

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Corner

From the desk of Fr. Liborio

During this time of year, many of us start to get the winter blahs. The

limited daylight hours do not help in our struggle to combat the gloomy feel we have. For many of us we start to dream of summer and the long days of heat and light. But until those days arrive do you have any advice to offer for combating these cold winter days? If you do, then email me this week at info@stmarysbrampton.com and I will pass it on to others in an upcoming Pastor's corner.



What would be my advice? Choose a big wall in your house and have your children paint a huge scene of a beach with an ocean in the background. Let them go wild and paint boats, beach chairs, sunbathers and all the other things you could expect to see in such a scene down south. If you don't have children, then get your spouse. If you live alone, then get a friend or neighbour to paint it. And what should you be doing while there are painting such a wonderful scene? Buy a plane ticket and head south to sit on such a beach and leave the painters behind to marvel at their creation. I have asked Fr. Ricardo to start our painting on the biggest wall we have in the rectory. As Fr. Ricardo is painting this masterpiece, I will be visiting my travel agent.. ha ha ha.

Well, maybe my advice will not fly in your family situation – so email me with your advice to combat the blues.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

First Communion: Immediate Preparation Program – Session # 3

Parents/ Guardians of those children who will be receiving First Communion this year are asked to attend Session #3 of their immediate preparation program on:

- Wednesday January 25th at 7pm
- Or
- Saturday January 28th at 10am



We will focus on the topic of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reminder: This session is for parents/ guardians only.

Confirmation: Immediate Preparation Program – Session # 3

We invite our Confirmandi and their parents, to attend their session #3 meeting on:

- Saturday January 28th at 12noon (Sharp)

Our regional Bishop John Boissonneau, will come and celebrate the Eucharist and speak to our Confirmandi, their parents and any sponsors who are able to make this meeting.

Note: There is **NO** Thursday session.

Blessing of Throats



On Friday, **February 3rd**, we will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, who was a bishop and martyr and the patron saint of all throat ailments.

We will be blessing the throats of those parishioners who wish to receive this sacramental at our **9am and 7pm Masses**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan 23rd
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9 AM – Mark Russell†

Tuesday, Jan 24th
St. Francis de Sales

9 AM – Maria & Antonio Russo†
7 PM – Joao de Sousa Filipe†

Wednesday, Jan 25th
Conversion of St. Paul

9 AM – Vicente Pereira†

Thursday, Jan 26th
St. Timothy & St. Titus

9 AM –Angela & Salvatore
Checchia†

Friday, Jan 27th
St. Angela Merici

9 AM – Louis Azzopardi & Sam
Cini – Special Intention
Rory Manning†

7 PM – Denise Pacheco†

Saturday, Jan 28th
St. Thomas Aquinas

9 AM –

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Jan 23rd
9:00 AM – Mass

Tuesday, Jan 24th
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Mass
7:45 PM – Prayer Group

Wednesday, Jan 25th
9:00 AM – Mass
7:00 PM – Legion of Mary

Thursday, Jan 26th
9:00 AM – Mass

Friday, Jan 27th
9:00 AM – Mass
6:00 PM – Holy Hour
7:00 PM – Mass

Saturday, Jan 28th
9:00 AM – Mass
5:00 PM – Mass

January 22nd – January 28th 2012

Family Christmas Assistance Group

We will be meeting on **Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 pm** in the Archbishop Pocock room to review the 2011 project and begin plans for 2012.

If you'd like to know more about this group, please join us.

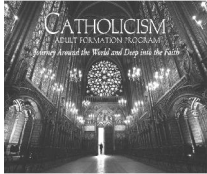
We warmly extend the invitation to new volunteers.



2011 Income Tax Receipts

The office will be mailing out the 2011 Income Tax Receipts in the coming week. If your address has changed please notify the office at 905-451-2300 or e-mail info@stmarysbrampton.com

Come and experience the Catholic Faith as you have never seen it before!



Witness the history, the power, the beauty and the joy of Catholicism. On Tuesdays, beginning February 7, St. Jerome's parish will be presenting the Catholicism Series, following 7:00 pm Mass.

For information contact Evie Warden at 905-840-8377 or eviewarden@hotmail.com.

Registration forms can also be picked up at the office.

"Come and See" - Weekend

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily.

Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.



February 3rd to 5th, 2012
St. Augustine's Seminary,

There will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Understanding the Catholic Faith Feb 14 – April 3

Be Inspired, Encouraged, & Healed
Come Celebrate the 20th
Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 9.00am to 5.30pm
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.
High Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Collins.

Separate Youth Event (12-20 Years old)
Music, Skits, Power-Packed Talks.

Contact: 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510 or P.O. Box 45018, 5845 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M2M 3V0 - www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org



Annual Valentine's Event – Feb 10

Table for Two - 3rd Annual Valentine's Event. St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 139 McCaul Street, Toronto. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A romantic and reflective candlelit dinner for young engaged or married couples! A night to rekindle, enliven and celebrate each other!

Cost: \$70.00 per couple. Tickets are available for purchase at St. Patrick's Parish Office (141 McCaul Street) during office hours, or by appointment. Buy your tickets early as space is limited! Ticket sales will close when the event is full, or by January 31. Reservations must be paid for by January 27.

For more information, or to reserve your table, please contact the parish office 416-598-3269.



VOCATION CORNER



The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus.

Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call:

Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997

Also visit: <http://www.vocatio.ca/>
www.vocationstontario.ca

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Jan 26, 12:15pm - 4pm.

Greenway Chartwell Retirement Residence, Ken Willans Dr., invites +55 for complimentary lunch and Contract and Duplicate Bridge. Submit names to Agnes 905 451-7819.

All are welcome.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

Jim Cassidy
Janet O'Reilly
Joy Clarke
Linda Yard
John Doran
Ken Gurnsey



For the Deceased:

Fortunata Buyco
Andea Gutierrez
Virginia Murphy

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
Weekend of January 14th

Offertory Collection: \$10,311.35