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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10 AM - 5 PM*
Wednesday: 10 AM - 5 PM*
Thursday: 10 AM - 5 PM*
Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM*
Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM*
*Lunch break: 12 PM - 1 PM

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. For assistance, please contact: 647-303-2621

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525 New Westminster Dr. 905-882-1460

ADORATION CHAPEL

Tuesday to Saturday
9.30 am to 5.00 pm
The Chapel remains
closed during and between
masses

MASS TIMES

Monday
No Masses

Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 AM (English)

Wednesday and Friday
7:00 PM (English)

Saturday
5:00 PM (English)

Sunday
9:00 AM (Italian)
10:30 AM (English)
12:00 PM (English)

RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be available
from 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM on
Saturdays or by appointment.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: SERVING OTHERS

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.
(Mark 9:35)

The first shall be last? This is one of those sayings of Jesus that goes against our natural desires. We don't want to be the last one in line, and we certainly don't want to be the servant! So how can we become the humble servants that the Lord is calling us to be?

Jesus provides an answer at the end of today's Gospel passage: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me" (Mark 9:37). Jesus is telling us that he is inseparable from his people. He loves us so deeply that he died for us and came to live in our hearts.

So what we do for others, we are doing for Christ. This truth should revolutionize the way we interact with the people around us. Think about it: if Jesus walked through our front door today, we would immediately get busy addressing his needs. "Come in, Jesus; sit down, Jesus. You look hungry; I'll make you anything you want to eat." We would be so quick to serve him that we just might overwhelm him with our kindness! But when we see a brother or sister in need, we often, either explicitly or implicitly, weigh our options: Does this fit in my schedule? How much will this cost me? What will I get out of this in return?

God is calling us out of any selfish regard for ourselves and into a selfless love for others. Today, ask for the eyes to see other people the way God the Father sees them: as another Christ. This will paint everyday situations in a new light. Christ is the lonely parishioner who is looking for a friend; he is the sick neighbor who needs a meal. When you are serving such people, you are serving the Lord himself!

"Lord Jesus, teach me to imitate you, the King who came to serve and not to be served."

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21 September, 5:00 PM

+ Emma & Gabriel Falone

Sunday 22 September, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Carmela Barbieri

Sunday 22 September, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 22 September, 12:00 PM

+ Marie Antoine Emile

Tuesday 24 September, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Wednesday 25 September, 7:00 PM

+ Gemma Aragona

+ Francesco Tenuta

+ Antonia Malagar

+ Jimmy Malagar

+ Virginia Tan

Thursday 26 September, 9:00 AM

For the Seniors Group

Friday 27 September, 7:00 PM

+ Salvatore Arena

+ Angela Osorio De Villa

CHANGES IN PARISH TIMINGS

Please note that the Adoration Chapel is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9:30 am – 5 pm. The chapel will remain closed during and between masses.

Confessions will be available every Saturday from 4 – 4:45 pm or by appointment.

There will be NO 9 am masses on Saturdays except for the following:

- Saturday, October 5th
- Saturday, October 26th
- Saturday, November 9th
- Saturday, November 16th
- Saturday, November 30th

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BECOMING A CATHOLIC

We will be starting our RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes on October 6, 2024. The sessions will be held every Sunday, after the 12pm Mass. For registration & further information, Please Contact the Office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us before the conclusion of the Women Bible Study on October 9. The last two classes will be on September 25 & October 9, after the Wednesday Evening Mass. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas. If you are 18+ we look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a notebook and a bible.

MARTYR'S SHRINE TRIP UPDATE

For those attending Martyr's Shrine, Midland on Saturday September 28th We will meet in the church parking lot at 8am and depart promptly at 8:30am. For those that are coming, we ask that you be on time. Please bring your lunch, snacks and drinks with you. God bless you all and look forward to seeing you on Saturday 28th at 8am. Instructions and an itinerary will be given the morning of.



COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: SUPPORTING BISHOPS IN THEIR PASTORAL MISSION ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend, Sept. 28 and 29. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

DISCERNMENT – MEN'S ONLINE GROUP

From Wednesday October 9 - November 6, 2024, The Archdiocese of Toronto Office of Vocations is offering a weekly Online Discernment Group for single men aged 18+. They will be journeying with the book "Discernment Do's and Don'ts" by Fr. George Eliot. Meetings will run from on Wednesday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

For more information, please visit <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/mdg>

BEQUESTS

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.

Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values.

A free estate planning guide to help you make your plan can be found on the Archdiocese of Toronto Website. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will.

Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the correct legal names when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.

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