

Catholic Family Services

World Day for Consecrated Life Celebration

On Saturday, February 2, the Universal Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. We are blessed to have living and serving with our Archdiocese more than 900 consecrated men and women. The World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the

gifts of these sisters, virgins, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick to recognize their vocation and witness. All are welcome to attend.

Date: Sunday, February 3rd at 3:00pm Location: St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto

<u>A Celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto</u> <u>Sunday, February 10th</u>



As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, you are invited to join in this special celebration.

The Mass will take place at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (Woodbridge). 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.

The Source with the Sisters of Life

Join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship. From 7 to 8pm in the main chapel, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music led by the Sisters. Confessions will be available. There will be refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Location: St. Peter's Church (Toronto) Date: Thursday, January 31st - 7 to 9pm Contact: The Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or email: toronto@sistersoflife.org

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program Presents:

Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Identity: Welcoming and Accompanying with the Heart of Christ Presenter: Father Kevin Belgrave Date: Saturday, February 23 - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch)



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?





Monday: January 28th

8:00am - †Repose of the Souls of the Dead ~ EDGE Youth Group

Tuesday: January 29th 7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: January 30th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00pm - In Thanksgiving: Birthdays of Joel, Marx & Celeste Corpuz

Thursday: January 31st

8:00am - †Bernard Sia

Friday: February 1st 8:00am - In Thanksgiving ~ Birthday of Johara Pidor 7:00pm + Frank Calco

7:00pm - †Frank Galea

Saturday: February 2nd

8:30am - †Yu Sing Lim; †T.C. Anthony; In Thanksgiving ~ OLA Legion of Mary

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

Sunday: February 3rd

9:00am - †Cesar Balladares

- 10:30am †For the Deceased Members of the Stefãno Family
- 12:00pm †Alessandro De Carolis

"May the World Day of Consecrated Life be a timely occasion to rediscover the centrality of Jesus in our lives." – Pope Francis

Eucharistic Adoration

<u>New Beginnings Presents:</u> <u>"Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5)</u>

Separated, Divorced? If you are struggling... you do not have to do this alone.

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

The retreat will include Mass in the seminary chapel. Please contact St. Augustine

Seminary to reserve a space. Visit: www.staugustine.on.ca or call 416-261-7207.

Together... we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith. This 6-week group will launch on February 26 @ 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 Phone: 416-261-7207 Email: layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org



Sharing important news with family and friends can give birth to a feeling greater than the news itself. Bringing news back to our home communities is more personal celebration of what has been achieved and a recognition of who has helped along the way.

Perhaps this connection to home is what led Jesus to choose Nazareth

to proclaim the good news. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus was already becoming well known in Galilee for his teaching. The people of Nazareth gathered at the synagogue to see what the carpenter's son may have to say to them, to his friends and family.

Think of a time when someone came to share exciting news with you. What was your response? Conversely, think of a time when someone came to share something that was upsetting or unexpected. Did you respond differently?

Although it can be challenging to always accept the news we receive, we should ask ourselves why that person chose us as the recipient and what our response means to them. Tis the season of New Year's resolution. This year, resolve to show support and acceptance to those who bring us their news.

(Juliana Deutscher, Living with Christ)

La liturgia è intelligente. Al resoconto del discorso di Gesù alla gente del suo paese di Nazaret, antepone il prologo del Vangelo. L'evangelista Luca intende essere uno storico perché vuole che i cristiani si rendano conto "della solidità degli insegnamenti" ricevuti e siano convinti dell'importanza decisiva per la storia di tutti gli uomini della vita di Gesù. Per questo soltanto lui pone all'inizio della narrazione del ministero pubblico di Gesù un discorso programmatico che precisi subito lo scopo che Gesù si prefigge.

È il "manifesto" di Gesù. Eccolo: egli opera con la potenza di Dio, difatti lo Spirito è su di lui.

La sua non sarà un'opera umana, meno che mai politica, ma la rivelazione del progetto di Dio. La sua missione è quella di accogliere misericordiosamente tutti gli uomini per liberarli. È il compimento della profezia di Ísaia che Gesù si appropria.

A Nazaret, quel sabato, Gesù annunciò il tempo nuovo che non avrebbe più avuto per protagonista l'uomo, ma "Dio fatto uomo". La gente della sinagoga una cosa udì allora con chiarezza: l'inizio di "un anno della grazia del Signore".

In sostanza il Vangelo dice: non sono gli ordinamenti umani a salvare l'umanità, sarà lo Spirito del Signore. In questa affermazione c'è, se si vuole, tanto pessimismo, purtroppo fin troppo documentato dalla storia; ma c'è anche, e più grande, tanta speranza, perché ci assicura che lo Spirito è su Gesù e, perciò, su tutti quelli che fanno comunione con Gesù.

E questo riguarda l'oggi: "Oggi si è adempiuta questa Scrittura che voi ascoltate". L'oggi storico di Gesù diventa, per la forza dello Spirito, l'oggi liturgico della Chiesa, il nostro di ogni Messa. La predica di Nazaret diventa oggi storia nostra. Se ascoltiamo!

Friars' Student Writing Award 2019

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is "Justice, Only Justice, You shall Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20).



Students should read the below scripture

passage and respond to the following statement in the essay: Christians sometimes commit to prayer and worship, but neglect the poor. Sometimes we pray in church, but act unkindly to others or exploit the environment. Refer to Deuteronomy 16:18-20 and answer: How can Catholics and Christians of all denominations unite to create a more just society and be examples of Christ's healing g race in a broken world?

> First Prize: HP Pavilion x360 laptop Second Prize: iPad 6th gen. (32 GB) Third Prize: Google Home 2 speaker

Essays will be published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is February 18, 2019.

E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409. For further info, call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403.



Vocations Corner...

You are the body of Christ; every one ocations of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles.

Are you willing to do your part? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, please call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,

Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: vocationstoronto.ca





Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

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

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

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, February 16th from 2pm - 4pm. Follow us on Instagram: ourladyairwaysyouth

OLA Young Adults

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