

#### A Celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto Sunday, February 9th

"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."

~ Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples in the Archdiocese of Toronto. All married couples are welcome and will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows. A special blessing will be given to couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th or 60+) in 2020.

The Mass will take place at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 9th at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating.

Registration and other important information can be found at: https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling 416-934-3400, ext. 523.

#### Humanitarian Relief - Australia Fires

In recent weeks, hundreds of forest fires in Australia have killed dozens of people, destroyed thousands of homes and threatened many local species with extinction. The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting donations to help those affected. Donations will be sent to the Australian St. Vincent de Paul Society.



#### Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
  - By phone through the Development Office at 416-934-3411
    - Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Our Lady of the Airways: Australia Fires - Disaster Relief



## New Beginnings Presents: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5)

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or the death of a loved one.

Together... we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith. This 6-week group will launch on February 4th at 7pm at St. Christopher's Parish, in Mississauga. For more information and to register, please contact:

Arcangelo Limanni at alimanni@cfstoronto.com or (416) 921-1163 x 2225

#### Friars' Student Writing Award 2020

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500-word essay. on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme is: "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2)

Students should read Acts 28:1-2 and submit a 500-word essay that answers this question: Welcoming strangers, whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees, is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. How can Catholics and Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love and extend the kindness to people in need that St. Paul encountered in Malta?

First Prize: Asus VivoBook Laptop

Second Prize: Samsung A50 Third Prize: Marley No Bound Speaker Essays will be published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is February 17th. E-mail essay to editor@catholicregister.org or send by post. For further info, call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403.

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday: January 27th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: January 28th

7:00pm - †Vincenzo Calabrese; †Filomena Fabrizio

Wednesday: January 29th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm - †Giuliano Santi

(1st Anniversary of Death)

Thursday: January 30th

8:00am - †Donald Francis and Mary D'Cruz

Friday: January 31st

8:00am - †Collin Lazarus-Munnick

7:00pm - In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in the Corpuz Family

Saturday: February 1st

8:30am - In Thanksgiving ~
Cornel and Sylvie Baptista
(35th Wedding Anniversary)

5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Sunday: February 2nd

9:00am - †Carlo and Maria Luigia Cagnin

10:30am - †Franco Napolitano 12:00pm - †Audrey Downes

Let us pray!

For the sick members of our parish and for those

who love and minister to them.

#### **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



Last Week's Collection: \$3,672.40

Initial Offering Collection: \$4,229.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



We hear today the simple narrative Jesus calling his first disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John invited follow him to 'immediately" they leave their nets and their boats to join Jesus in his mission. How was it possible that these mature

men, responsible for their work and families, heard an invitation from a stranger and walked away from their means of livelihood, from the familiar pattern of their lives, from the daily rhythm of the early morning pushing-off the boats in search of what the sea would yield to them?

Perhaps they had already heard of Jesus, but Matthew gives us no indication of that. Rather, we are presented with the stark immediacy of their response, which points to a remarkable and spontaneous moment of commitment. They were ready. God's grace, already at work in them, and their response to that grace, had prepared them for this moment.

The calling of these four men might seem a remarkable and unique event, but perhaps it is the same call that comes to us. Again and again Jesus says to each of us, "Follow me." By God's grace we too can respond with a complete gift of self, again and again giving our "yes" to his invitation to let ourselves be loved and to bring his love to others. ~ Kathleen Giffin, Living With Christ

L'evangelista Matteo, riprendendo un'immagine del libro di Isaia, ci dice quello che è Gesù per noi: la luce. Nella nostra vita, vediamo spesso tenebre, resistenze, difficoltà, compiti non risolti che si accumulano davanti a noi come un'enorme montagna, problemi con i figli, o gli amici, con la solitudine, il lavoro non gradito...

È tra tutte queste esperienze penose che ci raggiunge la buona parola: non vedete solo le tenebre, guardate anche la luce con cui Dio rischiara la vostra vita. Egli ha mandato Gesù per condividere con voi le vostre pene. Voi potete contare su di lui che è al vostro fianco, luce nell'oscurità.

Non siamo noi che diamo alla nostra vita il suo senso ultimo. È lui. Non è né il nostro lavoro, né il nostro sapere, né il nostro successo. È lui, e la luce che ci distribuisce. Perché il valore della nostra vita non si basa su quello che facciamo, né sulla considerazione o l'influenza che acquistiamo. Essa prende tutto il suo valore perché Dio ci guarda, si volta verso di noi, senza condizioni, e qualsiasi sia il nostro merito. La sua luce penetra nelle nostre tenebre più profonde, anche là dove ci sentiamo radicalmente rimessi in causa, essa penetra nel nostro errore. Possiamo fidarci proprio quando sentiamo i limiti della nostra vita, quando questa ci pesa e il suo senso sembra sfuggirci. Il popolo immenso nelle tenebre ha visto una luce luminosa; una luce è apparsa a coloro che erano nel buio regno della morte!



#### Vocations Corner...

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca



#### **EnCourage Toronto**

OURAGE Courage and EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral

guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity.

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity.

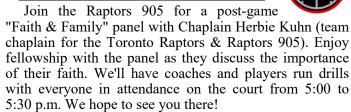
Courage: Spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.

For more information on our meetings and events, see contact info below:

EnCourage and Courage Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues All inquiries are kept confidential.

Email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com or couragetoronto@yahoo.ca Phone: 416-928-5094

#### Raptors 905 - Saturday, February 1st 2:00pm to 5:30pm Paramount Fine Foods, Mississauga



CONTACT: Andrew Fraser PHONE: 416-815-6174 EMAIL: <u>Andrew.Fraser@mlse.com</u> WEB: http://www.raptors905.com



Are you in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 5 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on Friday, February 7th, from 7pm - 9pm.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com

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

Are you looking for service hour opportunities? Teens in need of volunteer hours for High School graduation are asked to email OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com to get on the list for Parish Service Projects and Youth Events which will require volunteers.

Follow us on Instagram: ourladyairwaysyouth

## OLA Young Adults

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