

GETTING READY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2017

We are asking families this year to “preregister” online before coming to the registration meeting.

First Confession and First Communion children should be in Grade 2 or higher. Confirmation Candidates should be in Grade 7 or higher.

As we go to print we have **34** children preregistered for **First Communion** and **36** young people preregistered for **Confirmation**. If our numbers for past years are any indication, we expect about 50 families to enrol for each of these sacraments.

Parents - you often meet the parents of other classmates of your children - pass the word on to them.

Did you know that last year many parents simply used their smartphones to do the preregistration? Go ahead and try.

**Final Full Registration & Info Meeting for
Grade 2 and Grade 7 Student Families
Wed Oct 12 at 6:45 pm**

**Pre-Register online before coming to the meeting
(You cannot complete registration
without Pre-Registering)**

**Baptism Certificates must be brought for those Children
baptized outside of St Francis**

**ADULT BAPTISMS,
WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS,
PREPARING ADULTS FOR
FIRST COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION**

WHAT IS RCIA?

It is an initiation process by which individuals are received into the fullness of the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

It is a journey of conversion comprised of four stages and Rites, a time of formation, a faith journey, and a time to discuss how Jesus has worked in one's life.

The format includes prayer and instruction in Catholic traditions and teaching, along with discussion. RCIA provides the opportunity for one to come to know Christ personally through the Catholic Christian Community.



WHO IS THE RCIA INTENDED FOR? ... someone who

- Has never been baptized and desires to learn more about the Catholic Church and its teachings, with the goal of becoming a Catholic Christian.
- Was baptized in another Christian faith-tradition and desires to be in full communion with the Catholic Church
- Was baptized Catholic and desires completion of the Christian Initiation Sacraments: CONFIRMATION and/or Holy Eucharist.
- A Returning Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while and desires to become fully reconciled in order to once again receive the Sacraments.

Text borrowed from St Anthony Abbott Parish, Brooksville, FL

**FATIMA PILGRIM MADONNA VISITS TORONTO
LA MADONNA DI FATIMA FA PELIGRINAGGIO DA NOI**



The **travelling image of Our Lady of Fatima** from the shrine in Portugal will be visiting Toronto from Oct 9 - 14. The full schedule is posted on our bulletin board at the entrance to the church but some of the highlights, closest to our parish are the following:

- Thurs Oct 6 9 am - Eucharist at **Santa Cruz Church**
4 pm - Euch & Vigil at **St Anthony** (Bloor)
- Fri Oct 7 9 am - Euch at **St Sebastian Church**
- Sat Oct 8 4 am - Early morning send off of pilgrims from **St Sebastian** to Marylake
- Mon Oct 10 4 pm - **St Agnes** - Rosary with the elderly Eucharist and Vigil
- Tues Oct 11 9 am - **St Helen's Church** - Eucharist
- Thurs Oct 13 7 pm - Solemn Euch - **Cardinal Collins** at **St Matthew's** Schoolyard
- Fri Oct 14 9 am - **St Mary's** at Adelaide - Eucharist, Vigil and Farewell

Nei prossimi giorni arriverà fra noi l'immagine della Madonna di Fatima, conosciuta come la Madonna Pellegrina. Ci saranno diversi momenti in cui la Madonna sarà nelle parrocchie adiacenti a noi. Per vedere un programma intero, consultatevi con la bacheca all'entrata della chiesa.

Viva la Madonna di Fatima!

PARISH HEAD COUNT OCTOBER 15/16 & 22/23, 2016

These four dates will be the annual weekend Mass attendance count for our parish. This helps to provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance to the archdiocese which has proven to be very helpful and informative.

Please note that the statistics gathered over these weekend in all of Toronto are used to measure the vitality and needs of the parish.

SVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



With Thanksgiving around the corner and as we are entering into the cooler seasons we invite you to consider the poor and needy with your donations of canned goods. St. Vincent de Paul will use the canned goods to make emergency bags for when they go to visit the poor.

HAVE YOU MADE AN OFFERING TO COVER THE SUNDAYS YOU WERE AWAY FROM ST FRANCIS THIS SUMMER?

SOME PARISH UPDATES

Sunday November 13th - 9 am Mass in Italian for "The Fallen" - War Dead.

ALCUNI AGGIORNAMENTI A RIGUARDO DELLA PARROCCHIA

Domenica 13 novembre alle 9 a.m. - **Santa Messa in italiano per "i caduti in guerra"**.

LE SANTE MESSE - 2017 - MASSES

Our bookings for 2017 Masses will begin on Thurs Oct 6th. The first two days will have a lot of Italian Speakers in attendance. Please respect our office hours.

Il registro per le SS Messe 2017 sarà a disposizione **dal giovedì 6 ottobre**. Giorno 6 e 7 sarà presente una persona per facilitare le prenotazioni in lingua italiana. Vi chiediamo la gentilezza di rispettare in nostri orari. Per piacere, **non chiamate prima per saltare la fila**.

MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP ROBERT KASUN, C.S.B.



All are invited to a special Mass of Welcome for the **newest Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Bishop Robert Kasun**. The celebration will take place on **Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.** at the recently renovated **St. Michael's Cathedral** (65 Bond St.). The new bishop will be responsible for the pastoral

oversight of the Central Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Most recently, Bishop Kasun served as a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta.

Diamo benvenuto al nuovo vescovo ausiliario, Mons Robert Kasun. Messa d'accoglienza al Cattedrale giovedì alle 10:30.

7TH ANNUAL MASS TO END WOMEN ABUSE

There will be a special mass dedicated to ending abuse toward women on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at **Nativity of our Lord Parish** 480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke for more information contact Mary Benincasa at 416 921-1163.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE WITH A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage!

Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: October 21-23, 2016 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga).

For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.

MASS SCHEDULE

October 1st to October 9th, 2016

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

ST. PACIFIC OF SAN SEVERINO, FRIAR PRIEST

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

9:00 AM Giuliano, Domenico e defunti famiglia Mariano e Fiorina Greco Salvatore Amato e famiglia Giuseppe e Rocco Renda Giuseppe e Calogera Caro Antonio Fragale; Pietro Cugliardi Domenico e Maria Rosa Bellissimo

11:30 AM For Parishioner's Intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

ST. THEODORE GUERIN, VIRGIN

8:00 AM Joseph Calleya

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

OUR HOLY FATHER ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

FOUNDER OF THE THREE ORDERS

PATRON OF OUR PARISH

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Friars

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

8:00 AM Gus Malovec

7:00 PM Anna Ierullo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

BL. MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN

8:00 AM Famiglia Caccamo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

8:00 AM In onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesù

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

5:00 PM For Parishioner's Intentions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

9:00 AM Giuseppe, Antonio Bertucci e defunti Famiglia Famiglia Simonetta e Carnovale Maurizio e Antonietta Cugliardi Nicola, Filomena Villani e Famiglia Pasquale, Maria Pia & Maddalena Cioffi Candido e Vincenza Longo Nicola e Domenica Vinci Pietro Vinci e Margaret Hall

11:30 AM Silvana Fera