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Rev Fr Peter Tammearu, Pastor



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

## **CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday at 11.45 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**(First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)**

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## **SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

Please make an appointment to see the pastor

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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Darlene Barron, President 416.264.6407

## **LEGION OF MARY**

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

Rev Fr Peter Gitendran, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Mass at 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 21, 2018**



*Believe the Good News!*

Authority is an unfashionable concept today. The whole idea that someone should have power over someone else is deeply unpopular. But bluntly, that's what authority is – the right to be in control, to tell other people what they can or cannot do. So in sport, a football referee can control the game by blowing the whistle, awarding free kicks, or sending players off. A cricket umpire can turn the whole game by raising one finger at particular moments. If you play sport, you have to acknowledge that authority. In the army, a commanding officer has every right to order his subordinates into action, whether they feel like it or not. In fact, someone once used that very illustration to Jesus.

If some law, or contract, or the rules of the game, give you authority, then you have it; and it is up to you to wield it properly. Jesus came into the world with authority from his Father God – an authority that did not extend over a mere sporting arena, or an army, or even over a country, but over the entire world. Jesus came into this world with authority to rule, to establish what he called the Kingdom of God – the space where God's sovereign authority is recognized and accepted. At this point in Mark's account we see the first beginnings of that Kingdom, as Jesus launches his mission.

John the Baptizer has raised the spiritual temperature of the nation, ready for Jesus to step forward. In vv.14-15 we see that John has been imprisoned because his message about repenting of your sins has not gone down well with Herod, the local despot (though Mark does not give us this explanation until 6:17-18). This section of Mark's gospel ('Authority and Opposition') runs from 1:14 to 6:30 and is bracketed by the two references to John's imprisonment.

Now Jesus appears publicly, back in his home region of Galilee; and he comes proclaiming the good news, the gospel, which as we have seen means a big announcement of a world-changing event. 'The time has come' – or, 'has been completed'. It's now that this is happening: 'the Kingdom of God is near'. The Jews knew what that meant. Their prophets had spoken about it centuries before: the Kingdom of God arriving means that God comes to assert his authority, publicly and openly, here on earth. At last God would break into history and establish his everlasting Kingdom. The Jews had many wrong ideas about the Kingdom and the kind of freedom it would bring, but they were right about that much. Jesus says, I am here to bring it in. He says, in effect: it's me! I am the good news! So repent: turn away from your past life and get ready for God to act.



*From Steve Wilmhurst, A Ransom for Many (2011)*

**Monday January 22**

12:05 pm † Arcely Briones

*requested by Briones & Patacsil families*

**Tuesday January 23**

**St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

12:05 pm In thanksgiving for favour received

*requested by Carol Morra*

**Wednesday January 24**

**St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:05 pm † Fr. Charles Wolbang

*requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie*

**Thursday January 25**

**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

12:05 pm † Fr. Charles Wolbang

*requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie*

**Friday January 26**

**St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops**

12:05 pm † Ricky & Dr. Richard McCrorie

*requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie  
[parent & grandparent]*

**Saturday January 27**

**St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious founder**

9 am † Ricky & Dr. Richard McCrorie

*requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie  
[parent & grandparent]*

5 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday January 28**

**Fourth Sunday in ordinary time**

9 am † Teodora Esporlas

*requested by Esporlas family*

11 am In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Maria & Antonio on their wedding anniversary  
*requested by the San Juan family*



**Monday January 22**

12:30 – 2 pm Monthly Social in the Hall

**Thursday January 25**

12:30 – 1:30 pm Line Dancing [Church hall]

7:30 pm – 9 pm Legion of Mary meeting [*Seniors*]

**Friday January 26**

3:45 – 5 pm Children's Choir practice

**Saturday January 27**

9:30 am – 3 pm CWL Scarborough Regional Winter Event



**AT THE 11 AM MASS**

**Entrance hymn:** #716 When is Our Music, God is Glorified  
**Offertory hymn:** #869 Here I Am, Lord  
**Communion hymn:** #1028 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart  
**Concluding hymn:** #568 Jerusalem, My Destiny

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

We will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after the 9 am and 11 am Masses to start the Lenten season. Tickets for this event will only be \$1.00 per person, and children under the age of 10 yrs. are free. Tickets will be available at the back of the Parish starting the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup>. A lot of effort goes into an event like this. **So please join us for food, fun and fellowship. Show your support for your Parish!**



**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

On the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of January 27/28, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a **special Mass presided by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick today Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto** to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

**2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your box of envelopes at all Sunday Masses and before the end of January. If your envelope # is above the 300 range, please check the listing in the foyer of the Church before picking up your envelope.

There will be **extra** boxes of envelopes for those wishing to use Church envelopes; and forms, for those wishing to give via the 'Pre-Authorized Giving Plan' [PAG]. **Note: For parishioners currently using PAG, you will still need to pick up a box of envelopes for other collections [exclude weekly collection and repair fund].**

If your box # is in the 8XX series, please pick up a box of envelopes which can be found in the 'EXTRA ENVELOPE' box. **Thank you for supporting your parish!**



**MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS**

**January Social and Fellowship**

Please join us this Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Whether you regularly attend daily Mass or not, all are welcome to join us for light refreshments (sandwiches, tea and coffee) in the Church Hall on Monday. We are most grateful to three women of our parish community who offered to share their experiences of the Holy Land with us. We look forward to hearing their stories and insights in a brief presentation after the 12:05 p.m. followed by light refreshments. Please join us in the Church Hall.

**Line Dancing** continues this **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Church Hall. All are welcome to join us for some fun, exercise and friendship.

**Did you know?**

You can join us for any amount of time you have - 10 minutes, 20 minutes 30 minutes... or for the entire hour. It is up to you.

You may need a change of shoes for dancing. Any indoor shoe will do as long as they are comfortable for dancing.

This activity is open and fluid - meaning you can come when you can. If you are unable to come on any given Thursday - no problem - we look forward to seeing you the next time. You are always welcome whenever you decide to come.

If you don't want to dance you can still come. Come for the sense of community. Come for the fun and friendship. Come to enjoy the music and the company and be entertained in the process.

You can access the Church Hall at the back of the Church in the foyer. You are welcome to use the stairs or elevator.

We will have drinking water available.

Thank you to those people who dared to ask the questions so that we could communicate this information more effectively.



Continue to check the Bulletin to learn more about upcoming events.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**

*with Cardinal Collins*

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas



Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018.

If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration.

**The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave - North York).** A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating.

Registration and other important information can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400, Ext. # 523.


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