

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 29 JANUARY

9:10 AM +EDNA HYUN SOOK CHOI
Requested by Fr. John Pak

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY

9:10 AM Available

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY

7:00 PM +STELLA KASS
Requested by Percy Kass
SJM CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD
Requested by May Chow Leong
+MARC POMERLEAU
Requested by Rosana and Larry Pay
MARIA FIDES POMERLEAU
Requested by Rosana and Larry Pay
+ELIZABETH LEE
Requested by Andrew Chan

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +AGNES CHAN
Requested by Teresa Chan

FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +PREMA RADDALGODA
Requested by Maureen Fernando

7:00 PM Available

SATURDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
Requested by the Martinez Family
+Deceased members of PAONESSA FAMILY
Requested by Frances Ciancio

5:00 PM THE LI FAMILY
MONIQUE KHOURY

SUNDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

12:30 PM +RON PRATO
Requested by Maria Prato

MONDAY 29 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY
THE SANCTUARY LAMP was offered
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HARISH AHUJA
Requested by Kathleen McAuley

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FAMILY OF FAITH TAX RECEIPTS: The Family of Faith campaign will issue 2017 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2018. Most gifts to the campaign have been in the form of pledges, payable over five years. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts actually received in 2017. Please note that contributions sent by mail that were postmarked on or before 31 December 2017 are eligible for a 2017 tax receipt.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on **Friday 2 February 2018** and in parishes on the weekend of 27/28 January 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



All are welcome to come to a special Mass presided by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick **today Sunday 28 January** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Celebration of Marriage Mass On Marriage Sunday – 11 February 2018 @3pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, **Bishop Robert Kasun** 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. 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.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM – REACH OUT TO YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

Petition forms are also available in the church foyer to collect your signatures.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Are there objections to prayer?

Along with erroneous notions of prayer, many think they do not have the time to pray or that praying is useless. Those who pray can be discouraged in the face of difficulties and apparent lack of success. Humility, trust and perseverance are necessary to overcome these obstacles. *(Further reading: CCC 2726-2728, 2752-2753)*

What are the difficulties in prayer?

Distraction is a habitual difficulty in our prayer. It takes our attention away from God and can also reveal what we are attached to. Our heart therefore must humbly turn to the Lord. Prayer is often affected by dryness. Overcoming this difficulty allows us to cling to the Lord in faith, even without any feeling of consolation. Acedia is a form of spiritual laziness due to relaxed vigilance and a lack of custody of the heart. *(Further reading: CCC 2729-2733, 2754-2755)*

How may we strengthen our filial trust?

Filial trust is tested when we think we are not heard. We must therefore ask ourselves if we think God is truly a Father whose will we seek to fulfill, or simply a means to obtain what we want. If our prayer is united to that of Jesus, we know that he gives us much more than this or that gift. We receive the Holy Spirit who transforms our heart. *(Further reading: CCC 2734-2741, 2756)*

Is it possible to pray always?

Praying is always possible because the time of the Christian in the time of the risen Christ who remains "with us always" (Matthew 28:20). Prayer and Christian life are therefore inseparable:

"It is possible to offer frequent and fervent prayer even at the market place or strolling alone. It is possible also in your place of business, while buying or selling, or even while cooking." (Saint John Chrysostom) *(Further reading: CCC 2742-2745, 2757)*

What is the prayer of the Hour of Jesus?

It is called the priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus, the High Priest of the New Covenant, addresses it to his Father when the hour of his sacrifice, the hour of his "passing over" to him is approaching. *(Further reading: CCC 2604, 2746-2751, 2758)*

What is the origin of the Our Father?

Jesus taught us this Christian prayer for which there is no substitute, the Our Father, on the day on which one of his disciples saw him praying and asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). The Church's liturgical tradition has always used the text of Saint Matthew (6:9-13). *(Further reading: CCC 2759-2760, 2773)*

HELP NEEDED: St. Justin, Martyr School is looking for lunchtime supervisors. This paid position is one hour per day from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping us out, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience, 905-474-0284.



PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 21 January 2018

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,535
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 55,000	\$ 49,995
HOPE Fund (January)	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,226
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Debt Outstanding as of 31 December 2017	\$ 251,048	



From Caring and Sharing:

Once again this year, in the spirit of generosity and charity, the parishioners of St. Justin Martyr joined together in sponsoring families in need this past Christmas. Along with our Knights and CWL, St. Justin Martyr CS, St. John XXIII CS, St. Matthew CS, St. Augustine CHS, St. Philips-on-the-Hill Anglican Church and several local businesses, our parish shared Christmas with 143 families and 95 seniors and disabled adults.

This would never have been possible without the many, many volunteers who gave of themselves in so many ways – decorating boxes, wrapping gifts, assembling, loading and delivering hampers and very importantly, the ladies in the kitchen who worked so hard to keep the volunteers happy and well fed throughout the day. Well done everyone and THANK YOU!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

VALENTINE RAFFLE SALE: We are selling raffle tickets after all Masses **this weekend and also on 3/4 February**. Celebrate Valentine's Day by supporting the CWL who helps in providing funding for several charities that promote fellowship and mission work in our community and throughout the world. Tickets draw date will be on 6 February, and pickup of prizes on 10 February.

NEW MEMBERSHIP: The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. Have you considered becoming a member? During next weekend, **3/4 February** after all Masses, look for members at the back of the church who will answer your questions or call Antonietta Pucci at 416-579-5777 for more information about the CWL and its activities in this parish. **All women are welcome!**

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.