





## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, January 12</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	<i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i> In Thanksgiving † Benjamin Dacanay
<b>Tuesday, January 13</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Basil Smith † Caterina Sframeli
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Alda Mota † Jim James
<b>Thursday, January 15</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Margaret Sanford † Caterina Sframeli
<b>Friday, January 16</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Tony Bellissimo † Margeurite Verry In Thanksgiving † Manuel & Maria Olivia Brilhante † <b>HOLY HOUR &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
<b>Saturday, January 17</b> 9:00 am	<i>St. Anthony, abbot</i> † Antonio Pavao † Daniel Carreiro

### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

**Monday January 12, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (1620-1800)** was born the 6<sup>th</sup> of 12 children in France on Good Friday. She felt inspired to join the religious life and agreed to go to Canada to educate French and Native children in a settlement in the French colonies that would eventually become Montreal. In 1658, in a stable which had been given to her by the governor for her use, she opened the first school in Montreal. Convinced of the importance of the family in the building of this new country, and perceiving the significance of the role to be exercised by women, she devoted herself to the task of educating girls. She visited France several times to recruit young women to come and help her educate. She initiated a school system and a network of social services which gradually extended through the whole country. Her deep faith gave her the courage & tenacity to endure Iroquois attacks, a fire that destroyed her small village & plagues on the ships to and from France. She became known as "Mother of the Colony".

**Saturday, January 17, St. Anthony (251-356)** is generally considered to be the founder and father of organized Christian monasticism. Following the death of his parents when he was about 20 and after ensuring that his sister completed her education, he sold his house, furniture, and the land he owned and gave the proceeds to the poor. Then he joined the Anchorites who lived nearby, and moved into an empty cave. At age 35 he moved to the desert to live alone, but hearing of his holiness admirers and would-be students sought him out. He miraculously healed people, and agreed to be the spiritual counselor of others. His recommendation was to base life on the Gospel. Word spread, and so many disciples arrived that Anthony founded two monasteries that supported themselves by making baskets and brushes. He briefly left his seclusion in 311 to go to Alexandria, Egypt to fight Arianism, and to comfort the victims of the persecutions of Maximinus. His example led many to take up the monastic life, and to follow his way.

### SAINT JOSEPH VAZ

Saint Joseph Vaz, CO, the first saint of Goan origin was born on the 21 of April 1651 and died on the 16 January 1711 in Kandy (Ceylon, now Sri Lanka), was an Oratorian priest and missionary in Ceylon (today's Sri Lanka). In 1676, he was ordained a priest by the Archbishop of Goa, António Brandão, S.O.Cist. Soon after his ordination, he started going barefoot to live like the poor and acquired a reputation as a popular preacher and confessor. He opened a Latin school in Sancoale for prospective seminarians. In 1677 he consecrated himself as a "slave of Mary", sealing it with a document known as the "Deed of Bondage".

Hearing of the distressful situation of the Catholics of Ceylon who reportedly had no priests for many years, Vaz desired to go to their rescue. But instead he was named Superior of the Canara Mission, a post which he occupied for three years. In 1686, Vaz obtained permission to give up this office and to proceed to Ceylon. He stopped in the Keladi Kingdom in 1686-1687 for a few months on his way to Ceylon, where helped by his companions, he attended to the spiritual needs of the local Christians. Disguised as a mendicant, he reached the port of Tuticorin on Easter Sunday 1687.

Vaz entered Ceylon during the Dutch occupation, when Calvinism had been imposed as the official religion, after taking over from the Portuguese. He travelled throughout the island bringing the Eucharist and the sacraments to clandestine groups of Catholics. Later in his mission, he found shelter in the Kingdom of Kandy where he was able to work freely. By the time of his death, Vaz had managed to rebuild the Catholic Church on the island.

As a result of his labors, Vaz is known as the Apostle of Ceylon. On 21 January 1995, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Colombo.

**He will be canonized on 14 January 2015  
by Pope Francis in Sri Lanka.**

### VOCATIONS

Jesus' identity is revealed as "The Son of God" through His baptism in the Jordan. Our identity as "children of God" is revealed through our baptism. Our lives then, must constantly witness Jesus as Lord.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact:  
Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto  
at 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca).

