

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2016

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kathleen Angus, Christopher Chiu, Bob Hustins, Cleo Savoie, Elizabeth Wong, Philip Selvanayagam, Johanna Kambeitz, Sheila Steaman, Raquel Pinto, Joseph Yu, Anne Canagasuriam, Hua Ling Liu, Harry Ramadhin, Johnny Luu, Eric Maddan, Anthony Hsueh, Ricky Wong, Anthony Wong, Rita Yu and Emerlinda Cruz

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Ann Sequeira and for those who have no one to pray for them.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? If you know of anyone in your family or among your friends who has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, invite them to contact Fr. Andrews before early September. The sessions surrounding the R.C.I.A. (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in the fall.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. MARY OF LEUCA will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, August 21 at the 12:00 noon Mass. Our regional bishop, His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will celebrate this Mass. Let us be thankful for the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca in our community.

LEGION OF MARY New Members are welcome. The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 8:10 and the Junior Legion on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **For more information, please contact Amy Rebeiz: 647-643-2232 amyrebeiz@gmail.com**

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION will begin at the parish office in September. Registration forms will be given to grade seven students and grade two students in our parish Catholic Schools for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Those in other schools should register at our parish office before September 25. Students in other grades who have not received Baptism, First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation should contact the parish office.

CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED every year to assist those who are preparing to become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) and those preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you would like to serve as a catechist, contact Fr. Andrews or Juliette Huang.

NEXT BUNDLE SUNDAY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – The bin will be in our parking lot next weekend August 13/14 until Monday morning for the donation of clothing and shoes. Thanks to all who help to fill the bin and for the good work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our community.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MASSES for the repose of all souls will be on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. Our closest Catholic cemeteries are Christ the King and Holy Cross.

OFFICE HOURS DURING JULY AND AUGUST WILL BE FROM 9:00 – 3:00.

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.

A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY began on December 8 and will continue until the end of the Liturgical Year. Pope Francis announced the Year of Mercy in a Bull of Indiction which may be read at <http://www.im.va/>

JUBILEE OF MERCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO – Following the opening of the Holy Doors of papal basilicas in Rome, the doors of mercy in churches throughout the world will also welcome pilgrims. Designated churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be St. Paul's Basilica, St. Patrick's (Toronto), Merciful Redeemer (Mississauga), St. Anthony (Bramalea), St. Patrick's (Brampton), St. Theresa's Shrine (Scarborough), and Martyrs' Shrine (Midland). St. Maximilian Kolbe (Mississauga), The Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake (King City). To obtain a plenary indulgence pilgrims should receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist and recite the Creed and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SCARBORO MISSIONS AND CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA will be next weekend, supporting missions in the poorest and farthest regions in own country and throughout the world. Thank you for your annual support of these important works of mercy.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL REDEDICATION CELEBRATIONS will mark the completion of the extensive renovations. Mass of Rededication will be at 7:00 pm. On Thursday, September 29 on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. There will be a Mass of appreciation for the workers on Sept. 30 at 12:00 noon, a street party from 1:00-4:00 and a Sacred Music Concert featuring the new Casavant Organ 3907 and St. Michael's Choir School on Sept. 30 at 7:00 – free general admission tickets will be available at www.archtoronto.org in August.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Who love our Blessed Mother Mary and are willing to go into our Catholic Schools once a month to pray the Rosary with the students at Mother Teresa, St. Benedict and St. Francis Catholic Schools for the next academic year. Training will be provided. Contact: Heidi Luz – 647-406-3849 or Cecil Garel – 647-531-7136

MISSION CO-OP PREACHER THIS YEAR will be Fr. Andres Pacoli from the Diocese of Calbayog in the Philippines. He will preach at all Masses on the weekend of August 21. The Mission Co-op Collection will be the weekend of August 28. Please use the envelope for Mission Co-op at the back of your box of Sunday Offertory Envelopes or one provided on the table at the entrance of the church.

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.

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“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” What do you hope for in the future? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**

416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.

WALK-IN COUNSELLING at Catholic Family Services York Region (21 Dunlop St., Richmond Hill) on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-9:00 (www.ccsyr.org)

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 to many parishioners who have been participating for years to help meet the needs of the homeless. For more information contact: Philomena Bong (647) 460-7932