

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Vocation Seeds

St Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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)**

### New Singers

As a new year begins, the Children's Choir is inviting children to join and serve the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Choir I-10-13 years old      Choir II-7-9 years old  
Through Choral singing, apart from the enjoyment of singing together, children also learn discipline and co-operation with one another and grow in confidence as future musicians. Through participation in the church liturgy, children learn to appreciate the beauty of music in our faith celebration. There will be weekly rehearsals and the children will perform usually once a month. If you are interested in having your child participate in singing and making new friends, please contact May at [2923sacc@gmail.com](mailto:2923sacc@gmail.com)

### New Altar Servers

Students who have already made their First Holy Communion can apply to become an Altar Server. Training started last Saturday January 10th at 3:00 pm inside the church and training sessions will continue every Saturday until new applicants are trained. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Steven.

### Healing after Abortion: The Sisters of Life

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. We offer accompaniment and retreats to women seeking healing after abortion. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming retreats will be February 7 and April 25. For more details, location and confidential registration, or simply talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or email us at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday January 17:

5:00 pm   In Thanksgiving of Henri Lokwa Ekima  
Blessings for Family Bible Group  
Blessings for Rosary Sisters Group  
+Florie D'Souza  
+Simone Monteiro  
+Martha Pereira  
+Celia Immaculata Rosary  
+Marie Ann Liotta  
Deceased Members of Patterson and  
Nugara Family

#### Sunday January 18:

9:00 am   +Benjamin Santos

10:30 am   Anthony Wai & Family

12:00 pm   Pro - Populo

#### Monday January 19:

9:00 am   +Elizabeth Leung Lyson

#### Tuesday January 20:

9:00 am   +Benson Golong

#### Wednesday January 21:

7:30 pm   In Thanksgiving of Sherry Ebalo  
Alicia Santos  
In Thanksgiving of Jenny & Connie Diaz  
Living & Deceased Bishops, Priests,  
Deacons and Nuns  
+Lynn Martinez Vella

#### Thursday January 22:

9:00 am   +Robert D'Andrea

#### Friday January 23:

9:30 am   Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm   +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

#### Saturday January 24:

9:00 am   Celebrant's Intention

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. For this is the will of God in Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

# January 18, 2026

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## The Pope's Prayer Intention

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit [www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

## Holy Water

Catholics are encouraged to use holy water in their homes. Water is a natural symbol of purification and life. Water that has been blessed is efficacious in warding off evil spirits, safeguarding us from sin and sometimes even from sickness. Blessing ourselves or our homes with holy water is also a good way of obtaining more of God's blessings and graces. You are welcome to take water from our holy water font. You will need to bring your own bottle or container. The holy container dispenser is on the left-hand side of the church, close to the pieta statue.

## 2026 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2026 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. Parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop or from our website.

## Saying of the Saints

All that should be sought for in the exercise of prayer is conformity of our will and the divine will, in which consists the highest perfection.— St. Teresa of Avila

From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.— St. John Paul II

The whole of our life should be a season of prayer.— St. Basil the Great

Beauty is the interior adornment which is renewed day by day as the power and the strength of Christ grows within the soul.— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

## No Foreign Currency in Collection

Please do not put foreign currency into the collection basket. The only currencies that we can accept are Canadian and American. We cannot exchange any other currency, especially if it is just loose change. Note that if you place any other currency into the offertory envelopes, we can not give you a receipt for it because we cannot deposit it. In reality you are not giving anything, not offering anything at the Mass.

## Ministry of Greeters

We are starting a new ministry of greeters before Sunday Masses. Although our ushers do some of this already, we wish to have a separate ministry of just welcoming people to the parish. The requirement is to be present 20 minutes before Sunday Mass, in the foyer of the church, to greet and welcome parishioners, and to answer questions for those seeking information. Please speak to Fr. Steven if you are interested.

## Valentine's Dinner and Dance

The annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance will take place on February 14th, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be sold for \$50 at the front foyer every weekend leading up to the event. Further details on the poster and website.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Tel: 647 772 1319

[www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

In giving alms, let us rather look at the needs of the poor than his claim to your charity.— Jean Antoine Petit-Séan

Please note that when donating to the St. Vincent de Paul St. Aidan Conference via cheque, all cheques should be made payable to - SVP St. Aidan Conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through

Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7