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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance

Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, January 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosetta Dalla Corte

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

Thursday, January 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Esteban Moreno and Alberto Munos

Requested by Carmenza Rodriguez

Friday, January 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Loretta Lennon

Requested by Paul and Patricia Kennedy

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP “A”

Group A casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge “Provide a Meal” program will be collected **NEXT Saturday, January 17th from 4-5pm** in the church parking lot. Please call the parish office or email Yvonne.gray@bell.net if you need to drop off your casserole during the week.

** Were you given extra lids by accident? There always seems to be a shortage of lids - they are very thin and often stick to one another. You may return extra lids to us at any casserole drop-off or on weekends at Mass. Our parish casserole ministry is important year-round, but even more so during the cold winter months when the city’s most vulnerable seek shelter and a warm meal. Each casserole prepared by parishioners feeds TEN hungry individuals who would otherwise have nothing to sustain themselves. This ministry is open to everyone, including high school students seeking volunteer hours. The recipe is provided and is a simple one with just six common ingredients. Pans and lids are also provided and your commitment would be just one casserole every other month. In doing so, you would be feeding 60 people throughout the course of a year! Thank you to our casserole chefs for your dedication and commitment to feeding the hungry.

LENTEN BOOK CLUB WITH FR. TOM

All are welcome to join our next book club. Meeting dates are Tuesday mornings, February 24th, March 3rd and March 10th, from 10-11am. This time around, we will be discussing the novel “Wicked” by Gregory Maguire (not the same as the musical!)

If you are interested in participating, please let the parish office know by phone (416-485-1792) or email stanstelmsto@archtoronto.org

Location will depend on the number of participants and will be announced closer to the start date.



“ALL OF HUMANITY” There is an “urgency” that the climate crisis be addressed by “all of humanity...”. Pope Leo XIV insists: “there is no room for indifference or resignation”. He calls upon us ALL to become “**AGENTS OF CHANGE**” in combatting the climate crisis. Pope Leo has called for a “true ecological conversion” that moves “from collecting data to caring, and from environmental discourse to an ecological conversion that transforms both personal and communal lifestyles.” Leo affirms that this is a “matter of the heart” as “only an inner conversion makes possible the change of habits and mentality that leads to a new way of living in communion with the environment.” “We must turn words and reflections into **CHOICES** and **ACTIONS** based on responsibility, justice, and equity.” Let us each strive in our ways to answer the call of Pope Leo. Make a commitment to learning about the urgency of the climate crisis, what **ACTIONS** can be taken to resolve it, and the intersection of our faith in this call. www.ncronline.org/vatican/vatican-news/pope-leo-calls-true-ecological-conversion-words-action-environment

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine’s Seminary on **Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.)**. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-38

Matt 3:13-17

“God’s Love Song”



Baptism is a celebration of love, a visible sign of God’s unending embrace. Today’s Gospel reading from Matthew recalls Jesus’ baptism. There is no mistaking God’s love here; it bursts forth through the heavens, and a voice proclaims, “This is my Son, the Beloved.” Beloved. The word

evokes a myriad of deep human emotions. We yearn to have a beloved and to be a beloved. So often this experience seems just beyond our grasp. Today's readings have come to teach us that our yearning has been fulfilled. Do we have the courage to claim our heritage as beloved sons and daughters of God in Christ? Today's Gospel passage is often taken as a confirmation of Jesus' divinity. It is this, indeed, but also an affirmation that his divinity and his humanity are one. At his baptism, his first public appearance, Jesus immerses himself in humanity as he goes down into the waters of the Jordan. He does not need the baptism of repentance that John offers but he insists that it be done. In doing this, he underlines his "yes" to our human condition. He is one of us, the suffering servant chosen by God to renew the covenant with us. Isaiah presents this beautifully in the first reading as the answer to our longing: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him;" (Isa 42:1).

God speaks from heaven this day because Jesus needs to hear the voice of his Father. Jesus, though divine, is on a human journey. His mother has told him the extraordinary events surrounding his birth; he has read and reread the scriptures and at times may have recognized himself as the One. Today, he steps out into public ministry, but he does not have the next three years scripted before him. He is like us in all things but sin — he enters into the water fully human. He rises up to hear the words of his Father rejoicing in him. A baptism is always a love story. Jesus' baptism is no different, yet this love story encompasses all of creation. If the love story includes us ... if we are part of the dance of creation ... then why do we so often feel disconnected from the whole? If God loves us so deeply, then why do we feel so lonely so much of the time? I am reminded of *The Scarecrow's Dance*, a poignant children's story written by Jane Yolen. In this tale the scarecrow is feeling much like us as he stands alone in his field. One day a wild wind sets him free from his post. He dances and spins with joy through the air. As he glides by a bedroom window, he hears a child's voice thanking God for the scarecrow who protects the crops. Amazed and delighted to be so deeply regarded, the scarecrow races back to his post and finds that it fits his soul just right. Like the scarecrow, we all need to know that God is well pleased with us. How do we reach this place of knowing? A voice affirmed Jesus as "my Son, the Beloved." Linguists tell us that the Greek words

"my Son" can be understood as equivalent to the Hebrew "my Servant." God's favour was upon Jesus, the Son, as he began to accomplish the divine will as Servant. Empowered by the Spirit, the Son and Servant Jesus began at his baptism the work that we, his baptized sisters and brothers, are privileged to continue, making known the loving and salvific plan of God for all of humankind. As Christians, we are not called simply to worship and believe in Jesus Christ but to share in his intimate relationship with God. We too are invited to seek to do God's will and to hear the response "You are my beloved and in you I am well pleased". This is what we celebrate in remembering Jesus' baptism and our own. ***For each one of us...for God's own grace, that we might continue to live out our baptismal promises and grow to be the holy men and women God intends us to be...We pray...***

Did You Know...

The Mass, also known as The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is composed of two very important parts – The Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist. These two parts can also be broken down further into The Gathering Rite, the Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Eucharist and The Farewell. All the parts work together to offer praise and glory to God. Believers understand that God is present in both the liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When we begin to break open the parts of the Mass, we realize that the invitation to celebrate that is offered comes from God. Over the next few weeks, we will explore what that means.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer

Service 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

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