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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am
SATURDAY: 9 am
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm
SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

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Friday: 9 am to 3 pm
Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 1:30 pm

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31st, 2016**



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not
envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It
does not insist on its own way; it is not
irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in
wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It
bears all things, believes all things, hopes
all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 10

We will celebrate mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
Ashes will be distributed during the mass.

Lenten Series - "Having Mercy"

*Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 pm, Main Hall
February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23*

Join us for a five week series for youth and adults.
Find a pathway to understand and live Mercy more
fully. The sessions will be filled with rich examples,
Scriptures, and questions for discussion and
sharing. For information contact Greg Beath.

Stations of the Cross

Will be at 9:30 am on the Fridays of Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Feb. 01	9:00 am	Personal Intentions
Tues. Feb. 02	9:00 am	†Bill Madigan, Jr.
Wed. Feb. 03	9:00 am	†Stephanie Merdzan
Thurs. Feb. 04	9:00 am	†Jack Graham
Fri. Feb. 05	9:00 am	†Anita Tolentino
Sat. Feb. 06	9:00 am	Vincent & Margaret Murray
		†Alan Dilworth
		†Jane Wren
		†Nicholas Fraumeni
		†Kaye & Sal Azzarello
		†Edgar Fonseca
		Vocations
Sat. Feb. 06	5:00 pm	†Elma Layumas
Sun. Feb. 07	8:30 am	†Lou Lupo
	10:00 am	Parishioners
	12:00 pm	†Maria Bueno Mauricio

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp:	Wes Ong
Vigil Lamp:	Chua Family
For the Sick:	Deacon Sal Badali, Francisco Jimenez
For the Deceased:	Barbara McCauley

Pastoral care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring
Communion to the homebound. Contact the
Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for
intentions held in confidence. Contact:
Sr. Adua Zampese at 647-343-1340

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-
447-5571 ext. 500

SOCIAL MINISTRY

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated
in the Church Universal on Tuesday, February 2,
2016 and in parishes on January 30/31, 2016.
Please pray for all those who have made
commitments in the consecrated life and be sure
to thank them on their special day. May they
continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and
respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass
presided by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick this Sunday,
January 31 at 3:00 pm at St Paul's Basilica,
Toronto to close the Jubilee Year for Consecrated
Life and to celebrate with and pray for these men
and women religious who are such a vital and
important part of the life and ministry of the
church in our Archdiocese.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 1

6:15 pm Sparks Events/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm Brownies Parish Events/Francis Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation: First
Communion/Main Hall
7:00 pm St. Clare Inn Board Meeting/Boardroom
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

Tuesday, February 2

10:00 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half
Of Life/Francis Room
7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation: First
Communion/Main Hall
7:30 pm Bible Study Group/Oak Room

Wednesday, February 3

6:30 pm GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:30 pm Family Choir Practice/Church

Thursday, February 4

7:00 pm K of C Executive meeting/Oak Room

Saturday, February 6

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
1:00 pm Sacramental Preparation: First
Communion/Main Hall

LITURGY

Feast of St. Blaise

Wednesday, February 3rd

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise on
February 3rd with the blessing of throats. The
special blessings will be given during the 9:00 am
mass.

World Day of the Sick

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, February 13, 5 pm.

During mass we will offer the sacrament to all who
are seriously ill, elderly or anticipating surgery.
Through this celebration those who receive the
sacrament are surrounded and supported by the
prayers of Jesus and the Christian community.
Through this sacrament we continue the healing
ministry of Jesus.

*"Are there any who are sick among you? Let
them send for the priests of the Church, and let
the priests pray over them, anointing them with
oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of
faith will save the sick person." (James 5:14)*

We invite you to consider being part of this special
prayer.

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

January 24 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$9,174

Initial Offering: \$55

Donate Now: \$449 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175

Solemnity of Mary: \$45

Second Collection

Sunday, February 7- Maintenance Fund Offering

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"The Gospel calls us to be close to the poor and forgotten, and to give them real hope."

-Pope Francis-

Your generous donation in 2015 have allowed us to disburse \$21,749.00 to support friends in need in our community as well as the 21 homes managed by Central Council. These "Special Works" of the Society house 250 persons, helping to address the needs of Toronto's marginalized and vulnerable. Thank you.

