



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH ~ TORONTO

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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday/lunedì – venerdì 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Sunday Mass/Messe Domenicali:

Saturday/sabato 5:00 pm – English
Sunday/domenica 9:00 am – Italiano
11:30 am – English

Weekday Mass/Messe Feriali:

Monday – Tuesday/lunedì – martedì 8:00 am – Italiano
Wednesday/mercoledì 8:00 am – English
Thursday – Friday/giovedì – venerdì 8:00 am – Italiano

Memorial Mass/Messe Commemorative:

Are scheduled on a Wednesday at 7:00 pm about a month after funerals that have been celebrated at our parish.

Va celebrare il mercoledì alle 7:00 pm un mese dopo un funerale celebrato nella nostra parrocchia.

Confessions/Confessioni:

Friday/venerdì 8:30 am – 9:00 am
Saturday/sabato 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm
or by appointment/o per appuntamento

Adoration/Adorazione Eucaristica:

First Friday/Primo venerdì 8:30 am – 9:15 am

Baptisms, Weddings, & Funerals:

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings must be booked a minimum of one year in advance.



St. Vincent de Paul: 416-536-8195 ext. 6

Parish Schools:

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary
80 Clinton Street, Toronto, ON
416-393-5206

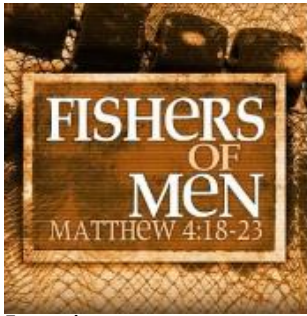
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3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Because the kingdom of heaven has come near, Jesus invites some fishermen to follow him. They immediately leave behind nets, boat, and father, and follow Jesus. Just like that, Jesus has four companions in ministry.

Although he can be, Jesus is never a one-man show. The first executive decision he makes is to call a community into existence around the Word of God that he preaches. God always calls a people and enters a covenant with “us.” So around Jesus “we” are formed. We must change to become part of these new people. We must leave some things behind to embrace our new identity and purpose. There is perhaps something symbolic in what the four new disciples collectively leave behind: nets, boat, and father.

Nets capture, contain, and limit and give us a sense of control. The boat represents our ability to come and go as we please, to be independent and free. And a father may be the stories and traditions that give us our identities. Nets and boats and fathers are essential to meet our needs for control and opportunity and roots. But when Jesus comes and proclaims the transforming kingdom of God, we will have to give up some of those things to be embraced by this new reality. Perhaps we will leave nets and boats and fathers to have them given back to us again. We will still be in the family fishing business. Only what we fish for will change. What things do we have to give up and walk away from, in order to approach and possess them anew? What will you do?

VOCATIONS



“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as

a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org; www.vocationstoronto.ca.

TEACH THE LITTLE ONES TO PRAY

Pope Francis baptized 13 babies in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican on January 8, 2023 and told parents and godparents to teach their little ones to pray from the time they are very small.



Pope Francis said: “Baptism is the beginning of a journey, and it is up to parents and godparents to support the children as they take their steps along the way. The first task is to teach the children to pray from the time they are very small, starting with showing them how to make the sign of the cross and how to hold their hands in prayer. Prayer will be what gives them strength throughout their lives – in good times to thank God and in the difficult times to find strength”.

THE SOURCE WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE

On Thursday, January 26, between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship at St. Peter’s Church, 840 Bathurst St., Toronto.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and confessions will be available.

From 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm, there will be refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

Contact The Sisters of Life: 416-463-2722; toronto@sistersoflife.org; www.sistersoflife.org

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, **on Sunday February 12 at 2:30 pm, at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto**, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+) in 2023.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honored with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register.

Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The Mass will also be livestreamed on: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live>.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory (Jan 14/15)

\$ 2277

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Church Restoration Fund – February 5, 2023
Heating – February 12, 2023

Thank you for your generosity!

CONFIRMATION – CLASS #3

The third class for Confirmation will be held on **Sunday Jan. 22 at 10:00 a.m. OR Saturday, Jan. 28 at 3:30 p.m.**

Classes will take place in the Parish Hall which may be accessed by taking the staircase at the back of the church down to the lower level.

Reminder, the classes are mandatory

**FIRST RECONCILIATION &
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – CLASS #4**

The fourth class for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held on **Sunday Jan. 29 at 10:00 a.m. OR Saturday, Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m.**

Classes will take place in the Parish Hall which may be accessed by taking the staircase at the back of the church down to the lower level.

Reminder, the classes are mandatory, and a parent must participate with their child.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick, especially:

Samuel Alvarez	Vincenzo Anania
Christine Antunes	Coralia Antunes
Ottorino Palermo	Rita Pizzimenti & Family
Mitchell St. Jean-Lippmann	Gino Shiavo
Lucia Del Grande	Anna Aurilia
Dolarata e Liberato Cosciotta	

If you would like to have someone's name added to the Prayers for the Sick list, please contact the Parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

5:00 pm Valentino Ridolfi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 am Carmelo Iondi
Pasquale Gallippi
Giovanni e Carlo Barbati e fam.
Dino Thomas Pepè
Conceta La Rosa e Famiglia
Maria Assunta Sobara
Italia e Antonio Colantoni

11:30 am For the People of our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 am _____

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

8:00 am Rocco e Domenico Mangiardi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 - THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

8:00 am _____

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 – ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS

8:00 am _____

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 am _____

PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:
and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.