

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vocation Seeds

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

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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.

This Sunday's Gospel Reflection

Jesus proclaims to all the people, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." What is the "good news" and why should people repent of their sins? The good news is that we can have our sins forgiven; that with the help of God, we can have better, more fulfilling relationships with everyone, including God; that we can be much more fulfilled and happy now; and that through Jesus we can make it to heaven to be totally happy forever. The reason we need to turn away from sins and repent of them is because sin is an obstacle to our acquiring all these things. It is true that every sin affords immediate short-termed satisfaction, but in the long run living a sinful life will make us unhappy.

Day of Retreat for Cancer Patients and Caregiver

This will take place at the Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga) on Thursday February 1st. The Cost is \$45. For more information, please contact Jean at 905 278 5229 or office@qoa.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 20:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Igenes Pereira
Beatification of the Servant of God,
Alphonsus Lambe
+Mary Choi
+Teresa Kim
+Nenita Herrera
+Sinen Chuico Quintos

Sunday January 21:

9:00 am +Rustico & Lucrecia Malinao

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Sherry Ebalo

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 22:

9:00 am +Vida Pais

Tuesday January 23:

9:00 am +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

Wednesday January 24:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving
+Ceasar Alphonso
+George Matthew
+John Skrabel

Thursday January 25:

9:00 am +Louisa & Louis Dos Santos

Friday January 26:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm + Evelyn Cornelio

Saturday January 27:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Sayings of the Saints

What unites us is much greater than what divides us. -
- St. John XXIII

He became what we are that he might make us what he is. - St. Athanasius

One earns paradise with one's daily task. - St. Gianna Beretta Molta

January 21, 2024

The Offertory Procession

You may have noticed that we have resumed the Offertory Procession of having a couple or a family bring forward the water and wine as well as some of the altar breads that will be used in the consecration during Mass. This bringing forth of such “gifts” was a common practice in the early Church. People would bring forward their own personal gifts, which would later be distributed to the poor or used by the priest or used for the upkeep of the church. Such gifts were given out of charity for the honour of God and for those who needed it, and so this sacrificial giving is something greatly blessed by God. Seeing this procession is reminder that we have a duty to support the church and to help the poor and less fortunate. Our motive in giving should be not just a sense of obligation but charity. In addition to giving money, we are encouraged to offer our very selves and everything we have, including the value of all our good works. These more personal gifts will also be sanctified or blessed by God during the Mass. Similar to how the gifts on the altar are blessed by the priest and are transformed into The Body and Blood of Christ at the consecration, so our personal gifts, which we should prayerfully offer during the Offertory, will be blessed and transform into something of greater value to ourselves.

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.

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Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. - Isaiah 58:7-8

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

Are you advancing in age, or do you have an elderly loved one that you are worried about? This is a program, designed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, 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 are offering this program at St. Aidan's. There are 4 sessions, all Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Even though you missed the first session, you can still join for the remaining dates January 23, 30 and February 6. Everyone is welcome to attend.