

## Sunday, January 21, 2024



*As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17*

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### Monday, January 22, 2024

8:30am: + Carol Anderson

### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:15am: + Vincent Boutilier

7:00pm: + Vittorio & Maria Nifo

### Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:15am: + James Fernandes

### Thursday, January 25, 2024

8:15am: + All Souls

### Friday, January 26, 2024

8:15am: + Carol Anderson

7:00pm: + Ambrose Monteiro

+ Scorro & Abelardo Herrera

+ Msgr. John Staskevicius

+ Connie Camilleri

+ Leone Scarpino

### Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:15am: + Feliciana & Bernardo Atienza and Antonio Santos

5:00pm: Amalia Flores (Birthday)

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30am: + Cayla & Dora Moreno & Cecile Deschambault

10:00am: + Krystyna Berecka

12:00pm: + Russell Pereira

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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out. How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together. Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

## 2023 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2023 will be issued and mailed sometime mid February. **If you have any envelopes from previous years, please kindly DISCARD them to avoid confusion.** Thank you for your continuous support!

## Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm

Sat: 9:00am-12:00pm, 3:00pm-6:00pm

Sun: 9:00am-1:00pm

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## Parish Website

StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org

## Email

StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org

## Youth Website

stpatriksyouth.com

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

*Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:* Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Biz-zaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli



## **Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins**

If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office and we will arrange for one of our Eucharist Ministers to drop by. For more information, you can contact the parish office at (905) 270-2301 or [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)

## **Online Prayer Group**

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. Please join us every Monday evening at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections via Zoom.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570**  
**Passcode: 196792**

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office at [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org) if you wish to be added to the email list.

For more information, please email: [stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com)

## **LIVE THE LITURGY**

### **Inspiration for the Week**

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS LITURGY**

Our next special needs liturgy is on **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm** in the Parish Hall. If you or anyone you know would benefit from attending this liturgy, please join us! This liturgy will be an opportunity for those who are differently abled to learn about our faith in a meaningful and simplified way. This will also be a time for parents and guardians to make new connections and have support from each other. For more information or questions, contact Maria [MEspinoza@archtoronto.org](mailto:MEspinoza@archtoronto.org).

## **15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

**Saturday March 23, 2024**  
9:00am-4:00pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)  
Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Collins  
Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare, Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God, Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer.  
*Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson),*  
Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group  
**TO REGISTER:** [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

## **CWL Parish Youth Contests**

Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest—Grades 7 to 12

Jean McCann Service Youth Award—Youth 15 to 18 living the gospel message by serving other

See church bulletin board for details for both contests.

Deadline is February 21, 2024 via email to [stpatrickmis.cwl@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickmis.cwl@gmail.com)

## **Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

**March 2, 2024**

### **Metro Convention Centre**

Take Heart: By His Wounds We are Healed  
Cost: Adult \$30, Youth \$15

*Come experience why thousands return each year!*

For more info or tickets:  
[www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