Training Session for Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday Feb 6, 11 am, Church

There will be a training session for Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, February 6th. We will gather in the church (south chapel) at 11:00 am. This session will concentrate on the role of the Eucharistic Minister and an opportunity for those on the roster to ask questions as well.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am, Francis Room

Feb. 16 & 23, March 15 & 22.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life.

Topics: Caregiving, Walking by Faith, Our Life Story, Growth in Wisdom, Prayer and A Lifelong Mission. Facilitator: Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ

Canadian Food For Children

February 6th and 7th weekend

We will be accepting donations of salt to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Feb 7, Main Hall, Parish Centre

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses and at the same time and same place, the CWL is holding a Bake Sale with proceeds going to Covenant House.

Tickets: \$5.00 each, children under 6 are free.

The CWL are asking for donations of baked goods either homemade or store bought to be sold during and after the Pancake Breakfast.

Women's Lenten Retreat Weekend

February 19-21, 2016 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. Retreat begins at 8:00 pm Friday and concludes with Mass Sunday noon, followed by lunch. Call 905-278-5229 for more information or to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

February 19-21, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! This is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. Info www.wwme.org or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at Gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925

Learn About Hawaiian Culture and Dance

February 21 to May 8. Classes on Sunday afternoons for 10 weeks. Recital is May 14. Children: 2-3 pm; Teens: 3-4 pm; Adults: 4-5 pm. To register contact Linda Etzkorn at 416-510-0264 or lindaetzkorn@rogers.com

St. Bonaventure Baseball – Mark your calendars!

Registration: January 29 to March 11.

Evaluation days: Week of April 4

Coaches Meeting: Week of May 16

Regular Season: April 18 to June 6

Playoffs: Week of June 13 Finals Day: June 18

Registration forms are online and at the Ministry Centre.

Reflection - The Carpenter's Son?

This week the other shoe drops. Jesus spoke in a Nazareth synagogue last week and now moments later in the same synagogue we will hear the people's reaction to his message. A hint: they will try to throw him off a cliff.

To see why, look at how bold Jesus is. First he searches out a prediction of the Messiah from the book of Isaiah. Here are the very words he read in the synagogue:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord (Is 61: 1-3).

The people loved him until he applied the reading to himself! He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Gospel)! "This scripture passage" was known to all as referring to

the Messiah. They saw clearly that Jesus was claiming to be the Messiah!

They were stunned. He had grown up in their midst. He was the carpenter's son, the one they had seen weekly in this same synagogue. Why in the world would a local man come up with such a bizarre story?

We already know why. At the Jordan river, when he had received baptism, the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens said, "You are my beloved son, and in you I am well pleased" (Lk 3:21-22)!

The Father's voice, out loud! Jesus' public ministry would soon begin. He was openly the anointed servant of God.

Immediately he fled into the desert to brood and to pray. Why? His consciousness of his divinity formerly had been lodged mainly at the depths of his human awareness. Now it had to be drawn up further into mindfulness and dealt with.

But his humanity meant that he could be attracted to the wrong answers too, ones suggested by the devil. Turn his divinity into self-satisfaction, into power, into reputation. He was authentically tempted, but each time he refused.

Now in the power of the Spirit he had come back to Nazareth, as Luke says. It becomes obvious why he selected that passage from Isaiah in the synagogue. Isaiah's words above were about him!

How were his Nazareth neighbors supposed to have any understanding of this? He looked like a mad-man, madly claiming equality with God! To them he was simultaneously insulting his home town, his people, Israel, and God.

"He is out of his mind!" they shouted.

Jesus tells them that neither Elijah nor Elisha, great prophets, had been able to work their miracles in Israel, but went elsewhere to do them. "No prophet is accepted in his own native place," he said.

So suddenly he is one of the prophets!

They pull him out to a cliff, planning to annihilate such a blasphemer. He escaped somehow but now the ball was in motion. This scene—and it is the first one described in his public ministry—forecasts his remaining life. First loved and accepted, then pushed to his death.

In the coming months we will see him carrying out his public ministry. What will he do? We must find out, because we are to be filled with the same Holy Spirit.

John Foley, SJ



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