

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE NINEVITES' CONVERSION is quite astounding. Such an immediate and all-encompassing turning away from sin in this wicked and non-Israelite city (even down to its animals) towards a faith in God akin to Abraham's or that of Moses was a testament to God's power and a telling criticism of Israel's infidelity.

The God whose very way of being is the source and reason for such salvation is described in today's psalm: God is true, merciful, steadfast in love, good and upright. This is the God we know in Jesus of Nazareth who dwelt among us and who offers us fullness of life. Today's readings encourage us to follow the example of those in the past who have given to this God of love a complete and unreserved response of faith.

The first disciples demonstrate such readiness and resolve: leaving behind their thriving business ventures, family and employees, they follow Jesus regardless of the cost. Their actions are not a counsel to shirk life's responsibilities, but to make God the priority. Saint Paul also advises living with this detached perspective, always ready to follow and to make Jesus' way our own. May such unity in willing discipleship be a gift for us and for the entire Christian family.

(Reflection of Christine Mader, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 22nd, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Paul Kim

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the D'Andrea and Volpe Families

Wednesday, January 24th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Anthony Yam

Thursday, January 25th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Rosa Spinelli

Friday, January 26th, 2018

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Philomena & Paul le Bleu

Saturday, January 27th, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Jozef Stojko

Sunday, January 28th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Henry & Kitty Grimes

9:30 a.m. + Janet Nalepka

11:00 a.m. + Michael Selander

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – February 11, 2018 - 3 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place Sunday, February 11th, 3:00 p.m. at **Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave., North York)**. A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

Special Note: Fr. Pat would like to acknowledge and bless those in our parish community, who are celebrating special anniversaries at each of our parish Masses, the weekend of Feb. 10th/11th. Kindly leave your name, the anniversary date, and the Mass you will be attending, at the parish office before Feb. 9th, 2018. Thank you!

Daily/Weekend Missalettes

Parishioners wishing to have their own copy of the "Living with Christ" booklets are welcome to sign up for a year subscription at the parish office. Each issue includes:

- Complete daily scriptures readings
- Prayers of the Mass
- Reflections for Sundays, Feast days and highlights on the Saints

For a limited time, Novalis will donate \$10.00 of each subscription back to the parish for their ministry. To subscribe, fill out the form at the office.

Living With Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held on February 13th to April 3rd, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1155 Yonge St. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at 416-921-1163 x2232

Email: adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Fr. Pat will host a volunteer appreciation event for all who serve in liturgical ministries, or volunteer programs (teachers, etc.) on Friday evening, February 9th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

January 21, 2018

Kindly RSVP to your ministry or program coordinator so we can prepare for numbers.

Dear Parishioners:

The parish hall has undergone extensive updating with a fresh coat of paint, new electronic blinds, and more comfortable chairs. I trust you will enjoy and appreciate the work that has been done. My thanks to Maria Amodio, and other members of the parish social committee, staff, and Knights of Columbus for their help, insight and planning.

This work was done to also compliment the extensive work already completed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, Communications Office, in preparing our parish hall to be a "hub" site, a place where other Catholics in our region can come for conferences, workshops and other events. As part of the Family of Faith campaign, Cardinal Collins desired that parts of the diocese should be designated as meeting sites (hub sites). The diocese has paid for the installation of modern technology that permits live-streaming events, lectures, and inter-active sharing with other locations across the diocese.

I am very grateful that our parish was selected for this important and exciting purpose, and I am sure the benefits will flow directly into our own parish initiatives as well. The use of modern technology in promoting and teaching the faith is one of the more important initiatives that has come out of the Family of Faith campaign. I look forward to all the blessings that this will bring forth within our parish and within the Archdiocese as we spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Fr. Pat

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul welcomes new members.

- We visit people in their homes who are in need of assistance for food.
- We travel in pairs.
- We have a monthly meeting.

If interested, please contact Jeannette @ 416-392-3887. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall. This will be a great opportunity to give back to your community.

Senior Residence Masses in February 2018

Friday, February 9th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 9th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21st – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.

Pancake Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will host their second annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and will go on sale next weekend. Come and enjoy a good meal.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 **Ecumenical Prayer Service**

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with Roman Catholic Archbishop Cardinal Thomas Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other city-wide religious leaders.

Sunday, January 28, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Metropolitan United Church

56 Queen Street East

(Queen and Bond Street)

Homilist: **His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins**
(Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto)

Parking is available / Refreshments to follow

For more information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400, ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org.

Walk-in Counselling Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers walk-in counselling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required.

- **Central office address:** 1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto. Every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416 921-1163.
- **North office address:** 5799 Yonge Street. Suite 300, North York. Every Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416 222-0048. EMAIL: info@cfstoronto.com

Silent Retreat for Men at Manresa Pickering

Friday, February 16 to Sunday

February 18 – 7 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
EASTERN REGION

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, "Ignatian Basics Boot Camp" for men. We will pray with the central wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises: our Creation by a loving God, our

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

salvation in Christ, our vocation to serve God and our neighbour with Christ.

COST: Suggested offering \$185 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

PHONE: 905-839-2864 **EMAIL:** pickmanresa@rogers.com

WEB: www.manresa-canada.ca