

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B – JANUARY 14th, 2018

**FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION
STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

FIRST COMMUNION

Second book - Preparing for Eucharist chapters 1 & 2

This is just a reminder to our **Grade 2 families** preparing for First Communion that **the Unit 1 class (covering chapters 1 & 2) will be offered Sun Jan 21st at 10:30 am or Sat Jan 27th at 4:00 pm**, for those who miss the first session. Class will be followed by a regularly scheduled weekend Mass so that the family can fulfill its Sunday obligation.

CONFIRMATION

Also for **Confirmation the Unit 1 class (covering the Introduction and Unit 1-The Gifts of the Holy Spirit) will be offered today Sun Jan 14th at 10:30 am or Saturday Jan 20th at 4:00 PM.**

ALL FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

We remind our parents that they need to **make sure the dates are on their family calendar and they need to bring their children to these meetings. The preparation work needs to be done at home-** this is part of the understanding and commitment you took on when you registered your child. As we hear in the Baptism rite - **you are the FIRST teachers of your child - may you also be the best of teachers.**

Also please remember that **your child should be wearing their crucifix** when they attend class and when they attend Mass. **We also expect families to stay for the Mass immediately following the class.**

Our **recommendation** is that families plan to attend the first class of the two opportunities for each unit. Flu season is upon us and the family may not be able to make the second meeting.

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

Our catechists met with Fr Jimmy in order to prepare a schedule of meetings that will prepare adults for the sacraments of initiation. The schedule begins in early January.



If you have expressed an interest in this programme and have not been contacted, please contact us again so that we can establish the day and time that will work for all of us.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS

Offertory	January 6/7, 2018
Total number of envelopes	174
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,344
Total loose donations	\$ 658
Weekly Total	\$ 3,002
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$-1,498

SUPPORTING ST FRANCIS

Are you registered and do you use envelopes? Did you know that you can donate to St Francis by a monthly direct debit to your bank account (**Pre-Authorized giving - PAG**) - guaranteeing that you never miss a contribution to support St Francis. Did you know that **you can also contribute online by credit card** - one time or a repeating (monthly?) contribution. Some people prefer using their credit card because in addition to its convenience they may also be loyalty points collectors-credit card contributions make it possible to collect these points.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WEEKEND
MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS**

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.

This Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11 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.

REFLECTIVE WEDNESDAYS AT ST PAT'S

"Martyrs: Witnesses of Faith"

Wednesday, January 17 – 1 to 6 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
131 McCaul St., Toronto

Join us for some time of reflection on the topic of Martyrs as Witnesses of Faith. Looking briefly at the history of martyrs in the Church and how their witness today calls us to live what we believe. These 45-minute talks will follow the noon Novena Mass and will be repeated following the 5:05 p.m. Novena Mass to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R., our pastor, will present on this topic.

THE WORK GOES ON

As you come into the church every weekend, you are probably looking at all the little changes as the work comes within sight of the pews. The work on the mosaic conservation and removal as well as the restoration of the East Walls stained glass windows is well underway.

On Jan 1st one of the radiators in the hall burst, setting off alarms during our 11:30 Mass. We had the experts in to replace some pipe and the rads and to tune up the boilers. This is a temporary fix because eventually the heating system has to be replaced but that is still a ways down the road, so in the meantime we hope that we can make the church a bit warmer. It appears that with the extreme temperatures last weekend and with the drafts in the church, our system was not able to keep up. Let's hope for the best.

LA SECONDA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – ANNO B – 14 GENNAIO 2018

2018 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES GIORNATA MONDIALE 2018 DEL MIGRANTE E DEL RIFUGIATO

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is **“Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees.”** In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that “every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age...”

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome to attend!

Il tema annunciato dalla Sua Santità Papa Francesco in ricorrenza della Giornata Mondiale del Migrante e del Rifugiato 2018 è **“Accogliere, Proteggere, Promuovere e Integrare i Migranti e i Rifugiati.”** Nel suo messaggio, Papa Francesco ci ricorda che “ogni forestiero che bussa alla nostra porta è un’occasione di incontro con Gesù Cristo, il quale si identifica con lo straniero accolto o rifiutato di ogni epoca...”

Una Santa Messa speciale in commemorazione della 104esima Giornata Mondiale del Migrante e del Rifugiato sarà celebrata **domenica, 14 gennaio, 2018 all’1 p.m. presso la Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, situata al 2 High Meadow Place a North York.** A tenere l’omelia sarà il Vescovo Kirkpatrick. Un piccolo ricevimento seguirà dopo la Santa Messa in cui vi saranno presenti vari dignitari. Siete tutti invitati!

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

Our Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province serve in Central America (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador). Two orphanages, a hospital, various clinics, Catechetical Centres and rural parishes are under the care of the Friars.

Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Our missionaries and people remember all their benefactors in daily Masses and prayers. Please pray for them as well.

COLLETTA PER LE MISSIONI FRANCESCANI

I nostri Frati Francescani della Provincia dell’Immacolata Concezione operano nel America Centrale (Guatemala, Honduras e El Salvador). Due orfanotrofi, un ospedale, varie cliniche, centri catechetici e parrocchie rurali sono sotto la cura dei Frati.

Il vostro sostegno è indispensabile per loro e lo apprezzano molto. I missionari e il popolo del luogo si ricordano di tutti i loro benefattori nelle Sante Messe quotidiane e nelle loro preghiere. Preghiamo anche noi per loro.

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 13TH TO JANUARY 21ST , 2018

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

5:00 PM _____

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00 AM Francesco Mediate e defunti famiglia
Salvatore Amato; Maria Spina
Mariano e Fiorina Greco
Angelo Di Santo
Teresa e Bruno Malfara
Domenico e Nancy Ionadi
Emma e Eugenio Mauro

11:30 AM For Parishioners’ Intentions

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00 AM _____

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00 AM Matilda Zammit

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH ST. ANTHONY ABBOT

8:00 AM _____

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8:00 AM Defunti Famiglia Camilleri

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

8:00 AM _____

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH ST. FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR, ST. SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

5:00 PM For our Parishioners’ Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

9:00 AM Giovanni e Carlo Barbati
Allesia Rosa Renda, Filippo Didiano
Giovanni Di Lecce, Mercurio Grazia
Rosa Cutuli e Natalie Giuseppina
Angelo, Grace e Graziella Calaminici
Nazzareno Carnevale

11:30 AM Matilda Zammit