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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon

DAILY MASS & DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE:

Monday - 9:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Mass
Wednesday - 6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 p.m. Mass
Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour Cenacle
7:00 p.m. Mass
Friday - 9:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Any other time by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

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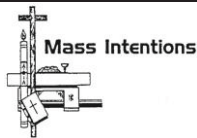
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:

The Parish Team and Pastoral Visitors are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. A priest is available to give the anointing of the sick. Please contact the Rectory.

MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. At least one of the parties must reside within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish and attending weekly. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.



Saturday, Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 am. - VLADYSLAWA SZYNGIEL R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - MARIA REBELO R.I.P.

Sunday, Jan. 29

9:00 am. - FILOMENA MARRO R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon- ENORE DELLA ROSSA R.I.P.9

Monday, Jan. 30

9:00 a.m. - JOE & LUCY FERNANDES R.I.P.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco

7:00 p.m. - REETHA & PRABHEESH JOSEPH R.I.P.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

7:00 p.m. - INT. OF BIAGI FAMILY

Thursday, Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord

7:00 p.m. - LUCY MONIZ R.I.P.

Friday, Feb. 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 a.m. - FILIPPO FRANCO D'ALESSANDRO R.I.P.

7:00 p.m. - RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.

Saturday, Feb. 4

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DeMELO & FAMILY

5:00 p.m. - BIFNEY JOWLABAR R.I.P.

Sunday, Feb. 5

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- INT. OF MARIA FRIAS

12:00 noon- LEONARDO CATALANO R.I.P.

Readings for January 29

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
Matthew 5.1-12

FIRST FRIDAY



Friday, February 3rd is the First Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration. Also, at 6:00 p.m. there will be Adoration followed by 7:00 Mass.

Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 4th for pizza and fellowship in the Parish Hall.



The Journey to Perfection

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:1-3

The Sermon on the Mount begins with today's reading in Chapter Five of Matthew's Gospel and continues through Chapter Seven. This beautiful sermon presents us with many familiar teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Golden Rule. Jesus begins His sermon by going up a mountain and sitting down. The mountain is believed to be just north of the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles from Capernaum where Jesus often stayed during His public ministry. Today's Gospel presents us with the glorious and very high calling of the Beatitudes. This teaching on the Beatitudes sets the stage for the many other lessons Jesus taught.

The Beatitudes are certainly a teaching about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. Up until that time, morality was primarily seen as a list of forbidden practices. "Thou shall not..." was the general tone. However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In this new teaching, Jesus did not start with that which was forbidden or that which was a violation of God's Law. Instead, He explained that reaching for these ideals brought forth the greatest fulfillment in life. Morality was not only a list of regulations one needed to avoid. At the heart, morality was now presented by our Lord as a glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus calling you to follow Him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. Remind yourself that the Christian life is one of perfection in every way. This is our calling. But the fruit of perfection is the fulfillment in which God wants us to share. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the hard journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfillment we could ever attain. Commit yourself to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, and you, too, will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

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BLESSING OF THE THROATS

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be a blessing of the throats after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.





Please pick up your 2023 envelopes in the foyer. Unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy upon request. Write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use. **Please don't use envelopes from previous years as your number will have changed if you didn't use envelopes in 2022.**

Tax receipts for 2022 will be issued by the Archdiocese. You should receive them by February 6th.



Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending schools one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin on March 8th, 2023.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is next Saturday, February 4th from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

There is also a need for drivers to deliver the dinners downtown to the Good Shepherd Ministries the first Saturday of each month. If you would be interested, please contact the office.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
FEBRUARY 2ND**



The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

**The Lift Jesus Higher Rally is Back!
Saturday, March 4th, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

It is with great joy that we can confirm that the Lift Jesus Higher Rally is back and will be held on **Saturday, 4th March, 2023 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto.**

The theme for 2023 is being "**EMPOWERED TO STAND**" - *keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong*" (1Corinthians 16:13). Despite the effects of the pandemic over the past two years, we expect a full house.

The day will include inspiring talks by Ralph Martin, Chris Stefanick, Peter Herbeck, & others, personal testimonies, Praise & Worship music, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayer ministry for healing, Eucharistic Adoration & Procession, Confessions, & the closing Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

There will also be a separate Youth Rally (ages 13-18) with powerful music and talks.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth. For tickets and information visit: www.ljhr.ca or call 647-243-9441.

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