

**Pastor's Corner**

Dear Friends in Christ, something that is often misunderstood by many people concerns the notion of "vocation." Whenever the word is used at all, many often immediately associate it to the religious life or to the priesthood. However, there is more to it than that. Etymologically, the word 'vocation' comes from the Latin word, *vocare* [to call]. Thus, one could say that the literal meaning of the word is a "call." Yet, an ordinary "call" does not fully do justice to the word either since a vocation is more than that. A vocation should always be seen in relation to God, that is, a call from God. And the first and most important call from God is the **universal call to holiness**. This call, which is rooted in our Baptism, consists of knowing, loving, and serving the Lord more profoundly within our respective life. It is an impulse that draws us toward a deeper union with God. It is an invitation that can be lived out in four very distinct forms - single life, married life, consecrated life or the ordained ministry. Each *vocation*, that is, each way of life, is fundamentally a call to follow Christ more closely.

Like so many other seminarians, Brother Henry, has been asking a simple question: Is God calling me to live this universal call to holiness through the ordained ministry? Through many years of formation, reflection, prayer and discernment at Serra House, Madonna House, St. Augustine Seminary, and most recently at our parish of Our Lady of the Airways, Brother Henry has come to the conclusion that, at this time, God is not calling him to live a life of service in the priesthood. He has decided to leave the formation program at St. Augustine Seminary, and he will be resuming his theological studies and will continue discerning God's call. Although his stay at our parish has been a brief one, many of you will agree that Brother Henry has made a good contribution to our community through his teaching, reflections, and gentle and kind presence. Please continue to pray for Brother Henry as he seeks to find the will of God.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday: January 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Joseph Perera  
7:00pm - †Epifanio Domenico Antonio Santusci

**Tuesday: January 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Vincenzo & Vittorio Fragola  
7:00pm - For the Grace of Healing - Intercession of St. Padre Pio

**Wednesday: January 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - In Thanksgiving St. Padre Pio  
7:00pm - †Filomena Fabrizio

**Thursday: January 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Cajetan Lawrence & Maria Fernandes  
7:00pm - †Tommaso Vani

**Friday: January 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Maria Do Ceu Camara  
7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday: January 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am - †John Baptist De Souza  
5:00pm - In Thanksgiving Rienze & Keith Balthazaar

**Sunday: January 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am - †Emmanuel Zammit  
10:30am - For the People of Our Parish  
12:00pm - †Maria & Jose Marques



**Let us pray!**

For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

"Build an oratory within yourself, and there have Jesus on the altar of your heart."

- St. Paul of the Cross



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Last Week's Collection \$6,344.00  
Building Fund \$2,462.00

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**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

Online Registration begins January 8<sup>th</sup>

In-Person Registration begins on:

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am - 3:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
January 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>: 9am to 3pm

SNOW DATE: Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Children born in 2013 or 2014, can start Kindergarten in September 2018.



**World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday, January 14, 2018**

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is:

*"Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees."*

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at 1pm at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow.



All are welcome to attend!

**The Faces of Christ in the Book of Revelation Saturday, January 20th ~ St. Augustine's Seminary**

Join us for a day to learn about ...  
*"The Faces of Christ in the Book of Revelation."*  
From 9:30am to 3pm in the Ambrozic Room.



John knew immediately that Jesus was the Lamb of God, the one who takes away our sins, the Promised One of God. In John's heart there was no hesitation or doubt, rather I imagine joy and delight! When the two disciples run up to Jesus, he asks them, "What are you looking for?"

They reply, "Rabbi," which means 'Teacher'. I believe Jesus asks the same question of you and me. How do we answer him? Maybe we can't answer that question, unless we face a deeper question: "What is God asking of me?" Am I truly *letting* that question shape me? Are you and I ready, like Samuel, to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"? Can we accept his invitation to 'discipleship,' to love and serve God with generosity and mercy?

World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to 'come and see' the faithful and courageous works of so many volunteers, organizations and parishes serving migrants and refugees. As strong advocates with a commitment to care for others, these 'disciples' put the gospel into action. They show us, and those they serve, the working hands, feet and heart of our merciful and loving Messiah. Will you and I, along with Samuel, John and the first disciples, 'come and see,' trusting in the Lord's love and saving power - given to us and through us for others? (*Julie Cachia, Living With Christ*)

Il brano presenta il sapore dei fatti vissuti e ben impressi nella memoria, perché hanno cambiato la vita.

I discepoli hanno dato la loro fiducia a Giovanni il Battista. È sulla sua parola che "seguono" Gesù indicato come l'"Agnello di Dio".

L'incontro con Cristo prende l'avvio da una domanda che gli viene rivolta: "Dove abiti?". Ma subito si trasforma in un affidamento dei discepoli al mistero. Gesù risponde: "Venite e vedrete".

L'esperienza del condividere tutto convince i discepoli che Gesù è il Messia atteso.

L'incontro con Cristo non è un avvenimento superficiale: si configura come un sentirsi compresi e amati; cambia il nome, e, con il nome, cambia l'atteggiamento di fondo: "Tu sei Simone... ti chiamerai Cefa".

Il trovare Gesù - o meglio, l'essere trovati da Gesù - non solo muta l'esistenza, ma rende annunciatori della salvezza. A modo di traboccamento di gioia. A modo di esigenza di partecipare insieme alla vita nuova scoperta in Cristo.

**Vocations Corner...**

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading:

*"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening".*

Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,**

**Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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



**Adult Faith Formation**

**Adult Faith Formation  
at Our Lady of the Airways  
Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm**

**WALK THROUGH THE MASS  
Exploring the Sacred Liturgy**

**Speaker: Fr. Thomas Lim**

THIS SESSION WILL COVER:

- How the Mass we celebrate today links back to apostolic times
- The four main sections of the Mass
- How we encounter God in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- What we can do to "get more" out of every Mass
- Why we must attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation

All are welcome to attend.



**Major Relic of Saint Francis Xavier**

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12-14. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be in Canada from Dec. 29 - February 2, as part of a 14-city Canadian visit.

In our Archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14).

More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: [www.cco.ca/relic](http://www.cco.ca/relic)

**OLA Youth**



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

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 7pm - 9pm.

*All grades 9 - 12 are invited!* **LIFE TEEN**

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our **Life Nights!**

**'Life Teen'** begins with the **5:00pm Mass**  
**6:00pm: Dinner** (in the parish hall)  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night**

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