

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Vocation Seeds

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Email Scams are becoming more common

We have been advised that there are more and more email scams out there. Many of these scammers impersonate the parish priest, or most recently Cardinal Francis Leo. The scammers usually ask for donations or gift cards. Do not respond should you receive such emails. Cardinal Leo only communicates through an [archtoronto.org](mailto:archtoronto.org) email address, and would not directly ask any parishioner for money through email.

## Cold and Flu Season Precautions

If you are sick, please stay home. Maintain good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve, not into your hands. Dispose of tissue in waste bin. Wash or purify your hands right away. Try to avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose or mouth. Most germs spread by hand contact. There are hand sanitizers at the entrance of the church for your use. Please do not receive Holy Communion in the hand if you are holding a Kleenex in either hand.

## St. Aidan Parish Library Book of the Month

Beautiful Hope – Finding Hope Everyday in a Broken World by various Catholic authors. Today, many are worried about the future and what it holds. If we are to become people who shines the light of our Faith, we need an infusion of Hope so we can see clearly and live boldly as children of God. Borrow this book and many other wonderful books about our Faith, at our parish library which is open after all weekend Masses.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Tel: 647-772-1319 [www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

One would give generous alms if one had the eyes to see the beauty of a cupped receiving hand. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday January 18:

5:00 pm Benjamin Yiu-Gomes  
Conversion of Red China  
In Thanksgiving  
Birthday Blessings for Peter Huang  
+Rustico & Lucrezia Malinao  
+Fr. Edwin Savundra  
+Marcial & Maria De Luna  
+Fortunata Felipe  
+Olinia Ilano

### Sunday January 19:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Patterson and  
Nugara Family  
  
10:30 am +Robert D'Andrea  
  
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

### Monday January 20:

9:00 am +Vida Pais

### Tuesday January 21:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Sherry Ebaló

### Wednesday : January 22:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Janny Diaz  
+Celia Santistevan  
+Michael Fernandes

### Thursday January 23:

9:00 am +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

### Friday January 24:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions  
  
7:30 pm Deceased Members of Nigli Family

### Saturday January 25:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

## Sayings of the Saints

Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has given and this requires transforming greed into gratitude. - St. John Chrysostom

The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure. - St. Francis of Assisi

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## Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

The Knights of Columbus will be holding our annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday February 15, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$50.00 each. To purchase or reserve one, please contact either GK Luis Dizon (647-862-6717) or SK Wilfred Gomez (416-388-0478).

## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

This weekend of January 18-19, we will welcome a representative of "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding Christians' presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayer and we will have unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you and your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at  
[www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

## Saint Aidan Book Club

The Book club is meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30pm at St. Aidan's to discuss the book, "The Reluctant Disciple" by David Wells. Wells is a fantastic storyteller: wry, funny, self-deprecating and down to earth. From watching a dragonfly land on the back of his son's hand to heading off after work for a pint at a local bar, every moment in his story has something to offer. To register, contact Rosario Dizon at 416-731-0484

## Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have put together a "Catechetical Resource on Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year" explaining what the indulgences are and how we can obtain them. This resource can be accessed here:

<https://tinyurl.com/kbxs86aa>

In the Archdiocese of Toronto the following churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites for the duration of the Jubilee:

- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
- Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Mary's Parish, Toronto
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York
- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton
- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa
- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Visit <http://archtoronto.org/jubilee> for resources across the archdiocese

## Holy Water

Catholics are encouraged to use holy water in their homes. Hopefully, you were able to bless your homes on the feast of the Epiphany. Water is a natural symbol of purification and life. Water that has been blessed is efficacious in warding off evil spirits, preserving us from sin, and even sickness. Holy water is also a good source of obtaining more of God's blessings and graces, especially when we bless ourselves with it. You are welcome to take Holy water from our holy water font. You can use your own small bottle or container to get holy water or you can purchase a small container from our gift shop. The holy water is on the left-hand side of the church, close to the pieta statue.

## Movie Night

Thanks to the effort of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Saturday January 25, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15. We will be showing the movie Courageous. It is about how the loss of a child can cause parents to become better parents. It is about having a positive attitude and trusting God which can help us through difficult times and obtain many blessings. We will have a group discussion half way through the movie and at the end of it. The Movie Nights are free. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so they know how much pizza to order.