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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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator awarford@archtoronto.org

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LEGION OF MARY

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford 416.453.3965

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

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

Befriending God

Jesus Appears to the Disciples Luke 24.35-48

One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that "faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure." Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.

The Catechism teaches that, "Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother" (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus' identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important



relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

Summary

We all love having friends and since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus because he too is fully human. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships but is elevated to the status of being friends with God, since Jesus is also fully God. As stewards, let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
For the repose of the souls
of Rita Ranee & Quintus
requested by

The Collins Family



Monday, April 15th

12:05 pm † Oswald Vincent

requested by Regina Mazumder

Tuesday, April 16th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & birthday intentions of Maricel Galsim-Nilo requested by the Nilo family

Wednesday, April 17th

12:05 pm In Thanksgiving to St. Philomena requested by Veronica Ferreira

Thursday, April 18th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving to St. Philomena requested by Veronica Ferreira

Friday, April 19th

12:05 pm † Ricky Simone on his 3rd death anniversary requested by his mother, Mary; Nancy & Dylan

Saturday, April 20th

9:00 am † Edson Edralin on his death anniversary requested by Gudelia Edralin

5:00 pm † Giuseppe Florio requested by the Ristuccia family

Sunday, April 21st

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Francis & Philomena Cardoz requested by Dominic Cardoz



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Lenten Food Drive

We would like to thank the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Good Health for supporting our Lenten Food Drive. In partnership with Knights of Columbus, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Immaculate

Heart of Mary Parish collected and donated a generous amount of food items to the Good Shepherd Ministries. Through your support, we are able to continue the good work of helping our

neighbours who need it the most. God Bless!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Period is Now Open!

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto are now accepting applications for our full array of Scholarships and nominations for our Community Service Awards.

In 2023, we created five new scholarships and established the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. Each scholarship will be granted in an amount of up to \$5,000 and is open to applicants living, studying or working within the Archdiocese of Toronto. Each Community Service Award will recognize achievement in the human services sector and meaningful service to a local community within the Archdiocese of Toronto, with a \$1,000 award. More details on all scholarships and awards, including the eligibility criteria, can be found on our website.

Submission deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2024.

CONTACT: kquan@ccat.ca or 416-934-3401 ext. 419



New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

♦ Online Drop-In Bereavement Support Session April 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: https://nbb0424.eventbrite.ca

♦ Online Drop-In Separated/Divorced Support Session

April 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Register at: https://nbsd0424.eventbrite.ca

Location: Catholic Family Services of Toronto

1155 Yonge St., Suite 200 Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

Tel. #: (416) 921-1163 | **Email: www.cfstoronto.com**

For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE, RP (Q)

Email: alimanni@cfstoronto.com | Tel. #: (647) 215-3978

SVdP Bundle Up Weekend May 4th/5th

②t is that time of the year again! Please consider donating your gently used items this spring for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend on May 4th and 5th. We are pleased to accept clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, draperies and NEW toys for use in the Society's programs and services to help those in need. A truck will be in the parking lot before and after mass to receive your donation. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling.

Note: the following will **NOT be accepted**: books, dishes, furniture, construction materials, video and audio cassettes.

Thank you for your continued support!



Stained Glass Preservation

We are in great need of donations for the preservation of the Stained Glass windows which has been completed.

Special envelopes are available at the front & side entrances of the church.



Kindly contact the parish office if you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention <u>or</u> in memory of a loved one. Families or individual ministries are also invited to take part in this fundraising project.

Cost: Top - \$5,500; Bottom - \$1,700 Your support is greatly appreciated!

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available.

For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, email <code>lgwtoronto@proton.me</code>.





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