

# Prayer for Vocations

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage
to respond to your call.

OPEN their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen. (Pope Francis)

#### Ordination Prayer Vigil and Ordination to the Priesthood

An Ordination Prayer Vigil will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Friday, May 10th from 6:00pm to Midnight. Please join us in praying for our four transitional deacons to be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Toronto this year: Fr. Renan Roberto Costa, Fr. Eduardo de Oliveira Paixão, Fr. Mauricio Gilo Sanjines Calatayud and Fr. João Gilberto Veras Ferreira. Readings and reflections will be dispersed throughout the evening while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. This event is open to the public.

You are also invited to attend the Sacrament of Holy Orders of these same four transitional deacons. The Ordination ceremony will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **Saturday, May 11th at 10:00am**. This grace-filled event is open to the public.

### **Vocations Corner...**

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person?

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca



Monday: May 6th

8:00am - †Romana Suplido

Tuesday: May 7th

7:00pm - †Doris and Joe Casapinta

Wednesday: May 8th

8:00am - †Ivan and Antonia Canjar

7:00pm - In Thanksgiving ~ Corina and Joseph

Thursday: May 9th

8:00am - †Babu Michael

Friday: May 10th

8:00am - †Mary Manuelpillai

7:00pm - In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: May 11th

8:30am - †Linda Balthazaar; †Venerable Edel Quinn:

†Agnes and Albert D'Souza

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

Sunday: May 12th

9:00am - †Victorio Tilos

10:30am - †Silvana & Rosina Nigro

and Franca D'Agostino

12:00pm - †Pires Mendonca



Let us pray!

For the sick members of our parish and for those

who love and minister to them.



# Catholic Education Week May 5th to 10th

Catholic Education Week 2019 begins on Sunday, May 5th. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate

the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend.

Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

In the section of Renewing the Promise entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing the Good News to the communities that they serve."

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." (1 Peter 1:8)

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and

spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

### Weekly Offertory



Good Friday Collection: \$ 7,134.00 Easter Collection: \$13,618.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,884.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



"God lovingly pursues us, calling us far beyond our own safety zones to share the good news of salvation. We see this clearly in the life of the apostle

He was chosen for discipleship by Jesus but he had a hard time. When Jesus was brought before the high priest, Peter was so afraid that he denied three times that he was Christ's

disciple. After he saw Jesus' empty tomb, he went home and locked all the doors. When it looked like the great adventure with Jesus was a miserable failure, he went back to what he knew: his fishing boat.

However, the promise of Easter was genuine. Jesus really did rise from the dead. He met Simon Peter on his own territory, when he was fishing and called him again. Call and response were unmistakable. Three times, Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" Peter's answer was "Yes," "Yes," and "Yes, I do, and I already told you I did."

Jesus tells Peter to take care of the flock, prepare for difficult times and "Follow me." Peter did that. So today, all around the world, we are still responding to God's call, still daring to take risks in service to the proclamation of God's unending love. We are compelled to share the good news of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Alleluia!

(Marilyn F. Sweet, Living With Christ)

La terza volta che Gesù si manifesta ai suoi, dopo la risurrezione, è densa di avvenimenti e di insegnamenti. Egli si ferma sulla riva del lago a cuocere il pesce per loro, e a presentarsi ancora come uno che serve, perché il Risorto è tutto Amore, Spirito vivificante. Ed è sull'amore che interroga Pietro. Non è un esame, ma solo una triplice affettuosa richiesta, all'uomo che per tre volte l'aveva rinnegato e che ciò nonostante doveva essere la prima pietra della sua Chiesa.

Di fronte alla debolezza di Pietro, soggetto ad alti e bassi, come un po' tutti noi poveri mortali, si erge maestosa e commovente la fedeltà adamantina di Gesù all'uomo che aveva scelto.

Ma a tutti noi quel dialogo umano fra Gesù e Pietro dice anche qualcosa di estremamente consolante. Ci dice cioè che, se erriamo, Gesù, una volta ravveduti, non ricorda il nostro sbaglio e vede in noi solo quello splendido disegno per il quale Dio ci ha creato. Questa è la misericordia di Dio! Pietro, forgiato dalle umiliazioni della tristissima prova fallita, si abbandona totalmente a Gesù. Come lui, anche noi esaminiamo il nostro cuore, per potergli dire e ripetere spesso: "Signore, tu sai tutto, tu sai che ti amo" (Gv 21,16).

#### Sisters of Life ~ Healing after Abortion

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day SISTERS OF LIFE of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. The day

is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include: a witness of mercy; a Scripture reflection; personal prayer; opportunity for sacramental confession; and the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided.

Contact: The Sisters of Life for more information Phone: 416-463-2722 Email: toronto@sistersoflife.org

#### **Theology on Tap** "Why Is the Church Always **Asking for More Money?**"

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap, an evening of thought provoking conversation on theological topics, with munchies provided. Come and bring a friend.

Where: Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. East When: Monday, May  $13th \sim 7:00$  to 9:00 pm **Contact:** Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676

#### The Real Story of Catholic History

St. Francis Xavier Parish invites you to a presentation by Steve Weidenkopf, American creator, co-author and presenter of Epic: A Journey through Church History - a parish-based study published by Ascension Press. Steve has appeared as a guest to discuss Church History on numerous national Catholic radio and television programs including EWTN Live and Catholic Answers Live. Discover why we are Catholics.

When: Thursday, May  $23rd \sim 6:30 \text{ pm}$ Contact: Parish Office @ 905-890-5290 Cost: \$15

#### **Volunteers Needed**

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking volunteers who have a great devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and who are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with the children

once a month for a total of 8 days in the year. Training and screening will be provided.

> If you are interested, please contact: Suzie Miranda at 905-671-2228



Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on Friday, May 10th, from 7pm - 9pm.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: <u>OLAyouthministry@ho</u>tmail.com

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

Are you looking for service hour opportunities? Please join us for our next

LIFE TEEN - Hangout & Community Service on Saturday, May 11th from 2pm - 4pm.

Follow us on Instagram: ourladyairwaysyouth

## OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39. Follow us on Twitter: @Airways YA