

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2015

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Howard Carter, Kathleen Angus, Christopher Chiu, Tony Logtenberg, Angeline Nazareth, Rosalina Asilador, Ellen Slark, Bob Hustins, John Mackenzie, Jonathan Dysangco, Cleo Savoie, Patti Wong, Elizabeth Wong, Anne Sequeira, Jean Lee and Philip Selvanayagam

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Jeremiah Sang and for those who have no one to pray for them.

**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY THERE WILL BE ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 18, which begins our Lenten fast in preparation for the solemn celebration of Easter. Ashes will be distributed at our regular parish Masses at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. and at our parish schools in a paraliturgy. There will be a free will offering of a looney or a tooney to begin our parish ShareLife campaign.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT** follow the 7:30 Friday evening Mass.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be served by the Confirmation candidates and their catechists after Sunday morning Masses today. Profits will be donated to our parish ShareLife campaign.

**CATHOLICS URGED TO SUPPORT PHYSICIANS' RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION** – The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: "Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient". Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an "effective referral" is a violation of a physician's rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed "effective referral" mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to [www.ccrl.ca](http://www.ccrl.ca) to find out more and get involved.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** in our parish is looking for a few new members to accomplish their good work serving our community. Volunteer hours for high school community may be served in our parish. Contact Rosemarie (416)495-1067.

ALTAR SERVERS – Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Fr. Andrews to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support from parents.

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Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR DONATIONS in 2014 have been mailed out. Contact the parish office if you have any questions. Receipts will be sent separately from the Archdiocese for donations made through the Family of Faith Campaign.

#### WORKING WONDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY...

We are called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to livingly care for those who are in need around us. - Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

2015 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN – The three collection dates for ShareLife are the weekends of March 1 (ShareLife Sunday), April 12 and May 3. There are 3 envelopes in your box of Sunday offertory envelopes. Envelopes are also available on the table at the entrance of the church. Donations may also be made on-line.

ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT was included in the bulletin last week. A member of the Parish Finance Council will speak briefly at all Masses this weekend, February 15.

LOOKING FOR A FEW NEW LECTORS so that we can have two lectors at every Sunday Mass. Those who may have a good voice could speak to Fr. Andrews or contact Anna Torres.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN MARKHAM WILL BE HAVING A PARISH MISSION MARCH 1 – 4, 2015. ALL ARE WELCOME. More details on the parish bulletin boards.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY – APRIL 11-13, 2015.

Double occupancy \$475.00 single room supplement \$175.00 add to double room rate. For reservation call Ms. Merlita Santua 416-496-3240 More details on the parish bulletin boards.

“THEOLOGY ON TAP” is a gathering for youth 19-39. Next topic is “Prayer” (March 17 at 7:00). See poster for details and locations.

PROJECT RACHEL is a private and confidential retreat weekend for young women or men who have been hurt by an abortion and seek healing and reconciliation with the Lord, the Church and inner peace. Contact (416)629-8264

CANADIAN HEARTS AND HANDS is looking for volunteers from our parish to assist at the following projects on Sundays in the GTA: St. Vincent's Kitchen in Oshawa, Happy Hour at Tendercare Living Centre in Scarborough, Good Shepherd Centre and Good Neighbours Club in downtown Toronto. Thanks to Les Rodrigues and the many volunteers who have been working with people on these projects. For more information check [www.canadianheartsandhands.ca](http://www.canadianheartsandhands.ca) or contact Les Rodrigues [l\\_s\\_r\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:l_s_r_3@hotmail.com)

PROVIDE A MEAL is a monthly opportunity for the people of our parish to bring a frozen shepherd's pie which will be picked up by the Good Shepherd Centre and provide a meal for those in need. The empty containers are available for pick-up the first weekend every month and the donated pies are collected in our freezer the second weekend every month. Thanks too many parishioners who have been participating for years to help meet the needs of the homeless.

CARENOTES are on the table beside the Catholic Lighthouse Media. These are like greeting cards that can be given to people letting them know you are thinking about them and keeping them in your prayers. Each Carenote booklet is \$2 or three for \$5. Please put donations into the black box on the back table. Thanks to the Legion of Mary for setting this kiosk up and maintaining it.

RETROUVAILLE is a live-in weekend program followed by a number of post sessions to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It attempts to provide the tools to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information or to register, contact (416)281-6007 or [www.torontoretrouvaille.com](http://www.torontoretrouvaille.com)

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS if you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle.