

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vocation Seeds

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 13:

5:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Jai Singh
In Thanksgiving of Anthony Loong
+Elson Omes
+Fr. Edwin Savundra
+Puresa & Bernie Bernales
+Aquilino Millo Sr.
+Welhelmina S. Esguerra
+Roy Tang

Sunday January 14:

9:00 am Alroy Jacob
10:30 am +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 15:

9:00 am Alex Christoforu Family

Tuesday January 16:

9:00 am +Benzon Golong

Wednesday January 17:

7:30 pm Brean & Robbie Atchibal
David & Bonnie Weir
Living & Deceased Bishops, Priests, Nuns,
and Deacons
+Alex Macatangay

Thursday January 18:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Rocillo Family

Friday January 19:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm In Thanksgiving

Saturday January 20:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Sayings of the Saints

Anyone who truly loves God travels securely. -
- St Teresa of Avila

Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure -
- St. John Paul II

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo - "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

Following through with New Year's Resolutions

Many people have a hard time following through their New Year's resolution and they often give them up completely. One reason for this might be that their resolution was too difficult and too impractical to accomplish. Instead of giving up completely, consider reducing the demands of your resolution so as to fulfill it at least partially. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, it is not too late. Praying the daily Rosary is something we are all encouraged to do; by various saintly popes, many saints, and many Church approved apparitions. If you really don't have 15 to 20 minutes to pray the Rosary, start by praying just one decade, then increase to two, then three, until you are able to pray the entire Rosary. When we put God first, He will help us in all our undertakings. If we pressed for time, He will help us use our time well.

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The Sunday's Gospel Reflection

Jesus asked the two disciples who started to follow Him, "What are you looking for?" This is a question we ought to ponder for ourselves, "What am I looking for, what do I want in my life, what do I need in my life?" What are the things that I am striving for? The ultimate desire, the ultimate longing of every human being is to be happy! We can only attain perfect and everlasting happiness with God, and this is why we are also disciples of Jesus; following Him and seeking to imitate Him. We desire specific things because we believe that having certain things in our lives will contribute to our present well-being, our present happiness. Not everything we desire now may be good for us, and some of what we desire may actually keep us from being truly content and happy. Some seek the pleasure and consolation of sin but in the long run they are more miserable. Some give priority to the things of this world and neglect their spiritual life. God knows what we truly need and so we should follow the advice of Jesus, "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Mat. 6:33)

Movie Night

Thanks to the efforts of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Saturday January 27, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15. We will be showing the movie Nefarious. This movie takes place at a state penitentiary, where an atheist psychiatrist is tasked with the job of interviewing a vicious mass murderer to determine whether he is sane, in which case he will be electrocuted to death. The murderer is possessed by the demon Nefarious, who dominates the conversation and wants the psychiatrist to promote his Dark Gospel. Please note that the movie is for mature viewers. We will have discussions during and after the movie. We will discuss the topic of possessions and how demons influence people in society today. The St. Aidan Movie Nights are free! We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. Everyone is welcome. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so we know how much pizza to order. Thank you.

2024 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you can not remember your envelope number, one of us from the gift shop can gladly help you. Please start using these envelopes in the New Year. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes please register in the gift shop or from our website.

Out of the Cold Coat Collection

A sincere "THANK YOU" to All who donated to the Clothe The Naked - Winter Coat Collection. We were able to collect over 100 jackets, countless scarves and dozens of pairs of gloves. Your generosity will make our Canadian winter much bearable for the homeless and more.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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We learn to help the needy from the love of God. Such concern not only provides the poor with material help but also represents an opportunity for the spiritual growth of the giver. - St. John Paul II
Thank you for your ongoing love and generosity towards the poor. Your donations to the Poor Box go a long way to help many poor and unfortunate families.

Horizons of Hope Program

This is a program, designed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, that is ideal for those who wish to learn more about issues associated with palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion and from a Catholic perspective. We will be offering this program at St. Aidan's church hall. It will be facilitated by Deacon Peter Lee and Margaret Smith. There will be 4 sessions, all Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The dates are January 16, 23, 30 and February 6. There is no need to pre-register, everyone is welcome to attend.

Question and Answer Session

Our Lay Pastoral Associate and Fr. Steven will again conduct a question-and-answer session on Saturday January 20th right after the 5:00 pm Mass. You can place your anonymous questions into the box at the centre of the main aisle in the church. Note that we still have questions left over from the previous time that still need answering. The session will last about an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be available.