# 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

#### MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

11:30 SUNG ENGLISH MASS Baptism of the Lord

**Entrance Hymn:** 303- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's

cry

Kyrie: 210- Mass VIII (de Angelis) Gloria: 211- Mass VIII (de Angelis) Responsorial Psalm Refrain:

"ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD."

**Credo:** 202- Kyriale Romanum III

Offertory Hymn: 354- Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sanctus: 203- Mass XVIII "Great Amen"- Christmastide Agnus Dei: 204- Mass XVIII

Communion Hymn: 331- Of the Father's love

begotter

Concluding Hymn: 351- Songs of thankfulness and

praise

**Organ Postlude:** Hornpipe, *The Water Music* 

(Handel, arr. O.H. Peasgood)

#### PARISH FINANCES FOR JANUARY 1 & 3

Mary, Mother of God collection: \$1,709 Regular collection: \$2,187 Maintenance & Debt: \$853 Total: \$4,749

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. A person may request that a priest offer a Mass for a specific intention, for which it is customary to offer a stipend to the priest. It is of great spiritual benefit to you and your loved ones to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for your or their intentions, or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Frequently, announced Masses are booked well in advance, but at the moment we have a number of openings for Masses in the very near future. Please consider offering a Mass or Masses for those intentions close to your heart. Call the parish office at 416-535-7646 or drop by before 12:30 p.m. (except on Wednesdays). If you have to leave a message, indicate your preferred date and a phone number where you can be reached. To pay the stipend, you can drop it in the offertory in an envelope marked "Mass stipend for Nikki", or you can slip it through the mail slot in the front of the rectory. Please make cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul Church.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10** 8:30 Parish Volunteers

MONDAY, JANUARY 11 8:00 Parish Volunteers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin

8:00 Fr. Daniel Utrecht

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor

8:00 Aniela, John & Maria Kuncaitis, req. by Aniela

Kuncaitis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 For sinners. req. by Aniela Kuncaitis

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 (+) Maria & John Leben, req. by Antonia Leben

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
Bl. Joseph Vaz of the Oratory
10:00 In Honour of Bl. Joseph Vaz
5:00 Damian DeCouto

#### PARISH VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU!

The Parish depends on volunteers in so many ways – singers, ushers, collection counters, cleaners, flower arrangers, catechists, soup makers, ceili organizers, painters, gardeners, screening committee, finance committee, anniversary committee, members of various parish organizations and committees, and more. Inspired by the Magi who brought gifts, the Fathers of the Oratory would like to thank all the volunteers with a Novena of Masses beginning on **Sunday**, **January 3 to Monday**, **January 11**.

**CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION CLASSES** Classes will resume **today** at 10:30 a.m.

#### **CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP**

**Please note:** There will be no meeting on January 14. The date has been changed to January 28.

### PILGRIMAGES 2016

WYD July 18-August 5/\$2,500 all inclusive, Fr. Martin Italy & Holy Land, May 1-12/\$2,990, Fr Roche Call 416-532-2879 or www.oratory-toronto.org

#### WYD INFORMATION MEETING

**Saturday, January 16**, at Holy Family Hall at 7:30 p.m. Have you decided to go to Krakow? Are you still thinking about it? Do your parents need more info? Are you interested in fund-raising ideas? If you answered yes to any of the above, then this meeting is for you. There are still spots available on the trip. Light refreshments will be available.

#### 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. Cost: \$100 for couples getting married at Holy Family and St. Vincent de Paul Church; outside of these churches \$150 per couple. Registration will take place at the first session. But please contact <a href="mailto:hf@oratory-toronto.org">hf@oratory-toronto.org</a> or 416-532-2879 if you are planning to come. It helps to know how many people to expect.

#### **VOCATION DISCERNMENT**

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, speak to one of the Fathers of the Oratory or contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

#### **BIRTHRIGHT: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Birthright, a pro-life crisis pregnancy service, needs your help. Volunteers, men and women, are needed to assist those facing an unplanned pregnancy, to provide practical solutions as well as support and comfort. Training is provided. Please help us to "love them both ... mother and child." Visit our website: www.birthright.org or email info@birthright.org

## CANONIZATION OF JOSEPH VAZ OF THE ORATORY

Excerpt of Pope Francis' homily on January 14, 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka

...In Saint Joseph we see a powerful sign of God's goodness and love for the people of Sri Lanka. But we also see in him a challenge to persevere in the paths of the Gospel, to grow in holiness ourselves, and to testify to the Gospel message of reconciliation to which he dedicated his life.

A priest of the Oratory in his native Goa, Saint Joseph Vaz came to this country inspired by missionary zeal and a great love of its people. Because of religious persecution, he dressed as a beggar, performing his priestly duties in secret meetings of the faithful, often at night. His efforts provided spiritual and moral

strength to the beleaguered Catholic population. He had a particular desire to serve the ill and suffering. His ministry to the sick was so appreciated by the king during a smallpox epidemic in Kandy that he was allowed greater freedom to minister. From Kandy, he could reach out to other parts of the island. He spent himself in missionary work and died, exhausted, at the age of fiftynine, revered for his holiness.

Saint Joseph Vaz continues to be an example and a teacher for many reasons, but I would like to focus on three. First, he was an exemplary priest. Here today with us are many priests and religious, both men and women, who, like Joseph Vaz, are consecrated to the service of God and neighbour. I encourage each of you to look to Saint Joseph as a sure guide. He teaches us how to go out to the peripheries, to make Jesus Christ everywhere known and loved. He is also an example of patient suffering in the cause of the Gospel, of obedience to our superiors, of loving care for the Church of God (cf. Acts 20:28). Like ourselves, Saint Joseph Vaz lived in a period of rapid and profound transformation; Catholics were a minority, and often divided within; there was occasional hostility, even persecution, from without. And yet, because he was constantly united with the crucified Lord in prayer, he could become for all people a living icon of God's mercy and reconciling love.

Second, Saint Joseph shows us the importance of transcending religious divisions in the service of peace. His undivided love for God opened him to love for his neighbor; he ministered to those in need, whoever and wherever they were. His example continues to inspire the Church in Sri Lanka today. She gladly and generously serves all members of society. She makes no distinction of race, creed, tribe, status or religion in the service she provides through her schools, hospitals, clinics, and many other charitable works. All she asks in return is the freedom to carry out this mission. Religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. As the life of Saint Joseph Vaz teaches us, genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all.

Finally, Saint Joseph gives us an example of missionary zeal. Though he came to Ceylon to minister to the Catholic community, in his evangelical charity he reached out to everyone. Leaving behind his home, his family, the comfort of his familiar surroundings, he responded to the call to go forth, to speak of Christ wherever he was led. Saint Joseph knew how to offer the truth and the beauty of the Gospel in a multi-religious context, with respect, dedication, perseverance and humility. This is also the way for the followers of Jesus today. We are called to go forth with the same zeal, the same courage, of Saint Joseph, but also with his sensitivity, his reverence for others, his desire to share with them that word of grace (cf. Acts 20:32) which has the power to build them up. We are called to be missionary disciples...

There will be a Sung English Mass at Holy Family Church on **January 16** at 10:00 a.m.

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