

After his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus set out on his great mission. Throughout this year, we follow the course of his mission in readings from the gospel of Mark. The gospel readings of this Sunday (from John) and next Sunday (from Mark) invite us to set out on this journey of discovery as disciples of the Lord. Just as he called the first disciples, the Saviour has a personal call for each one of us to become his 'disciple'. The recovery of the long neglected theme of 'discipleship' is one of the signs of new vitality on today's Church. The word, 'disciple', occurs many times in the New Testament. Why was it so important for the first Christians?

To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at www.theemmauseries.com/bo2sunday.html



How Do I Make My Gift?

Completed pledge cards may be returned to the parish office, at Mass or mailed via Canada Post directly to the archdiocese. Please clearly note "Campaign" on all returned envelopes. When filling out your pledge card, please indicate:

- **Your Total Pledge:** The amount you wish to fulfill over the entire pledge period.
- **Frequency of Payments:** Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-annually or Annually (Due to operations, pledge payments cannot be paid on a weekly basis.)
- **Length of Pledge:** Most families elect to pledge over a five-year period. All gifts must be accompanied by a completed pledge card.
- **Beginning of Pledge:** Initial payments are not required. Please share when you would like to start payment on your pledge. As a reminder, all automatic payment options will be credited on the 1st of each month.

You may decide to fulfill your commitment by one or a combination of:

- Direct Debit (Please include void cheque)
- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, AMEX)
- Cheque (Cheques are payable to Family of Faith Campaign)
- Securities, Stocks or Bonds*
- Planned Giving*
- Matching Corporate Gifts*

*If you choose to make a gift of securities, planned gift or utilize a matching gift program, please contact Caitlin at the parish office to discuss authorization at (416) 231-6016, ext. 20 or via email at capitalcampaign@sorrows.ca

The Family of Faith Donation Processing Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto will facilitate all subsequent payments of the pledges. This will allow our parish office to maintain focus on the pastoral needs of our community. If you have any questions or changes regarding your payments, you may call the Pledge Processing Office at (416) 934-3400, ext. 536.

Pledges to the campaign are not legally binding and may be changed at anytime. Please call the Donations Processing Office or email campaign@archtoronto.org to document your changes.

Gifts are fully tax-receiptable. You will receive a tax receipt directly from the Family of Faith Donations Processing Office.

We will offer a final opportunity to document your most generous gift decision at each Mass during Commitment Weekend on Jan. 31/ Feb. 1.

If you have not yet received your information, please call the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish.

A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Try it with sincerity, starting today.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 ~ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 ~ John 1:35-42

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week — January 19 to 25

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Raymond Conrath	Joe Conrath & family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Romualds Dubrovskis	The family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Pat Murray	Margaret Tipping
Thursday, 9am	✠ Nicholas Korpan	Ed Westelaken
Friday, 9am	✠ Patricia Murray	Kathleen Stanley
Saturday, 9am	✠ Patricia Murray	St. Vincent de Paul Society
5:15pm	✠ Eileen Roche	Mary Ann Hunwicks
Sunday, 8am	✠ Connie Broden	Gord Sammon
9:30am	✠ Heather Wilson	Margaret Tipping
11am	✠ Miriam Bastoria	Yolanda Savino
12:30pm	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	

Rosary Group — stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are "a spiritual medicine... good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

Franciscus

Stretch & Flex — all are welcome! — Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30pm in the parish hall

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

Christmas Benefit Concert in support of Ukraine — Jan. 18, 3pm @OLS

► **This Weekend** Canadian Bandurist Capella is a forty member Ukrainian male choir accompanied by the unique harp-like sound of the sixty-five string bandura. Colourful costumes, powerful voices and spectacular harmonies are their trademark. For tickets (\$25/\$20) call 416-232-2514 or email tickets@banduristy.com — visit www.banduristy.com



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLS offers thanks to those parishioners, students, parents, teachers & administrators who adopted families at Christmas time. All families were adopted, and we were able to assist another parish. **Your kindness & generosity are appreciated!**

REMINDER Confirmation Enrolment Weekend is January 24/25!

Candidates will be called upon at all Masses to present their promise form and letter of intent to Fr. Nino after a special homily directed at parents and candidates.

First Communion Catechetical Sessions — Tues. Jan. 27, 7pm or Sun. Feb. 1, 2pm

These information and instructional sessions are for parents only. Parish catechists will lead parents in a brief reflection on the theology of Eucharist; staff will be present to distribute the 'We Share in the Eucharist' book for parent-child preparation.

Parishioners! Send Us Your Historical OLS Photos!

A photo gallery is being assembled for the parish website. What can you share? Photos of your wedding? A parish group? A special event? Early shots of the church? Email photos@sorrows.ca — don't forget a brief description! Only have a print? Let us know and we'll make arrangements to have it digitized. **Many thanks!**



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The Creighton Model FertilityCare System & NaProTECHNOLOGY have helped women & couples better understand and care for their reproductive health. Free monthly introductory sessions begin January 15 in the evening at St. Christopher's Church in Mississauga. Private sessions are also available. For more information, or to register, please contact FertilityCare Practitioner Intern Jennifer Medel at jennifer@fertilitycare.ca, call FertilityCare Toronto at 416-465-2868 or visit www.fertilitycare.ca

Mass for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sun., Jan. 18, 11am

► **This Weekend** We can be proud that 160 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are involved in sponsoring refugees to resettle in Canada. Join us for a Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (202 St. Patrick St.) to celebrate the many individuals and families who have escaped turmoil to resettle in Canada and to pray for those still seeking to leave areas of war and strife. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will preside. Mass is hosted by the Chinese Pastoral Council at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, with a reception to follow. **A special invitation is extended to those who have been involved in refugee sponsorship across the archdiocese.** All are welcome. For more information, visit www.archtoronto.org



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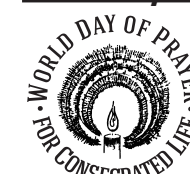
Come & See Weekend — January 30—February 1

The Office of Vocations is hosting a retreat for men 18 years & older. This weekend offers a way for men discerning a possible call to priesthood to meet seminarians, hear a number of vocation testimonies and to receive first-hand experience of seminary life. For more info, please call us at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

The Unquiet Monk Thomas Merton as a Spiritual Guide for Our Time

Join us as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of world-renowned monk and spiritual writer, Thomas Merton. Award-winning author, broadcaster & Merton scholar, Dr. Michael W. Higgins offers an engaging exploration of the contemporary relevance of Merton's life & witness that will inspire and enrich your own life. You won't want to miss this free dinner (6—7pm) and talk (7—9pm) which takes place on January 31 at Saint Peter's Church, 659 Markham St. RSVP by email to rsvp@novalis.ca or call 416-363-3303, ext. 252.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life Celebration



On Monday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,000 religious men & women of over 100 different religious congregations. This day is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers & priests and to pray for His blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity & obedience. On Sunday, February 1 at 3pm at St. Paul's Basilica, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will preside at a special Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women who are such an important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. **All are welcome to attend!**

Home Stay Opportunities — Holy Name of Mary College School

We're looking for families interested in hosting international students in their home. These girls come from good families and have basic English language capability. Compensation is provided. If you are interested please contact Giselle Fernandes at admissions@hnmcs.ca

