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PASTOR: Fr. Xavier De Pinto

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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Marilyn Crinnion

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy & Choir)

Sunday 7:45 a.m. Italian

9:00 a.m. Italian

10:30 a.m. English (Children's Liturgy)

12:00 p.m. English (Children's Liturgy)
(C.F.C. Choir)

DAILY MASS:

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Italian/English (Devotion to Padre Pio)

Wednesday

and Friday 8:00 a.m. Italian

Thursday 8:00 a.m. English

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 8:00 a.m. mass till 9:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m. and upon request

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the pastoral associate
Marilyn Crinnion at 905-428-8650.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please contact the pastor at least one year in
advance or earlier.

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Meetings 3rd Thursday of Month

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

BENVENUTI ALLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA



A fish story is usually an outlandish, exaggerated tale. Our first reading fits the bill—part of the story of Jonah. Besides featuring a pretty big fish, it tells a rather fantastic account of the instantaneous conversion of the ancient pagan city of Nineveh!

Scripture scholars see the story as a kind of folk tale—short on history

but long on spiritual truth: God calls each of us—even if we’re reluctant prophets, like Jonah. He resisted God’s invitation to preach to the Ninevites, and wasn’t all that happy with the outcome. Perhaps he would have enjoyed a dose of fire and brimstone rather than the mercy God shows the repentant Ninevites. The story of Jesus calling the fishermen in today’s Gospel is no tall tale. Unlike Jonah, Simon and Andrew, James and John respond instantly, willingly leave all to follow Jesus.

These readings make us think of our own “vocation story.” How did God call us? How have we responded? We know we haven’t always been immediate, willing, or whole-hearted in our response. Luckily, God keep on calling, continuing to invite us to our own personal conversion. God always offers us yet another opportunity for a change of heart. And that’s no fish story!

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 or religious life? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Liborio 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

OH! OH! BAD TIMING

Many of you have recently noticed that the Scripture Readings in the Lectionary, especially the Psalms, are not quite the same as those in the Missalette. This is heartening, because it shows your attention and interest in participating in the Liturgy. However we realize that it can be irritating and distracting for you. Following is what has happened: We are awaiting the release of a newly revised lectionary. A few years ago Rome requested a stricter translation of the text. In our case this is really felt in the translation of the Psalms because the translation we are now using, is more “lyrical”. So the CCCB has been working on a new text, which is, from what we understand, ready to be released. In any case, the CCCB decided to delay release of the text, and Novalis the publisher of the missalette, due to publishing and printing timelines, jumped the gun on printing it. Hence the difference in the translation. For the time being, please pay close attention to the lector, and follow his/her lead in the Psalm response. The situation will be corrected in the near future.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY JANUARY 27

7:30 PM -Social Committee Meeting in Parish Hall

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3

7:00 PM – Padre Pio Healing Mass

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4

7:00 PM – Parents Baptism Prep Class

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Holy Hour

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

7:00 PM – Liturgical Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

7:30 PM – Padre Pio Prayer Group

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be an Altar Servers meeting on Saturday January 31 at 11:00 AM. It is important to attend if at all possible.

COMMISSIONING NEW MINISTERS

This weekend, January 24 and 25, at all masses, we will be offering all new ministers in the parish an opportunity to commit to the Lord in their ministry: to be commissioned and be presented with a cross to mark the occasion. If you have any ministry in the parish within the past year, (lectors, Communion ministers, St. Vincent de Paul, ushers, social committee, children’s liturgy, catechesis etc. Please come forward when Fr. Xavier announces the ceremony. We ask God’s blessing on your commitment and thank you very much.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

On Monday February 2nd 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 1,100 religious men and women. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers, and priests and pray for God’s blessing upon them in their effort to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

You are invited to a special Mass Sunday February 1st at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

SUPERBOWL PARTY SUNDAY FEB. 1 5:00

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for some Football Fun. Come and watch the Superbowl with friends and family. Enjoy some good food and great company. Cost is \$10 per person and can be purchased from Kevin or call the office.

FESTA DI SUPERBOWL

Domenica 1 febbraio ora 5:00

Venite guardare il Superbowl campionato di il gioco di football con gli amici e la famiglia. Piacere del buono cibo e la grande società. Il costo è \$10 per la persona e può essere comprato da Kevin o chiama l'ufficio



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY JANUARY 27

7:00 PM

+Giuseppe Carravaggio

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28

8:00 AM

+Aurello Marocco

THURSDAY JANUARY 29

8:00 AM

Intention available

FRIDAY JANUARY 30

8:00 AM

Intention available

SATURDAY JANUARY 31

5:00 PM

+Joseph Abela

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

7:45 AM

+Paolo Fantauzzi

+Defunti Sorentino & Tomassino

9:00 AM

+Vallet Agostina

+Antonietta Dottori

10:30 AM

+Pasquale Onorati

12:00 PM

For our Community

We pray for those who have died:

Rev. Daniel John Zorzi



Nel Vangelo di Marco è la prima predica di Gesù. È brevissima, ma offre una sintesi felicissima dei temi fondamentali di tutta la sua predicazione: il compimento del tempo, il regno di Dio, la conversione, la fede al vangelo. Poi vi è la chiamata dei primi discepoli: è il paradigma concreto di ogni sequela. Ci sono due indicativi teologici che sono la ragione dei due successivi imperativi

antropologici: è suonata l'ora messianica, l'attesa è finita poiché il regno di Dio si è fatto vicino, è ormai presente nella storia, perciò non è più possibile rimandare la decisione, occorre convertirsi, cambiare cioè la testa e la direzione del cammino passando a credere al vangelo. Conversione e fede non sono due azioni che si succedono, ma due momenti del medesimo movimento: quello negativo del distacco, quello positivo di fondare la vita sul vangelo, cioè credere, mettendosi a seguire Gesù, appunto come Simone e Andrea, Giacomo e Giovanni.

Vangelo è il termine greco che significa lieta notizia nuova, e una bella notizia evidentemente porta gioia. Il regno di Dio è l'espressione riassuntiva di tutta la gioia. Gesù è questo regno arrivato: la gioia è qui a portata di mano. Chi decide di seguire Gesù è sicuro di arrivarci anche lui.

L'abbandono alla Vita all'inizio fa paura ma è la strada della felicità perché diventa una voce di libertà nell'anima. Chi vive con questo abbandono sente forti e chiare le voci della fiducia:

1. Va bene così. "Accetta le cose come sono", così risparmierai sforzi e fatiche, e smetterai di lottare per niente.
2. Vivi adesso. "La felicità è nel presente": il passato è passato e il futuro non c'è ancora, la vita, la realtà, esiste solo nell'adesso, nel qui.
3. Non attaccarti a nulla. "Se non ti affezioni alle cose, alle idee e alle persone, sarai più flessibile, meno rigido e potrai amare ed essere amato di più. Se ti attacchi sei un parassita, ricordatelo".
4. Non controllare. "Non pretendere che il mondo vada sempre come vuoi tu" e sarai alleggerito da tante ansie.
5. Lasciati andare. "Se vieni e mi segui scoprirai quanto ricco sia tu e la tua vita". Perché ti fidi di più di te che di Me che ti ho creato e che ho creato ogni cosa?
6. Sei nella mani di Dio. "Non aver paura, qualunque cosa succeda. Stai tranquillo!".

Pensiero della settimana

Finché io vivo Lui passa, mi guarda e mi dice: "Vieni e seguimi".

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