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"Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*"

Pastor: Fr. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
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Custodian: Allan Cobham

MASS TIMES:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm
Wednesday: 5:00pm - 7:00pm & Office is closed on Fridays.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

Music Ministry:
Megan Montifar, Daniel Mehdizadeh and Eric Fahn

Sacrament of Baptism:
Celebrated on Sundays at 2:30pm or during Sunday Mass.
Please contact the office for more details.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Parish Council
Children's Liturgy	Prayer Group
Collection Counters	Refugee Sponsorship
Communion to the Sick	Sacristans
Eucharistic Ministries	Seniors Group
Finance Council	Social Justice
Fundraising Committee	St. Vincent de Paul
Girl Guides	Youth Group
Hospitality	Ushers/Usherettes
Knights of Columbus	
Lectors	
Liturgical Planners	
Music Ministry	

** If you feel called to serve the church through any of these ministries, please call the parish office.**

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the office for more information.

Ministry to and Anointing of the Sick:
Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 416-546-4044

New members please register at the office.

St. Joseph's School: 416-393-5209

Hall Rental:
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B: JANUARY 21, 2018

Today Sunday is the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings include the wonderful story from **Mark's Gospel** repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**. Thursday is the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle**. Friday, we remember **Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops**.

This is the third week of readings from Samuel, this week from the **Second Book of Samuel**. A young David is anointed King of Israel and with his army, captures the city of Zion. In the festivities that followed, Samuel offers the delightful image of a joyful David at the Ark of the Covenant, "dancing before the LORD with abandon ... with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn." The Lord tells David, "I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm." David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite and after having relations with her, he orders Uriah to the front of a battle where he is killed. Nathan the prophet confronts David, who repents.

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, we have many familiar stories. The scribes, hearing of his many healings, accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan. He replies that a house is divided against itself cannot stand. Mary and other relatives arrive at a home where Jesus is teaching, but Jesus does not go to them, saying, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the parable of the sower and the seeds which fall on fertile ground and rocky soil. "Those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." He encourages his disciples not to hide their light "under a bushel basket" and tells the story of the mustard seed, the tiniest seed which grows into one of the largest bushes. In Saturday's gospel the apostles are frightened on a boat in a storm until Jesus awakens to calm the wind and seas.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marveled that even the unclean spirits obey him.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire. It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the morning we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

Source: Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

Fr. Francis will be away from January 15 to January 28. Fr. Alison will be celebrating Masses and taking care of all the pastoral needs. Office will be open during regular hours.



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World Day for Consecrated Life Celebration at St. Paul's Basilica

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of January 27/28, 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 on **Sunday, January 28 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 with Cardinal Collins – February 11, 2018 - 3 p.m.

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, 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service

January 18-25, 2018 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme, "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" is taken from Exodus 15:6.

Join us in an ecumenical prayer service led by Cardinal Thomas Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other religious leaders on: **Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3 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.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED.... Parish is seeking new members to join the parish council, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Fund-Raising Committee. If you think that you are interested and willing to serve in these ministries of , please contact Fr. Francis.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 21

10:00am *Community of St. Joseph Parish*

Monday, January 22

9:00am *Souls in Purgatory*
Req. Rafaela Mairena

Tuesday, January 23

9:00am *In honour of Guardian Angels*
Req. Alfredo Costa

Wednesday, January 24

7:00pm *In honour of St. Francis de Sales*

Thursday, January 25

9:00am † *Manuel Gedes*
Req. Alfredo Costa

Friday, January 26

7:00pm † *Fortunato Perez*
Req. Laura & Allan Selman

Saturday, January 27

5:00pm † *Francisco Medeiros*
Req. Emmanuel Medeiros

Walk-in Counselling Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers walk-in counselling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required.

Central office address:

1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto.

Every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PHONE: [416 921-1163](tel:4169211163).

North office address:

5799 Yonge Street. Suite 300, North York.

Every Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PHONE: [416 222-0048](tel:4162220048).

EMAIL: info@cfstoronto.com

Living With Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held February 13 to April 3, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1155 Yonge St. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at [416-921-1163 x2232](tel:4169211163x2232) or email adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.

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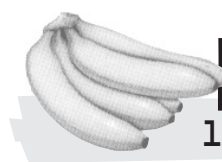
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