
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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(1581 - 1660)

SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass
(Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:30 a.m. Sung English Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Before every Mass on Sundays
Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-9944

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS Advent III

Entrance Hymn: 302- Saviour of the nations, come

Kyrie: Mass XVII (*Adventus*)

Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

“TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL.”

Credo: 202- *Kyriale Romanum III*

Offertory Hymn: 303- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Sanctus: 203- Mass XVIII

“Great Amen”- Advent

Agnus Dei: Roman Missal Chant

Communion Hymn: 307- Rorate caeli desuper (Mode I)

Communion Hymn Refrain:

**“RORATE CAELI DESUPER ET NUBES PLUANT
JUSTUM”** (*Drop down, you heavens, from above, and
let the skies pour down righteousness.*)

Concluding Hymn: 301- O come, O come, Emmanuel

Organ Postlude: *Hymn Verset 3, “Conditor alme
siderum”/” Dear Maker of the starry skies”* (*Jean
Titelouze*)

PARISH FINANCES FOR DECEMBER 6

Regular collection: \$4,561

Anniversary Fund: \$2102

Total: \$6,663

Budget Need: \$3,863

A handful of parishioners gave large donations last week,
AND a larger number of donations than usual
received. Thank you and God bless you.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2016. Students should read the scripture passage 1 Peter 2:1-10 and respond to the following statement in the essay: **Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.** Deadline for entries January 8, 2016. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org For more information call 416-934-3400, ext.344

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The course will run from **January 25 to March 8, 2016** on Monday evenings, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Holy Family parish hall. Registration will take place at the first session. Couples who are planning to be married should contact a priest as soon as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

8:00 (+) David Sylvester, req. by Len & Gina Sylvester

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

In Honour of Bl. Anthony Grassi of the Oratory, Priest

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 (+) Matthew Shaughnessey, req. by Elizabeth O'Connell

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 (+) Marguerite Williams, req. by Elizabeth O'Connell

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 For the Fathers of the Oratory, req. by John Swidryk

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 (+) Barbara Guiney, req. by Dennis Guiney

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2016 are available at the back of the church. Please pick up the box that has your name on it. If you do not find a box that has your name on it, pick up one of the unassigned boxes and make it your own. Also, kindly put your name and address on the first few envelopes so that we can make sure that our database is up to date.

Please note: Holders of envelopes numbered 251 and higher have been assigned new numbers.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

7:30 p.m. Carol Service

8:00 p.m. Sung Mass in English

Confessions from 7:15 p.m.

Please note there will not be a Mass at midnight at St. Vincent de Paul. The Mass at midnight will be a Solemn High Mass, Usus Antiquior, at Holy Family Church.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Mass in English

9:30 a.m. Low Mass in Latin, Usus Antiquior

11:30 a.m. Sung Mass in English

BLESSED ANTHONY GRASSI

Anthony Grassi was born in 1592, three years before Philip's death, in Fermo, a town of a few thousand inhabitants on the Adriatic coast. He was a good natured and intelligent boy, and quickly gained the respect and admiration of his teachers and friends.

After the early death of his father, Anthony took to frequenting the newly founded Oratory in Fermo more often than he used to and received regular spiritual direction from Father Ricci who had known Saint Philip personally. Anthony presented himself to the Congregation as a postulant just before his seventeenth birthday in 1609.

Anthony's natural intelligence and love of learning made his studies for the priesthood a pleasant time in his life. He acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of the Bible, the Fathers of the Church, and the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

One year, on his annual pilgrimage to the holy house of Loreto, Anthony was struck by lightning and knocked unconscious. This left him with a deeper devotion to Blessed Virgin; and from that time on sought all the more to dedicate himself completely to God's Will.

In 1625, Anthony went on a pilgrimage to Rome, his only trip away from Fermo except for his yearly pilgrimage to Loreto. In Rome, he visited all the places that Saint Philip used to frequent and sought to learn as much as he could about Saint Philip from Father Pietro Consolini who had known the Saint intimately. Anthony meditated upon this knowledge and applied it in his own life for ten years before imparting it more explicitly to others when he was elected superior of the Fermo Oratory in 1635.

Anthony was re-elected superior every three years for until his death in 1671. In his government of the Oratory, he imitated the gentleness of Saint Philip and of his Divine Master whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. One of his oft-repeated maxims was 'ad litteram, ad litteram', meaning, to the letter - to follow the rules of the institute to the letter. Anthony feared any breakdown in the harmonious life of the Oratory whose few rules help to establish the spirit of Saint Philip, and, hence, he always demanded that the rule be kept by others and ensured that it was by keeping it himself.

In 1671, as Blessed Anthony lay dying he said with great joy, "What a beautiful thing it is to die a son of Saint Philip." There is no better end to an Oratorian vocation.

There will be a sung Mass in honour of Blessed Anthony at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church on **Tuesday, December 15.**

PILGRIMAGES 2016

WYD July 18-August 5/ \$2,500 all inclusive, Fr. Martin Italy & Holy Land, May 1-12/ \$2,990, Fr Roche
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Envelopes to donate to the Society are on the table at all entrances and at the back of the church. The phone number to call for families in need in the Roncesvalles area is 647-727-8758.

HOT SOUP LUNCH

Our next Hot Soup Lunch is **Jan 25th**, after the 11:30am Mass! Please read our latest international review of Judy's amazing soups: and please donate any spare bowls you may have, and thank you!

"Oh, a thousand, thousand delights are found in these, most mysterious, soup bowls of SVP: The illustrious chef (may she live forever) is a jewel in our midst." (Mustafa Nother: Reviewing for The Citadel: Turkish Delight)

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis as a year to be lived intensely in each local Church throughout the world, allowing every person to encounter the mercy of God. The most evident sign of this pastoral care is the chance to open a Door of Mercy in every diocese, analogous to the Holy Doors in the Roman Basilicas. The Holy Doors of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Toronto are at the following churches:

- St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street, Toronto
- St. Patrick's Parish, 131 McCaul St., Toronto
- Merciful Redeemer Parish, 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga
- St. Anthony of Padua Parish 940 North Park Dr., Bramalea
- St. Patrick's Parish 11873 The Gore Rd., Brampton
- St. Theresa's Parish 2559 Kingston Rd., Scarborough
- The Martyrs' Shrine 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland
- Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele St., King City
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Chapel Doors) 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

See the information on the Jubilee of Mercy on the Archdiocesan website (www.archtoronto.org) for details on the Jubilee indulgence.

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