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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 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

**The Story of the Martyrdom
of John the Baptist**
Memorial – August 29th



The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. *“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”* (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, *‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’* The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John’s life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God’s grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

Reflection

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ’s saving grace.

~ taken from the Franciscan Media ~

Mon. Aug.24	12:05 pm	
Tue. Aug.25	12:05 pm	†Eufemia Sumabat on the 10 th anniversary of her death, <i>requested by Amy Costales</i>
Wed. Aug.26	12:05 pm	
Thu. Aug.27	12:05 pm	
Fri. Aug.28	12:05 pm	
Sat. Aug.29	9:00 am	†Iona Mayutha on the anniversary of her death, <i>requested by her daughter Norma</i>
	5:00 pm	†Mr. Minhaj, <i>requested by the Che family</i>
Sun. Aug.30	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00 am	For the Protection of the Unborn, <i>requested by the Mases fir Life project</i>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

is sincerely grateful to our benefactors for your continued support to our neighbours in need.

During this pandemic, your generosity has enabled us to help approximately 60 neighbours while implementing social distancing measures as



mandated by the government. Aside from the financial help, we have also offered and extended emotional support to those who are feeling isolated and fearful during this time.

Your continued financial support will be appreciated. You may use regular envelopes for donation as we are not yet allowed to leave envelopes in the church vestibule until we return to normal business.

PARISH EMAILS

If you have not been receiving emails from the parish, we encourage you to update your records. Please do so, if you wish, via email, to:



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HUMANITARIAN RELIEF *Lebanon Relief Effort*

An enormous explosion devastated the city of Beirut, Lebanon, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in what the local mayor called “a national catastrophe.”

The situation in Lebanon is dire. At least 154 people died in the explosion and 5,000 were injured – those numbers are expected to rise over the coming days. The explosion also destroyed vital food stores and left 300,000 people homeless (representing roughly 12 per cent of the city’s population). Five hundred hospital beds, as well as important medical supplies needed for the country’s COVID-19 response, were also damaged in the blast.

At this time, we ask the faithful to please donate to the Lebanon relief effort, if they are able.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency with extensive on-the-ground networks in Lebanon. CNEWA staff are currently working to send food, water, medical supplies and hygiene products to Beirut. Spiritual and psychological support will also be provided to those who lost everything in a blink of an eye. Later, CNEWA will rebuild housing and help re-establish those who lost their livelihoods in this disaster.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (click on the “[Donate Now](#)” button at the top of the page): www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Beirut Explosion – Disaster Relief.

Please use a separate envelope, other than the parish envelope, specify *Lebanon Relief Effort*; and place it in the offertory box provided **no later than August 30th.**

The people of Lebanon – who were already dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and hosting almost one million Syrian refugees – need our assistance. It is at times like these when we are called to respond in a special way to our Christian mission to love our neighbour.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest”

~ Matthew 11:28 ~



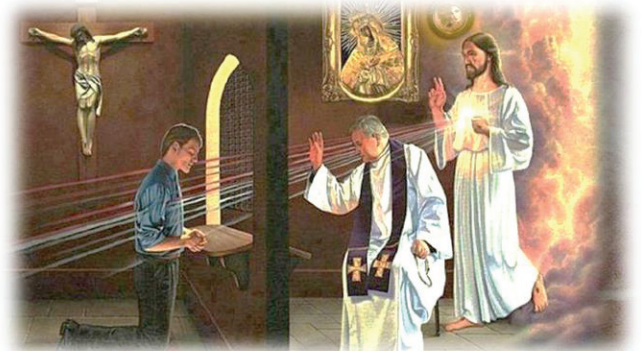
Join us every Friday at 11:30 am for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Personal Adoration, Private Prayer, Blessing at 12:00 pm followed by Mass at 12:05 pm

MASS SCHEDULE			
MASS	TIME	CHURCH OPENS	CHURCH CLOSES
Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday	12:05 pm	11:00 am	1:00 pm
Weekday Mass: Saturday	9:00 am	8:30 am	10:00 am
Sunday Masses: Saturday [Sun. Vigil] Sunday Sunday	5:00 pm 9:00 am 11:00 am	4:30 pm 8:30 am 10:30 am	

NOTE:

- **ALL MASSES** will be on a **FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED** basis

CONFESSION by appointment only



[Mon. – Fri.]: 11:00 am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to 1 pm]

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