

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vocation Seeds

“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...”
Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

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ShareLife

Work together for good through ShareLife

The second reading tells us that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

He is calling us to live our lives as disciples, and we can do so by sharing what we can with those who need it most. Through ShareLife, we can reach out to the most vulnerable in our communities and those who continue to suffer around the world.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Parking Lot Repaving

In addition to repaving our parking lot, we are changing the interlocking stones to cement walkways as well as pushing the curbs closer to the church so as to leave more room for parking and traffic within our parking lot. Epic Paving & Contracting Ltd. Will be starting some of this work this coming week. The work will be done on weekdays. Weekend parking should not be affected.

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 29:

5:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Sammy Tiam
In Thanksgiving of Elisa Agatep
In Thanksgiving of Pascual Family
+David Yu-Tin Kong
+Melissa Blatchford
+Tahimik Cabral
+Mario Ramilla
+Sarah McLean
+Rudolfo Chan

Sunday July 30:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Elsie Garcia

10:30 am +Phyllis Fraser

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday July 31:

9:00 am +Ernest Vaz

Tuesday August 1:

9:00 am +David Ebaló

Wednesday August 2:

7:30 pm Ai Jin Family
Jacquie Georges
+Josefina de Jesus Alcantara
+Arturo Brilliantes
+Emma Lloret
+Carlota & Ricardo Solis

Thursday August 3:

9:00 am +Lydia Pobre

Friday August 4:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Santana Fernandes

Saturday August 5:

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 30, 2023

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 spirituality 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.

**Second Collection for Canadian Missions
On August 12/13**

The Canadian Missions Collection supports remote diocese in NWT and in northern Alberta as well as Catholic Missions across Canada. In many areas the population is too small or the economic situation of the communities is too fragile for the local people to be able to support their local church and its ministry. Your contributions will go a long way to support these communities. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes for this collection will be at the back of the church.

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.

**On a Happy Note
Welcome back Fr. Steven!**

Congregational Singing and Clapping

The hymns that are sung at Mass are intended to praise and honour God and to lift our spirits God. Inspirational music or singing makes it easier for us to pray and to think of God or the things of God. Some hymns are intended to be congregational singing, and some are intended to be just listened to. The ideal is that everyone tries to join in the congregational singing. Our participation in singing is part of the way we praise God and participate in Mass. Our effort to sing also reminds us that the choir is not singing to entertain us but to lead all of us in singing, in praising God. There are times when only the choir sings, or only the organ is played. Once again this is to help lift our spirits in prayer to God, not to entertain us. If more people made the effort to sing at Mass, it would help remind everyone that the choir is not there to entertain us. When we go somewhere to be entertained, clapping is appropriate. When we go to church to praise and worship God, applauding human beings on a regular basis is not appropriate. Clapping leads people to think that the choir is singing for our entertainment, and as a result many don't make any effort to participate in Mass by singing.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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"Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all".

- Saint John Chrysostom

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.

**Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnut
Fundraiser**

The Catholic Women's of our parish are conducting a fundraiser by offering you an opportunity to purchase a dozen doughnuts for \$12. Orders can be placed on the weekends of August 5/6 and August 12/13.

Doughnuts will be available for pick up after all Masses on Sunday August 20, 2023.