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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

Please make an appointment to see the pastor

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Please call 647.428.2880

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Darlene Barron, President 416.264.6407

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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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

Letter from Cardinal Collins

February 2018

My dear friends,

Thank you for all that you currently do to support and strengthen our Catholic community. Please keep me in your prayers as I do all of you.

It is troubling that, with increasing frequency, our faith community faces significant challenges in the public square.

Two recent examples are the lack of conscience protection for health care workers who are asked to participate in assisted suicide and the federal government's insistence that faith groups disavow their key values in order to receive Canada Summer Jobs grants. It is important that we are educated on such issues and that our voices are heard in response.

Periodically, I would like to contact you directly or through a trusted faith partner to share information in a timely manner on issues such as health care, education and religious freedom. For this reason, I encourage you to participate in a "Sign-Up Sunday" being held in your parish and across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

I ask all parishioners to provide their name, postal code and email address on lists available at parishes on designated weekends in late February and early March. Anticipating a provincial election this June, we will begin with an awareness campaign around conscience rights related to assisted suicide/euthanasia. In 2017, more than 30,000 letters were sent to local Members of Provincial Parliament. The 2018 Call for Conscience campaign has the following goals:

- 1) to renew the call to protect the right of health care professionals to abstain from any involvement in causing the death of their patients;
- 2) to provide protection for faith-based facilities that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia; and
- 3) to ask elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office to increase access and funding for palliative care in Ontario.

When you provide your personal information, be assured it will be kept confidential and you can unsubscribe from the program at any time. You will only receive an email from me or groups I trust on these important issues. Initially, you will receive an email from the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience, providing a link to contact candidates in your riding and the leaders of our provincial parties to respectfully express your concern. The whole process, done electronically, takes only five minutes. If you do not have an email account, draft letters will be available to send to your MPP.

I hope that you will assist me by participating in "Sign-Up Sunday". It is critical that we use modern technology to communicate effectively, ensuring our voice is heard in the public square. Please join me as we pray for all those suffering and for those entrusted to care for them.

Sincerely in Christ,
Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto



Entrance hymn: #564 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
Offertory hymn: #791 Without Seeing You
Communion hymn: #574 Deep Within
Closing hymn: #981 Lift High the Cross

WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

8 Reasons from Pope Francis

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the



Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives.

Continuing the idea of Pope Francis as our spiritual director this Lent, here are 8 reasons from our Holy Father on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him
2. They Put Us into the Story
3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us
4. They Compel Us to Action
5. They Help Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ
6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World
7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us
8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection

Join us every Friday throughout Lent at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm for Stations of the Cross.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Date: Saturday, March 3rd
Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Place: Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto
Theme: "Fire on the Earth" (Luke 12:49).
Featuring:

- Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield
- An adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins
- A youth mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated Bishop Scott McCaig
- A separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.

COST: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth
CONTACT: Catholic Renewal Ministries
PHONE: 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510
EMAIL: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca
WEBSITE: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



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Mass Intentions

Monday February 19

12:05 pm † Jose Torres Sr.
requested by Tess & Lito

Tuesday February 20

12:05 pm For the intentions of Amanda Glennon & Dave Thompson
requested by Anne Hoban

Wednesday February 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:05 pm For the intentions of Ilidia Silva
requested by the Cabral family

Thursday February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
12:05 pm † Lilian Ali
requested by Arthur & Elizabeth Robinson & Betty Omar Ali

Friday February 23

St. Ploycarp, Bishop and Martyr
12:05 pm † Ladislav Kubik

7 pm † Norma Laxamana
requested by Alice & Brian Warford

Saturday February 24

9 am † Cecilio de Castro Sr.
requested by Letty Denovan

5 pm † Norma Estanislao
requested by the Sevilla family

Sunday February 25

Second Sunday of Lent
9 am For the People of the Parish

11 am † Fr. Charles Wolbang
requested by Roger & Mary McCrorie



Wednesday February 21

6:30 pm St. Vincent De Paul meeting

Thursday February 22

12:30 – 1:30 pm Line Dancing [Church hall]
7:30 pm – 9 pm Legion of Mary meeting [Seniors]

Friday February 23

11:15 pm **Stations of the Cross** followed by rosary & Mass
3:45 – 5 pm Children's Choir Practice
6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** followed by 7 pm Mass

Saturday February 24

10 am 1st Holy Communion Class #4
3:45 pm Confirmation Class #2

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

LINE DANCING continues each Thursday after the 12:05 Mass for fun, fitness and friendship. Everyone is always welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, February 16th, we will pray the Stations at 11:15 a.m. We will reflect upon the Stations of the Cross from Our Lady's perspective. The Stations of the Cross will be followed by the praying of the Rosary (the Sorrowful Mysteries) and our daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. Join us each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. **Volunteers needed.** If you would be willing to help (reading, carrying the cross or candle), please leave your name and phone number with the Secretary at the Parish Office.

MAKING A RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Mark your calendar. **Monday, February 26th and March 5th, 12th, and 19th.**

Fr. Peter Tammearu will help us to explore Ignatian Spirituality. Join us 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 a.m. 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.



SAVE THE DATE Monday, March 19th.

Our next monthly Social will be on the Feast of St. Joseph. Please join us for this traditional celebration of our Patron, St. Joseph. We will have St. Joseph's table after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Continue to check the Bulletin for more details.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

The Family of Faith campaign will issue 2017 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2018. Most gifts to the campaign have been in the form of pledges, payable over five years. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts actually received in 2017, through Sunday, December 31, 2017. Please note that contributions sent by mail that were postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 are eligible for a 2017 tax receipt.



FOCUS: The Kingdom of God is at hand

Repent and believe in the Gospel. These sound like simple words for our short Gospel today. But it is fitting that Jesus begins his earthly ministry with this powerful message after the Spirit descended upon him at his baptism. He asks us to believe in the Gospel and embrace its message of humble service and discipleship.

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