



**World Day for Consecrated Life**

*For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord...*

**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.

**Our Lady of the Airways - Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries**

Anniversary blessings are given to all celebrating couples after the Holy Communion at all Masses of **the last weekend of the month.**

**How does the program work?**

- Married couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries are asked to contact the office.
- Please provide your names, the number of years of marriage you are celebrating, and the weekend mass time which you usually attend.

**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](http://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: Australian 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](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) or (416) 921-1163 x 2225



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday: February 3rd**

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday: February 4th**

7:00pm - †Filomena Santucci

**Wednesday: February 5th**

8:00am - †Jose & Maria Marques

7:00pm - †Yu Sing Lim

**Thursday: February 6th**

8:00am - †Johannes Lim

**Friday: February 7th**

8:00am - †Maria Agusta and Cajetan Lawrence Fernandes

7:00pm - †Giovanni Magliaro (1st Anniversary of Death)

**Saturday: February 8th**

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm - †Farid and Wardee Hanna Serhal

**Sunday: February 9th**

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish

10:30am - †Antonio Mrkic

12:00pm - †Patrick Osmond

*“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness”*

*~ St. Gianna Molla*

**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: \$5,183.45

Thank You For Your Generosity

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



The Gospel for the feast of the Presentation is a fitting way to mark the World Day for Consecrated Life. In today's Gospel, two prophets, Simeon and Anna, proclaim Jesus as the longed-for Saviour. Simeon, in particular, is filled with the Spirit, the Spirit through whom Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

The prophetess Anna spent her life in the Temple, praying and fasting. While Jesus is here presented as a sign of contradiction, so too is Anna. How her life contradicts a world indifferent to God!

Those in religious orders and other forms of consecrated life give a unique prophetic witness. Their vows (or promises) of poverty, chastity, and obedience offer a stark contrast to a world where wealth, sexual "freedom" and personal autonomy are often the highest values. Religious men and women challenge us to give ourselves totally to Jesus.

Although few can spend all our days in the temple, we can live in union with the Holy Spirit in secular life. We can make time each day to sit silently in God's presence, longing for the fullness of that presence. Hunger for the Spirit is transformative of both our personal lives and our society. Lay people too can consecrate ourselves to God.

~ Glen Argan, *Living With Christ*

Il vecchio Simeone, certo della promessa ricevuta, riconosce Gesù e la salvezza di cui il Cristo è portatore e accetta il compiersi della sua esistenza.

Anche Anna, questa profetessa ormai avanti negli anni, che aveva però passato quasi tutta la sua vita in preghiera e penitenza riconosce Gesù e sa parlare di lui a quanti lo attendono. Anna e Simeone, a differenza di molti altri, capiscono che quel bimbo è il Messia perché i loro occhi sono puri, la loro fede è semplice e perché, vivendo nella preghiera e nell'adesione alla volontà del Padre, hanno conquistato la capacità di riconoscere la ricchezza dei tempi nuovi.

Prima ancora di Simeone e Anna è la fede di Maria che permette all'amore di Dio per noi di tramutarsi nel dono offertoci in Cristo Gesù.

Giovanni Paolo II nella "Redemptoris Mater" ci ricorda che "quello di Simeone appare come un secondo annuncio a Maria, poiché le indica la concreta dimensione storica nella quale il Figlio compirà la sua missione, cioè nell'incomprensione e nel dolore" (n. 16).

### **Ears to Hearts to Hands**

**Wed., February 5th from 7pm to 9pm**

**St. Ignatius Loyola Parish (Mississauga)**

Join the Western Regional Young Adult Ministry Spiritus Vitae for an evening to deepen your faith alongside a vibrant community of young adults (ages 19-35). Our speaker: Sister Joan Stafford, OSU from the Good Shepherd Ministries will explain how we can do Corporal Works of Mercy with a prayerful heart and in the spirit of prayer. The talk will be followed by group discussions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Snacks and beverages will be provided!

Contact: Georgina at [gabrego@archtoronto.org](mailto:gabrego@archtoronto.org).

Facebook & Instagram: SpiritusVitaeTO



### **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"**

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](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or send by post.

For further information, call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403.

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

*"Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham."*



If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, diaconate, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Web: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



**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](mailto: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](mailto:OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com) to get on the list for **Parish Service Projects and Youth Events** which will require volunteers.

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**OLA Young Adults**

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

**Follow us on Twitter: [@Airways\\_YA](https://twitter.com/Airways_YA)**