

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Vocation Seeds

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray ...” For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you, to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

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**[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

## ShareLife

### Supports our Seniors through ShareLife

Society of Sharing is one of the agencies you support through your generous donations to ShareLife. They serve our isolated, housebound, and lonely seniors in Toronto.

Society of Sharing does not charge for services and it provides our seniors with assistance through your donations to ShareLife.

For our seniors, please give generously at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Day Trip to St. Jacob’s Market

St. Aidan’s Social Committee invites you to attend a day trip to St. Jacob’s Market, in Kitchener, on Saturday August 12th, from 10 am to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$45 per person. At St. Jacob’s explore an abundance of meats and cheeses, farm fresh produce, baked goods, international foods and a spectacular flea market at Canada’s largest farmers’ market. There is indoor and outdoor farm fresh fun for the entire family. Registration will be after all Sunday Masses.

### Assumption of Mary

Tuesday August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition to our morning 9:00 am Mass we will also have Mass at 7:30 pm. The Living Rosary will be recited at 6:30 pm, led by the Legion of Mary. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### 2023 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2023 donation envelopes in the gift shop. Please do not use your 2022 donation envelopes. If you are new parishioner and would like to use donation envelopes, please register through our website or in the gift shop.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday July 22:

5:00 pm Bonnie, Dave & Family  
Deacon Patrick & Jean Chang  
+Joseph Rocky  
+Danilo D.L. De Leon  
+Melissa Blatchford  
+Josefina de Jesus Alcantara  
+Peter Po Sun Leung  
+Willy Tang  
+Hilda Brako

### Sunday July 23:

9:00 am +Ernesto Jose  
  
10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and  
Nugara Families  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday July 24:

9:00 am Steve Achong

### Tuesday July 25:

9:00 am +Carol Henricks

### Wednesday July 26:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Alphonso Family  
William Lacuna  
+Catalina Cedro

### Thursday July 27:

9:00 am +Wilfredo Jara

### Friday July 28:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Brian Mendonca

### Saturday July 29:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

### Mission Preacher

On the weekend of August 12/13 we will have a mission preacher at all Sunday Masses making an appeal to provide financial aid to his diocese.

**July 23, 2023**

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**Parish Library**

Our Parish Library is up and running. An opportunity to browse or borrow books is available in our parish hall after all Sunday Masses (that includes Saturday evening). The goal of this exciting initiative is to make available a selection of books that are spiritually enriching for children, youth, and adults that are not generally available at the Toronto Public Library and might be outside one's budget. We have an excellent selection of spiritually enriching books. If you wish to volunteer to help supervise the book borrowing, please speak to one of the volunteers at the library after Mass.

**Alpha Program**

We often refer to Christ as the Alpha and the Omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) indicating that Christ is the beginning and end of all things. The Alpha Program is an interesting and entertaining introduction to the basics of Christianity that allows for friendships to develop and for questions to be asked. It is a 'first' for those who wish to become Catholics but it is also good for those who are curious, or who may have questions about Christianity. Invite someone you know who could benefit by participating in Alpha, or anyone who wants to become Catholic. The first session will start on Tuesday August 1st. Each session will include a free meal. And will start at 6:45 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Registration will be available after all Sunday Masses, or contact Edith Vasquez at 416-493-6608. We are also looking for volunteers to help with food preparation and facilitating group discussions.

**Pilgrimage to four National Shrines  
In Pennsylvania, USA**

This is organized by St. Aidan Knights of Columbus from August 5-8. Two of the shrines were elevated to Minor Basilica status - Shrine of The Miraculous Medal in January this year by Pope Francis, and St. Ann Basilica by St. John Paul II in October 1979. For more information, please see the poster in the foyer or call Romualdo Pereire 416-809-8658; Aris Dometita 416-961-2449; Wilfred Gomez 416-388-0478.

**Please Note**

**Fr. Steven will be away July 17 - 28, 2023**

**Clapping may diminish glory**

In Chapter 6 of Matthew's Gospel, Our Lord addresses the theme of acts of piety done in public. He states in verse 2 not to draw attention to yourself when giving alms, "so as to be praised by men". In verse 5 He says don't try to be noticed or draw attention to yourself when you are praying so that you "may be seen by men". He says the same of the motive for fasting in verse 16: "that their fasting may be seen by men". After each of these verses Our Lord warns that if they do these things so as to receive the acclaim or admiration of men, then they have received their reward. He states clearly, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." The intention of the choir, when they sing, is to praise God and at the same time to lift the spirits of the parishioners through beautiful singing, which is a form of prayer. By clapping you are encouraging them to expect and even desire the acclaim of men and you may be depriving them of their heavenly reward.

**Marriage Preparation Program at St. Aidan's**

The 2023 St. Aidan's Marriage Preparation Program will commence on September 30, 2023. Please note this program is held once a year, hence, couples planning to marry by December 2024 can register for it. For more information, kindly contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

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

"At the end of our life, we shall be judged by charity." - St. John of the Cross

Thank you for your ongoing love and generosity towards the poor. Your donations in the Poor Box go a long way to help many poor and unfortunate families.

**Sayings of the Saints**

Your deeds may be the only sermon some people hear today. - St. Francis of Assisi

Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the faith. - St. Polycarp

Make your people known for the unity and profession of their faith. - St. Cyril