

15 February 2015

A few thoughts from the Pastor:

Jesus in today's Gospel shows us the way of true freedom. We live in a society that centres itself on the freedom to decide. This has expanded now to include issues of gender identity and "assisted suicide". The desire to choose one's own created truth is ultimately futile and ignores our gifted life that is precious before God.

God's choice in Christ is reflected in Jesus' declaration to the leper: "I do choose. Be made clean!". We are frail, broken, limited, sinful creatures. God's decision to love us in Christ shows us true freedom: Christian liberty!



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Working wonders in our community...

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday – March 1, 2015 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins re: Supreme Court of Canada decision on assisted suicide

"For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away." Psalm 31

Catholics urged to Support Physicians' Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient." Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to www.ccrl.ca to find out more and to get involved.



Monday, February 16, 2015

Ferial (Family Day)

7:00p.m.

Intentions:

David Philip family
✠ Muriel Drumm
✠ Aldo LaFauci
✠ Fiore Molinaro
✠ Louis Moussilam

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Seven Holy Founders of the Servites

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠ Paul McLean

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Ash Wednesday

9:00a.m.

Intentions:

✠ Caterina & Eugenio Moscon
7:00p.m. ✠ Hazel Ware
✠ Neera Price

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Weekday after Ash Wednesday

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠ Almario Betco

Friday, February 20, 2015

Ferial

9:00a.m.

Intention:

✠ Caterina & Eugenio Moscon

Saturday, February 21, 2015

St. Peter Damian

9:00a.m.

Intention:

Maikel Michriky
& Iskandara Michriky



Giuseppina Lanese Ricardo Paul
Anna Maria Casiello Leona King
Fareeda Mongrue Doug Winter
Darcie Camilleri Joseph Digby
Shannon Grant Edwina Fraser
Roy Tower Esther Phillips
Yeenin Anam

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There is a Secular Franciscan meeting
Tuesday Feb. 17/15 at 7 pm
All are welcome.

Attention Attention – Have you recently moved? Have you changed your phone number? If so, remember to notify the church office. Updated information and being registered with the parish helps us to identify you and your needs especially with regards to the Sacraments. Call the church office, ext. 4

*We Welcome to the Christian Community
through Baptism*

Janina Reyes Ang



**Sacrament of Confirmation for
Public and Private School Students**

ATTENTION: parents of Grade 8 students (or older) who attend public/private schools: If you would like your child(ren) to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015, we will be having Confirmation classes every Thursday 7:00 pm-9:00 pm from March 5 –May 28.

Registration forms are available at the church office. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate will be required.



Minister of Care Training – “Caregivers”

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is pleased to be offering once again the Minister of Care Training, known as “CAREGIVERS” here at St. Anthony's Parish. **Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18 & May 2 from 9:30 am – 3:30 p.m.**

This training will help parishioners grow in our understanding of the Gospel's call to lovingly serve those in need and help them in living out the Catholic Social Teaching in their family, workplace and parish community. All parishioners are welcome.

This program is a faith-based educational and spiritual learning opportunity. It incorporates prayer and reflections, skills development, personal growth and faith development, discernment of personal gifts, and commitment to bring our gifts into service to our community.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required by March 10, 2015.

Please bring your own lunch.

Registration forms (pink) are in the foyer.

Further information is available on the archdiocesan website, <http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship/formationprograms>.

Should you have any questions please contact Pauline Murphy at 905-793-8030 ext. 102; or via email pauline.murphy57@sympatico.ca

Lenten Retreat - Praying our Goodbyes

February 21 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Church
11873 The Gore Rd., Brampton

Hosted by Catholic Family Services of Toronto – New Beginnings and St. Patrick's Parish; led by Deacon Curtis and Joanne Boone. Light lunch provided. Pre-registration required. Please call 416-921-1163, ext. 2235 or email newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com.

FAMILY DAY IS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 4:30PM – 9:00PM WITH LIMITED SERVICE ONLY.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH. MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL BE AT 9:00AM AND 7:00PM.

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference
March 14 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
International Plaza Hotel
655 Dixon Road, Toronto

A Catholic Women's conference with speakers, including His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Dr. Josie Lombardi, EWTN personality Gary Zimak, Ellen Hrkach, president of Catholic Writers Guild, and Catholic authors Moira Noonan and Dorothy Pilarski.

For more information, visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905-279-7702.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND offered at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, March 6-8, 2015. This is an opportunity to rest, renew, pray and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus. Preached by the Centre team. For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, phone Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997.

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