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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

LIVESTREAM MASS [English] www.olghtamilparish.com

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm Sunday at 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am Saturday at 4.30 pm

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OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544 Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Blessed is the One Who Trusts Blessings & Woes Luke 6: 17, 20-26

In the first reading this Sunday, we learn all about the importance of trust. The Lord says to the prophet Jeremiah, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ... That person shall be like a tree planted by water, sending



out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green." Let us take some time to reflect on the role of trust

in our lives as stewards.

Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may not always see the fruit of our labours. The parish vitality may still seem bleak or people may still seem to lack interior conversion. However, this is where the need for trust comes in.

We must trust that God will surely bless our stewardship and bring about great graces, even though we do not see them. Whenever we begin to lose hope because of the slow progress in our ministry, we can look to our own lives for reassurance. We ourselves probably didn't have a conversion experience the first time we heard the Gospel. All of those moments were instead slow and gradual movements the Lord used to bring us to where we are now. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.

Summary

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~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

SERRA'S 'VOCATION SEEDS'



Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Feb. 14	12:05 pm	† Carmelita Butong, requested by Tina Reyes
Tue.	Feb. 15	12:05 pm	Anastacio Uy, requested by MBS Family
Wed.	Feb. 16	12:05 pm	† Jane Rocha, requested by Louisa Lopez
Thur.	Feb. 17	12:05 pm	I Jerome Rocha, requested by Louisa Lopez
Fri.	Feb. 18	12:05 pm	Mervyn Rocha, requested by Louisa Lopez
Sat.	Feb. 19	9:00 am	† Felisa D. Galase, <i>requested</i> the Galase family
		5:00 pm	† Rozario & Grace Almeida, requested by Dominic Cordozo
Sun.	Feb. 20	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	† Fr. Albert Macalipay, requested by Josie Dipasupil Keele

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP



A friendly reminder to our Catholic Women's League members. Your membership fee of \$25 is now due. Kindly submit in an envelope marked 'CWL' and place in the donation box at your earliest

convenience. Thank you!

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO'S ONLINE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you. Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES & HER LESSONS ON SUFFERING



Feast day: Friday, February 18th [April 16 is the historical feast day of St. Bernadette (the day of her death),

while in France it is celebrated on February 18th].

Saint Bernadette is best known for

being the visionary of the Marian apparition at a grotto cave in Lourdes, France, on February 11, 1858. During the course of her short life (she died at the age of 35), Bernadette Soubirous received an astounding 18 visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Her visions and the discovery of the healing waters of Lourdes has certainly been her lasting influence—hundreds of millions of people have visited the church and pilgrimage shrine at Lourdes, and multitudes have experienced miraculous cures of body and soul there.

Though often associated with healing, St. Bernadette has an important lesson to teach us about suffering.

Saint Bernadette endured sickness for most of her life. As a child, she had a weak and sickly constitution, and suffered from severe asthma. Added to that was the pain that being a visionary caused her—the jealousy, suspicion, and rejection of others. Then, as an adult living with the Sisters of Nevers, she struggled with a very painful tubercular tumor in the bone of her right knee.

One day, while in the convent, a group of visitors came to her and asked her if she was aware of the miraculous healings that were occurring at Lourdes, and why she, the woman to whom the healing waters had been shown, did not go there for healing. St. Bernadette simply responded, *"You see, my business is to be ill."*

This response stupefied her visitors, who simply could not understand what she meant by this. Many in our own day wouldn't understand her either.

Today there is an emphasis, as their rightly should be, on defeating physical illnesses and reducing the suffering it causes. This is a good thing. But, we cannot lose sight of having the right attitude or response towards suffering during the time that we experience it.

Many people who discover they are ill are tempted to become depressed, angry, or despondent, as if their heaven should be here and now. St. Bernadette challenges us to a different response: to accept the suffering, illness, and pain that comes to us now as a preparation for the life to come. Our Lady of Lourdes once said to St. Bernadette, "*I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next.*"

St. Bernadette teaches us that suffering gives us an opportunity to go in one of two directions: Bitter or Better.

In response to suffering, people will either become bitter and think thoughts such as, "This isn't fair," or, "Why does this have to happen to me?" or, "I hate my sufferings." But people can also respond in a radical way of acceptance such as St. Bernadette and many other heroic Saints and Blesseds who accepted their pain as bearing a cross given to them by God for their own sanctification, and offered up for the sanctification of others.

As they have taught us, suffering allows us the opportunity to grow closer to God, to participate in the sufferings of Christ, to purify ourselves, and to gain perspective on our own fragility and weakness so that we can learn to depend evermore on Him.

Why must we suffer? Because here below pure Love cannot exist without suffering. O Jesus, Jesus, I no longer feel my cross when I think of yours.''- St. Bernadette

Saint Bernadette is, not surprisingly, the patron saint of the sick. If you or someone you know is suffering from an illness, then you should pray for their healing, as well as for their ability to accept the suffering they endure so that they can grow spiritually from the experience.

What strikes you about the life of Saint Bernadette? Does her life encourage you to respond to your sufferings differently? ~taken from the Catholic Company website~

FREE WEBINAR!!! ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 9:00 am

Opin this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors

- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.

TO REGISTER, send us an email to:

development@archtoronto.org

Please include **'webinar February 26' in the subject line** and provide your **name and mailing address in the body of a message** (otherwise we won't be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!). Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

You will receive a link to the webinar on February 22nd, and in a couple of reminders closer to the date of the presentation.

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