

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT IS A purpose-driven life? Sometimes, the meaning only becomes clear after an experience makes us look back at seemingly unrelated decisions that made us who we are. It's that "ah-ha" moment.

The gospel today describes John the Baptist's "ah-ha" moment. Until that day, John had been following a path he couldn't quite see clearly, wandering the wilderness, preaching of the Son of God whom he might never even meet in the flesh.

John was a recluse who attracted a huge following. These followers believed his wrath-inflicting Messiah would be the political ruler they had been waiting for. But the meaning of John's life decisions became clear in his meeting with Jesus. The heavens literally opened and God spoke to him! Jesus' ministry would be non-political and characterized by love. Jesus was the one for whom John was preparing the way, and John's future was forever changed by Jesus.

The purpose of our lives may not always be as dramatically revealed to us as John's was by God. Some of us may feel lost, wandering in our own wilderness. But recognizing the need to search is the first brave step toward finding that purpose. In that search we, like John, may meet Jesus by our own river bank. It is an encounter that will radically change our future. *(Reflection of Saskia Sivananthan, from Living with Christ)*

#### Altar Servers Party

The altar servers were treated to a thank you luncheon this past week, hosted by Fr. Pat, seminarian John Sutka and our Youth Director, Kimberly Go. A special thanks to all our servers for their generous service. For young people who might wish to serve, please contact John, our seminarian, and he will provide training.

#### Schedule for Senior Residence Mass

**Del Manor:** January 18 at 10:30 a.m.  
(5351 Yonge St.)



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Yung & Fu Yuan

#### Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Peter & Hope McDermott

#### Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Annabel Marchildon

#### Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Evelyn Antoinette Machado

#### Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m. + Mario Samson Corpus

#### Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

4:30 p.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

#### Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Tom Callaghan

9:30 a.m. + Paul Joseph Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. + Cornelio Ramiro

ALPHA 2017  
ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Monday evenings starting  
January 16, 2017

6:30PM – 8:30PM

75 Churchill Ave.  
Dinner and Childcare provided

Alpha is an opportunity to explore questions about life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. All are welcome!

Contact Josh at:  
[jcanning@alphacanada.org](mailto:jcanning@alphacanada.org)

Children's Choir

**JANUARY 15, 2017**

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Rehearsal for the Children's Choir will be held Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The children will sing every other week at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Those wishing to join are asked to attend the practice each Thursday. For more information, contact Marc Michalak, choir Director, at [marcfmichalak@gmail.com](mailto:marcfmichalak@gmail.com)

### **Join the Parish Knights of Columbus!**

St. Edward's Parish Knights of Columbus is celebrating more than a year in Formation. It is open to new members, men (age 18 and older) who wish to join a great community of Catholic men, eager to serve the church and to be a part of a great fraternity of Brother Knights. For more information, contact Grand Knight Peter Bernotas at 416-460-7089

### **Catholic Women's League**

The CWL general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, starting with Mass at 7:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited.

A special blessing for the new CWL elected executive council for 2017, will take place on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parishioners are welcome for coffee after Mass, in the parish hall, same day.

### **Hawthorn School and Day Care Open House**

**Friday January 20 – Visit Hawthorn for a Day**  
**Thursday, February 9 – 2 p.m.**

Hawthorn School  
101 Scarsdale Rd., Toronto  
*CENTRAL REGION*

Hawthorn School is the only accredited all-girls' independent school in Toronto providing Catholic education. Hawthorn's all-girls environment, small class sizes, and one of the lowest student-to-teacher ratios in Toronto provides unique learning that prepares students to succeed. The core curriculum is built on the model of the classical liberal arts, sciences and a spirit of social responsibility. Character education is a primary focus and is present across all aspects of the life of the school. We hope you can join us!

**RSVP:** Malena Saishio or Flor Vitro **PHONE:** 416-444-3054

**EMAIL:** [admissions@hawthornschoo.com](mailto:admissions@hawthornschoo.com)

**WEB:** [www.hawthornschoo.com](http://www.hawthornschoo.com)

### **High School Retreat**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school retreat for men (Grade 11 and 12) at Blessed

Sacrament Parish, Toronto on February 11, 2017. There will be opportunities for Mass, adoration, confession and socializing. For more information, please call 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### **World Day for Consecrated Life**

On Thursday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, 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.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

### **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference**

On **February 18<sup>th</sup>** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries' 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

### **55+ Club**

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our weekly meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. A variety of activities planned for the New Year.