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New Parishioners are requested to register in the parish by phone or email.



Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 8:00 p.m. Spanish 2:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. Tuesday to Friday 7:00 p.m. Saturday & Holidays 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Baptism: Contact the parish office. Baptisms are scheduled monthly on the third and fourth Saturdays in English; on the second Saturday in Spanish.

Marriage: Contact the parish office one year in advance.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: If any family member with a serious illness or preparing for surgery wishes to celebrate this Sacrament, please call the parish office.

	Liturgical Ministries	
Lectors	Ven Faundo	416-299-4404
Eucharistic Ministers	Felipe and Grace Mantes	416-759-2335
Music Ministry	Donald Torres	647-449-6583
Altar Servers	Reston Senining	647-834-5546
Ushers/Greeters	Aduino Bertazzon	416-438-0507
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Nora Lovgren	416-439-1545
Communion to the Sick	Hy Francis	416-284-7851
	<u>Schools</u>	
St. Thomas More Elementary Schoo	ol 2300 Ellesmere Road	416-393-5322
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St. John Paul II Secondary School	685 Military Trail	416-393-5531

Youth Ministry

Youth Group	
Drusilla Lobo	<u>youth.stmyg@yahoo.ca</u>
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Jesus Fulfills the Law

In today's Gospel Jesus affirms that He has not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. He has been accused by the Pharisees and scribes of not observing the Law of Moses which has been revealed by God. In this case, He would not be the Messiah, sent by God, for God cannot contradict Himself. These accusations gave Jesus the opportunity to clarify the meaning of the Law. More than a collection of obligations and prohibitions, God's Law is to lead us to life, truth, freedom and justice for all.

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven" said Jesus. But what were the Pharisees and scribes doing wrong? They were known as austere observers of the Law; are they missing something? The Law has become their justification for discrimination. They considered themselves pure; everyone else is impure and unworthy of God's favour. Jesus does not accept this interpretation of the Law.

Through some examples, Jesus unfolds the true meaning of God's Law and its implications. For Him, anger, insults and gossip can also kill someone; God will only accept your offering if you first seek reconciliation with your neighbour; and adultery is extended to lustful thoughts and desires. Jesus denounces divorce as unfair, for men would dismiss their wives for any reason. Very often women would be left with no provision and exposed to public disgrace.

Jesus is the Messiah and He has come to show us that God's love is the foundation of His Law. In St. Paul's words, this is "God's wisdom, secret and hidden, revealed to us through the Spirit." It is time for the Church and the world to make the right decisions to shake off all discrimination and seek the way to life.

Fr. Will, SCJ

Mass Intentions for February 11 – 18, 2017 Saturday 5:00 p.m. +Hipolito & Esperanza Nemedes, requested by the family Sunday 8:30 a.m. +Isaac Navarrete, requested by N. Navarrete 10:00 a.m. +Srecko Cecic, requested by R. Kinkela 11:30 a.m. Intentions of the parish community 8:00 p.m. +Paolose & Rossamma Karingen and Varghese & Annam Karottu. requested by the family Monday 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Genie Rey Tuesday 7:30 a.m. +Jean Carvin, requested by M. Carolan +Paulette Bischoff, 7:00 p.m. requested by the family In thanksgiving, Elisa Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Dalmacio 7:00 p.m. +Maria D'Souza, requested by her daughter +Reta Avery, requested Thursday 7:30 a.m. by her family 7:00 p.m. Intentions of Christie Oakley +Romeo Guevarra +Gabriel Delos Reyes, requested by the Faundo family +Nesam Joseph. requested by Tisseverasinghe Friday 7:30 a.m. +James Brennan, requested by the family 7:00 p.m. +Ida P. Innasipillai, requested by the family Saturday 9:00 a.m. +Santiago Mantes, requested by the family

Praying for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Bella Passanha, Denise Whyte, Kenny Corraya, Phyllis Cogliano, Yvonne Rampersaud, Dennis Hookimaw Sr., Peter Iliev, Rita Croft and Henry Sharp. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry by the grace of God.

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Valentine Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Our fourth Annual Parish Valentine Dinner and Dance will be held on Sat., Feb. 18th after the evening Mass in our parish hall. Five-course buffet dinner, dessert choices, live band 'Pearl of Wisdom' door prizes, Silent Auction and more!! Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 2 to 12 years. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend or at the parish office during regular office hours. The Pastoral Council is requesting volunteers (high school students are most welcome) to assist with the many duties involved in making this a most enjoyable evening. Please call the parish office if you can help.

Legion of Mary Annual Acies

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

The Legion of Mary would like to invite all auxiliary Legion members to the Annual Acies function (which means "Consecration of Legionaries to Our Lady") on Sat., Mar. 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church (3170 St. Clair Ave., E.).

Is God Calling You?

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Statement re: Violence in Quebec City Mosque

"We join with the voices of many other faith communities across the country in condemning the heinous acts of violence that took place in a Quebec City mosque on Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by these tragic events. Despite the darkness of these violent acts, let us bring light and hope to all those we encounter, demonstrating through our example that we can work collectively to build a peaceful and prosperous country."

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Our Gratitude to Aduino Bertazzon!



One of our parishioners, Aduino Bertazzon, who has been involved in many of our parish ministries over the years, is

retiring after many years of service. We are very grateful to him for his many hours of humble assistance and wish him well in the future. God bless you, Aduino!

Food for Thought

To Love Deeply

Do not hesitate to love and to love deeply. You might be afraid of the pain that deep love can cause. When those you love deeply reject you, leave you, or die, your heart will be broken. But that should not hold you back from loving deeply. The pain that comes from deep love makes your love ever more fruitful. It is like a plow that breaks the ground to allow the seed to take root and grow into a strong plant. Every time you experience the pain of rejection, absence, or death, you are faced with a choice. You can become bitter and decide not to love again, or you can stand straight in your pain and let the soil on which you stand become richer and more able to give life to new seeds. The more you have loved and have allowed yourself to suffer because of your love, the more you will be able to let your heart grown wider and deeper. When your love is truly giving and receiving, those whom you love will not leave your heart even when they depart from you. They will become part of your self and thus gradually build a community within you... Yes, as you love deeply the ground of your heart will be broken more and more, but you will rejoice in the abundance of the fruit it will bear. Henri, J. M. Nouwen (1932-96)

o not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy But to fulfill.

Mathew 5:17-19

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