5:00 PM BRIAN LIU
THE LEONG FAMILY

SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY

10:30 AM VITO-NICOLA NOVIELLI
Requested by the Novielli Family
+FRANCIS FERNANDO
Requested by Maureen Fernando
+ANGELA FERRI
Requested by Antonietta Morra

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Please throw out **ALL** old 2017 offertory envelopes. We ask that you only use your 2018 envelopes which can be picked up in the lobby if you have not already done so. New parishioners are welcome to register in the office and pick up a box as well.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS? Parishioners are reminded to notify the parish office of any change of address so that our record may be brought up-to-date in preparing for the tax receipt.

SIXTY-PLUS: Please note we will not be meeting in January. The next meeting date will be published in the first bulletin of February. Stay warm!!!



CONFIRMATION 2018

Parents and their Confirmation Candidates are invited to our Second Information Evening **Tuesday 23 January at 7:30PM** in the church. Sign-up sheets for the 14 April interview will be available before and after the meeting. Student books and class groups will also be distributed. Please contact Andrew Santos for any questions.

NEW BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JOHN PAK

Bible Study will resume on Thursday **25 January 2018**. Morning session from 10:30am to 12:00 noon and evening session from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. We will continue to study the Gospel of Mark. Bring your bible, and a friend. New members always welcome.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Friday **2 February** the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on **Sunday 28 January 2018** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – 11 February 2018 @3pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on **Sunday 11 February** at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave - North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 x 523.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How are the saints guides for prayer?

The saints are our models of prayer. We also ask them to intercede before the Holy Trinity for us and for the whole world. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. In the communion of saints, throughout the history of the Church, there have developed different types of spirituality that teach us how to live and to practice the way of prayer. *(Further reading: CCC 2683-2684, 2692-2693)*

Who can educate us in prayer?

The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Daily family prayer is particularly recommended because it is the first witness to the life of prayer in the Church. Catechesis, prayer groups, and "spiritual direction" constitute a school of and a help to prayer. *(Further reading: CCC 2685-2690, 2694-2695)*

What places are conducive to prayer?

One can pray anywhere but the choice of an appropriate place is not a matter of indifference when it comes to prayer. The church is the proper place for liturgical prayer and Eucharistic adoration. Other places also help one to pray, such as a "prayer corner" at home, a monastery or a shrine.

What times are more suitable for prayer?

Any time is suitable for prayer but the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer: morning and evening prayer, prayer before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the Rosary, and feasts of the liturgical year. "We must remember God more often than we draw breath." *(Saint Gregory of Nazianzus) (Further reading: CCC 2697-2698, 2720)*

What are the expressions of the life of prayer?

Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart. *(Further reading: CCC 2697-2699)*

How can vocal prayer be described?

Vocal prayer associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart. Even the most interior prayer, however, cannot dispense with vocal prayer. In any case it must always spring from a personal faith. With the Our Father Jesus has taught us a perfect form of vocal prayer. *(Further reading: CCC 2700-2704, 2722)*

What is meditation?

Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will to follow Christ. It is a first step toward the union of love with our Lord. *(Further reading: CCC 2705-2708, 2723)*

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE		
As of 14 January 2018		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,002
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 40,000	\$ 36,460
HOPE Fund (January)	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,226
HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,226
Debt Outstanding as of 31 December 2017	\$ 251,048	

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**

18-25 January 2018 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity within Canada. This year's theme, "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" is taken from Exodus 15:6. With the insights from the Second Vatican Council's decree on Ecumenism that "prayer is the soul of the ecumenical movement," we would like to invite you to come to this year's Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Cardinal Thomas Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other religious leaders on: **Sunday 28 January 3:00 p.m.** at Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. East (at Queen and Bond St.). Parking is available. Refreshments to follow. For more information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400, ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org.



What is contemplative prayer?

Contemplative prayer is a simple gaze upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders himself to the loving will of the Father, and places his being under the action of the Holy Spirit. Saint Teresa of Avila defines contemplative prayer as the intimate sharing of friendship, "in which time is frequently taken to be alone with God who we know loves us." *(Further reading: CCC 2709-2719, 2724, 2739-2741)*

Why is prayer a "battle"?

Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposed a determined response on our part because those who pray "battle" against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. We pray as we live because we live as we pray. *(Further reading: CCC 2725)*