### PARISH ACTIVITIES STARTUP CALENDAR ...

Ministry	Date	Room
Children's Catechism	Jan 14	Upstairs
RCIA	Jan 14	Upstairs
Line Dancing	Jan 15	Hall 1:30pm
C.W.L General Meeting	Jan 17	Hall 9:30am
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Jan 27	Hall 7pm



**COFFEE HOUR**



Will be **Tuesday, January 13**, following the 8:30am Mass. Come join us!

**2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ...**

...are available for pick up in the Parish Hall until mid-January. **Please try and pick yours up as soon as possible and check the box before you take it to make sure it is yours.** NOTE THAT THOSE NOT TAKEN BY JAN 15 WILL BE RE-ASSIGNED TO SOMEONE ELSE FOR THE NEW YEAR. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact the Parish office at 905-826-2766.

**EXTENDED FRENCH REGISTRATION**

Parents/Guardians interested in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School **Extended French** program are invited to attend Information Meetings on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at **St Rose of Lima** elementary school (4590 The Gallops); or at **San Lorenzo Ruiz** elementary school at (100 Barondale Drive) on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**CD OF THE WEEK SPOTLIGHT**

Stephanie Gray is a passionate and uncompromising defender of the Catholic Faith, as well as an advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves. She frequently travels across Canada and the United States speaking on issue related to the humanity of the unborn, utilizing her unique ability to speak to people on either side of a pro-life issue. In this presentation given at a Students for Life conference, Stephanie talks about the dignity of the human person through a biblical lens as she seeks the truth regarding today's pressing Life issues.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING will January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Tree of Hope Angels are ready to be picked up next weekend after the Masses.



**LINE DANCING IS BACK!**

Learn ballroom dancing steps - no partner required! Everyone welcome.

Resumes Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Church hall. \$4.50 per class. Call Denice 905-826-6052 or just show up!



**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

Everyone is welcome to join our Weekly Prayer service every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

*Our forthcoming programmes:*

Movie – "Blessed Mother Theresa" – Wed, Feb 11 – 6 p.m.

Movie – "Saint Padre Pio" – Wed, March 4, – 6 p.m.

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS – March 11, 2015 – 7 p.m. –

*Celebrant: Rev Fr. Matthias Yaw Kotoka Amuzu, St. Mary's Parish, 588 Adelaide Street West*

Life in the Spirit Seminar – April 22 – June 24, 2015.

*(Further details to follow)*



**FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2015**

*REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.*

Next First Communion session dates (for parents):  
Thursday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm or Saturday Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Next Confirmation session dates (Parent & Confirmandi):  
Tuesday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm or Saturday Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2015**

...at St. Joseph over 2 weekends.

Friday March 6, 8pm-10pm & Saturday March 7, 10am-5pm  
Friday March 13, 8pm-10pm & Saturday March 14, 10 am – 5pm. Couples must attend both days both weekends!

To register please call the parish office: 905-826-2766

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016**

... will take place at our elementary schools on:

Monday, January 26 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\* *Snow Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm.*

Information about how to register can be found at [dpedsb.org/CEC/Schools](http://dpedsb.org/CEC/Schools)

**Theology on Tap**

**Ask the Bishop Monday,**

**Jan 26, 2015 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics!

**Special guest: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto.**

*Is asking questions a sign of doubt or does it help lay the foundation for a stronger faith? Bishop Kirkpatrick will offer a brief reflection, and then the majority of the evening will be an opportunity for you to ask Bishop Kirkpatrick any questions you may have about our faith.*

@ **Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto**  
Munchies provided, cash bar available — come and bring a

friend! For more info contact

[faithconnections@csj-to.ca](mailto:faithconnections@csj-to.ca), or phone 416-467-2645



**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS - Bible Study**

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us for this 5 week study on **MONDAY MORNINGS** from **January 26<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **7-9pm.**

Cost: \$25 for text, and workbook & registration.

To register drop by the parish office, or call **Michele** at **905-820-2766**

or email: [michele@stjosephstreetsville.com](mailto:michele@stjosephstreetsville.com).



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