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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm Saturday at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil) Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday at 11:00 am

#### **FATIMA DEVOTION**

Every 1st Saturday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass

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Sunday at 11:00 am

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am | Saturday at 4.30 pm

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Susan Lee, Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)
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Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544 Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

### Lessons from Cana

#### The Wedding at Cana

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus was with His mother and disciples at a wedding in Cana when the wine had run out. Mary asked Jesus to help and He in turn changed six large jars of water into delicious fine wine. Let us take some time to reflect on this extraordinary event and see how it can influence us in our life of stewardship.



Firstly, we can learn a beautiful lesson about the role of Mary in our lives from this scene. It was our Blessed Mother who noticed that the wine was running out and she was quick to intervene. Mary has a true mother's heart and is very in tune with the needs of all her children. Whenever we are in a time of trial we should run to Mary and

trust that she will console us as a mother consoles her young. Perhaps the next time we experience a moment of difficulty, let us take a moment to stop, consider the loving embrace of Our Lady and say a Hail Mary.

Additionally, from this episode we can learn a great deal about trust and obedience from the servants whom Jesus instructed. The Gospel says that the servants had "drawn the water" from the jars. The servants saw the cup filled with water, yet they still trusted that something remarkable would happen when they handed the cup to the chief steward. Sometimes from our perspective nothing remarkable is happening in our good works of stewardship. However, let us strive to trust that God can take our simple acts and bring about great miracles through them.

#### **Summary**

We can learn a great deal about stewardship from the account of the Wedding at Cana that we read in the Gospel today. Just as Mary was the first to notice and intervene at the wedding, we can be assured that whenever we run to her in a time of trial, she will readily come to our aid. Secondly, we should seek to imitate the servants who trustingly obeyed Jesus and strive to trust that God can bring about great miracles through our small acts of stewardship.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



#### Monday, January 20th

**12:05 pm** In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Jude requested by Angela De Ga

#### Tuesday, January 21st

**12:05 pm** Intentions of Nereza requested by Nereza Frias

#### Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:05 pm

#### Thursday, January 23rd

12:05 pm

#### Friday, January 24th

12:05 pm † Rosanna & Grace Almieda requested by Dominic Cardoz

#### Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** In thanksgiving & intentions of Melchor Costales requested by the Costales family

**5:00 pm** In thanksgiving & blessings for John Jess Migia on his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday requested by the Migia family

#### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

9:00 am † Rosario Frias on her death anniversary requested by Nereza Frias

**11:00 am †** David Kumar requested by the Sevilla family



### Registration

**K**indergarten Registration opens in January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 for children born in 2020.

**Please note:** Children baptized in a recognized Christian Orthodox Church affiliated with the See of Constantinople or Alexandria are welcome to apply

For further assistance or clarification, please contact the Immaculate Heart of Mary School at 416-393-5272.

# TIPS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER Making a daily appointment with God

**E**ncountering God is the heart of Catholic life. We are invited to pray, not just on Sundays at Mass, but every day! Our Father in heaven is the one who loves us 24/7, even if we sometimes forget this. Jesus came to earth to show us the face of the Father and remind us of God's ever-present, unfailing love and mercy.



God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds ... as a reciprocal call between God and man (Catechism of the Catholic Church,

2591).

The God of love — of the universe — longs to have a daily conversation with us, one-on-one!

Having a personal prayer time acknowledges our relationship with God and devotes time to nourish it. Honest talking and attentive listening matter in every human relationship. With God, that's called prayer.

'Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.' — St. John Damascene

The fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is devoted to prayer. Here are a few tips for developing or improving your personal prayer time.

#### MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

Jesus did — and so should we! The Gospels show us that even though Jesus is God, he was also a person with a human heart, emotions, responsibilities, and needs.

Jesus learned to pray according to his human heart (CCC, 2599).

Jesus prayed as a faithful Jew. He learned the formulas of prayer from his parents. He came to know the Scriptures and liturgical prayers from the synagogue in Nazareth and the temple in Jerusalem.

Yet Jesus also demonstrated the value of personal prayer time with his Father. The Gospels describe Jesus often taking time alone to pray. (Some examples are Luke 6:12; 9:18; 9:28; 11:1; 22:41–42.)

Jesus kept the appointed times for community worship, and he kept his appointments for private prayer, too. Let's imitate Jesus! We know that when we put appointments on our calendar, we tend to keep them.

Be deliberate in planning your personal prayer times. The Catechism teaches, "In order to pray, one must have the will to pray" (CCC, 2650). [.....to be continued]

~ https://www.catholicdigest.com ~



The Church will be opened from 5pm - 7 pm, Monday to Friday for personal prayer.



On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday. In 2025, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 8/9. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via <u>livestream Mass</u>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

# FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

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- How to create your own legacy
- •About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

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