## Sunday, February 20, 2022



"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38



Monday, February 21, 2022 8:15am: + Felicitas De Leon Tuesday, February 22, 2022

8:15am: + Peter Collinson

7:00pm: Joaqium, Kitty & Apolina Britto & Family

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

8:15am: + Gino Palumbo

Thursday, February 24, 2022

8:15am: + Mary Alice Facey Friday, February 25, 2022

8:15am: + Bruce Spencer

7:00pm: + Antonio Zoniea & All Souls

- + Gioan Baoyyxita Ty & All Souls
- + Louisa D'Souza
- + Stasia Aranha & Deceased Members of the Aranha Family
- + Maria Giovanni
- + Dominic Pompilii

Saturday, February 26, 2022

8:15am: + Kathleen Smith 5:00pm: + John Ngoc Truong Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:30am: + Joe Santos 10:00am: + Emiliana Pedro 12:00pm: + Brian Pinto

7:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth



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#### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many goodhearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this. Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips." If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

# St. Patrick's Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)

Please join us **Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections** via Zoom. Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays. **Note:** When logging on, you will need this passcode: **196792**.

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family, but in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent, we will also dedicate the latter part of the month to the Passion of Our Lord.

Please join us; Together we will pray for families (Family Day) and Lent preparation.

For more information, please

Email: <a href="mailto:stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com">stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com</a>

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#### Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex Romero, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina

Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Baby Elijah

## <u>LENT UPDATES</u>

#### <u>Ash Wednesday</u>

Lent begins on **Wednesday**, **March 2**. There will be 3 Masses for **Ash Wednesday**: **8:15 am**, **12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**.

#### First Friday

Friday, March 4 is the First Friday of the Month. We will resume our Holy Hour.

#### **Adoration Chapel**

We will also be opening the Adoration Chapel for a limited time each day starting March 1. The Chapel will be open from 8:00 am - 1:00pm each day, 7 days a week. Seating is limited to 8 people, masks are to be worn and hand sanitizing is to be done. Since there is limited seating, the Adoration time will be for ONE HOUR. Please be considerate, and allow time for other people. We will see how this goes, and at a later date consider longer hours for Adoration. Please remember the Blessed Sacrament is in the Church, so if the Chapel is full, come and spend some time in prayer in the Church.

#### Parish Cookbook!

For those who missed the opportunity, the cookbooks will be available for sale (\$20.00) in the parish office OR can be ordered via email at <a href="mailto:stpatrickmis.cwl@gmail.com">stpatrickmis.cwl@gmail.com</a>.

Please note the parish office only accepts cash or cheques. Thank you!

## Toronto Diocesan sponsored CWL Contests (for youth of the Parish)

- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Writing Contest has 2 entry categories namely Intermediate (Gr 7 to 9) and Senior (Gr 10 to 12)
- Jean McCann Service Award for youth ages 15-18 years.

Contest rules and other details will be disclosed to interested applicants.

Deadline for submission to St.Patrick's CWL is March 8th 2022. Two winning entries will be forwarded to Peel Regional CWL Council and then onto Toronto Diocesan Council for the finals. The winner will receive \$100 and a plaque.

St. Michael's College Scholarship Competition

This is open to any young Catholic ladies from the Parish completing secondary school education and indicating St. Michael's College as first preference on U of T application.

You have a chance to win \$3,000.

Deadline for submissions directly to TDC 's Education Chair is June 30th, 2022.

Please email <u>stpatrickmis.cwl@gmail.com</u> or call Ramona 647-739-0005 if you are interested in entering these contests. We will provide details.



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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm, Sun 9am-1pm

A reminder that the parish office is closed on Monday, February 21 for Family Day and will reopen on Tuesday, February 22. Enjoy your weekend! Thank you!