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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)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

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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

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2018**

Preach the Gospel with your life!

Every Christian is called to preach the Gospel with their life. You can preach by example. You can also preach by words. And you must understand that every Christian is called; there is no exception to being an apostle of Christ. Everyone is called; to deny this is to deny the whole idea of our baptism.

We like to hide behind the fact that we are unlettered or we are not equipped. These are sort of smoke screens which shout very loudly: "I don't want to preach because I don't want to practice." We have our roots in Christ and he will show you what he wants you to do in the service of humanity.

Christ knew that he was himself the Good News; therefore we look at him. He did not establish a kingdom on earth. He didn't do what we call social or political justice; he was not involved directly in those things.

But he knew that he was the Good News. How does this apply directly to us? Before we can do any social action, political action, healing action, corporal or spiritual works of mercy, we have to be Jesus Christ. You have to be the Glad News!

To preach the Glad News is to be like Jesus Christ! I don't think that we must do anything in particular to be like Jesus Christ. I really don't. I think we just must love! Do we pray to be changed into love?

The true revolution that Christ wants to make at all times, in all ages of history, is the revolution of example. To preach the Gospel one must live it. Naturally, none of us can live it to the hilt, barring a few saints maybe, but one must try. I think that what matters is not speech, it is being. One has to just be before God, before one can do something for God and man. I have to connect myself with God first, then I can connect with people. Otherwise my connection with man is humanitarian or what have you, but it certainly has nothing to do with the Christian religion.

I think that we are coming, in our time and age, closer and closer to the reality. I think the revolution of Christ is done in little spots that are utterly unimportant to the big world, utterly unsung and unheard of by the majority that 'matters,' the politicians and so on. I think it is accomplished by those who group themselves around Christ, with a humble desire to just live his life out, to be icons of Christ, to bring other people to him.

The desire of an apostle is only one: to bring other people to Christ; and the only way to bring other people to him is to love them. And out of that love come compassion, tenderness, understanding, hospitality of the heart as well as of the house, acceptance of people as they are, and trusting the untrustworthy.

All these things flow from love, and love flows from faith. Faith is the cradle, and from it, love and hope and all the fruits of love and hope should come forth from my heart to your heart. And once I see in your eyes tenderness, compassion, love, understanding, trust, then the icon of Christ that is in your face becomes alive. You vanish and he appears. That is being an apostle.

~ by Catherine Doherty ~



Mass Intentions

Monday January 29

12:05 pm In thanksgiving for God's graces & blessings
requested by Anne Hoban

Tuesday January 30

12:05 pm † Ricky & Dr. Richard McCrorie
*requested by Roger & Mary
[parent/grandparent]*

Wednesday January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

12:05 pm † Ricky & Dr. Richard McCrorie
*requested by Roger & Mary
[parent/grandparent]*

Thursday February 1

12:05 pm † Achille & Elide Bernardi
requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie

Friday February 2 [First Friday]

The Presentation of the Lord

12:05 pm † Achille & Elide Bernardi
requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie

Saturday February 3 [First Saturday]

St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

9 am † Achille & Elide Bernardi
requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie

5 pm † Ricky & Dr. Richard McCrorie
*requested by Roger & Mary
[parent/grandparent]*

Sunday February 4

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time

9 am For the People of the Parish

11 am † Francesco Bruno

requested by his wife, Assunta Bruno



Thursday February 1

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

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

Friday February 2 First Friday

12:35 pm Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

3:45 – 5 pm Children's Choir practice

Saturday February 3 First Saturday & Feast of St. Blaise

9:30 am Blessing of the throats followed by Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

10 am 1st Holy Communion Class #1

3:45 pm Confirmation Class #1

Sunday February 4

11 am Mass – Children's choir

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Monthly Social - Thank you to all who attended the monthly social this past Monday, and to those who helped in any way with the Social. It was a great afternoon, being with you. A special note of gratitude is extended to Letty, Virginia and Esper for taking the time to share with us their experience of the Holy Land.

Line Dancing - What a great turn out for Line Dancing! We look forward to this wonderful opportunity fun, fitness and friendship. Know that if you were unable to attend last week you are most welcome to join us this week. See you Thursday in the Church Hall after the 12:05 pm Mass in the Church Hall.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date(s)

Monthly Social - For February, we will have our Social on Tuesday, Feb. 13th. Since it is PANCAKE TUESDAY. We, of course, will serve pancakes. The social will take place after the 12:05 pm Mass in the Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office by Friday, February 9 if you plan on joining us as for this social, we need to have a sense of numbers for the food preparation. Thank you.

Making a Retreat in Everyday Life - Our Pastor, Fr. Peter Tammearu will help us to explore Ignatian Spirituality. Spiritual Exercises form the cornerstone of Catholic spirituality. This is a good method to refresh your spirituality during the time of Lent by entering into the spirit of a retreat in order

to prepare to make a good confession and receive the Easter Eucharist with joy. These four sessions will take place on 4 Mondays during Lent from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Church Hall. What a wonderful way to immerse ourselves into this season of Lent and to rise with our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Easter. The first talk will be on Monday, February 26th and continue on March 5th, 12th, and 19th. Mark your calendar.

Stations of the Cross - This year, we will try something a little different. Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday morning during Lent. We will reflect upon the Stations of the Cross from Our Lady's perspective. Please join us each Friday during Lent at 11:15 am beginning Friday, February 16th. The Stations of the Cross will be followed by the praying of the Rosary (the Sorrowful Mysteries) and our daily Mass at 12:05 pm. **Volunteers needed.** If you would be willing to help (reading, carrying the cross or candle), please leave your name and phone number and the dates on which you can be present with the Secretary at the Parish Office.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th, 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 21st. 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!**



AT THE 11 AM MASS

Prelude: Choral Dorien by Jehan Allain
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
Postlude: Mein Jesu, der du mich by Johannes Brahms

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATION

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.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

Canada Summer Jobs Program - Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament
The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

ST. BLAISE - FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 3RD

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

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