

**Marriage Sunday - February 11/12, 2017**

Cardinal Collins has designated this weekend as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage.

- ❖ To husbands and wives, we salute the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant.
- ❖ For those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.
- ❖ Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community through their loving commitment to God, their family and each other.
- ❖ We also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or experienced the anguish of a broken relationship. Our archdiocese is blessed with many programs and resources to assist with marriage enrichment, counselling and pastoral care.

We encourage you to visit: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) for information and resources for couples, widowed, separated and divorced persons available online. You can also download Cardinal Collins' letter to married couples. Visit *Our Faith Alive* and *Around the Arch* blogs to read testimonies of couples involved in marriage ministries in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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*"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."*

~ Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

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**A Prayer for Married Couples**

Father of life and love,  
You created us in your image – woman and man.  
We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.  
Sustain us in our love  
and lead us to a deeper understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you,  
seeking your guidance and direction  
in our relationship.

In marriage you call and challenge us  
to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.  
Be our strength and support, therefore,  
as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,  
honest commitment united in love.  
Give us your strength to carry each other  
in times of darkness,  
your joy in times of happiness,  
and your gift of awe in the uniqueness  
and sacredness of each other.  
May our love be a reflection and  
a sign of your love in the world.

Amen.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life & Family (COLF)

***"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."***

If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

Readings ~ Sirach 15:15-20 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ~ Matthew 5:17-37

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**Mass Intentions This Week — February 13 — February 19**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Agnes Brennan	Brennan family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Ted Miska	Jalea family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ John & Richard Pawlowski	Beringer family
Thursday, 9am	✠ members of Grogan family	
Friday, 9am	✠ Sara Assalone	Angelina Assalone
Saturday, 9am	✠ Ted McConvey	Theresa & Mary Rickett
5:15pm	✠ Vincenzo Giordano	family
Sunday, 8am	✠ Msgr. Ken Robitaille	parishioner
9:30am	✠ Guillermo Bernal	family
11am	✠ Clara Tomassoni	family
12:30pm	✠ Bernice Wisniewski	family

**Reminders for Sacramental Preparation**

**CONFIRMATION SESSION 3A**, Sunday, February 19, 4-5:30pm, Parish Hall or Wednesday, February 22, 7-8:30pm, Parish Hall

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS**

Do you know someone from our parish community who is not able to attend Mass because of health issues, weather or no means of transportation? Let the parish office know and we will make arrangements for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to come visit and administer Holy Communion.



**OLS ShareLife Team** - Are you ready to take your Christian service one step up? We invite you to volunteer to be part of the OLS ShareLife Team. There are many ways to get involved — your skills and gifts may just be the spark to inspire those who have not come forward to support the campaign. Whether you're a speaker, great organizer, or ready to spread the ShareLife stewardship message, we invite you to join the ShareLife Team!

The ShareLife campaign is more than a collection of funds; it is the way that we as a Catholic community put our faith values into action, reflecting the message of the Gospel to love one another. Together, our gifts of time, talent and treasure can make a difference! We'd like to hear from YOU! Please contact the parish office: [olosorrows@bellnet.ca](mailto:olosorrows@bellnet.ca) / 416 231 6016 before February 22nd.

**OLS PANCAKE TUESDAY — February 28, 2017 from 5pm-7pm, Parish Hall**

Everyone is invited to our annual Pancake Tuesday. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, blueberry topping, juice, tea and coffee. Cost: \$5 children / \$8 adults in advance and \$7 children / \$10 adults at the door. Tickets on sale TODAY February 12 after each Mass. Proceeds go to ShareLife.



**Volunteers needed:** set up/tear down, cooking pancakes, servers & helpers from 3pm-8pm. Volunteer forms are available at the back of the church this weekend or you can contact the parish office. *Many hands make light work!*

COMMUNITY

**LECTIO DEVINA with Cardinal Thomas Collins:** *Merciless and Merciful* (Matthew 18:15-35) TODAY, Sunday, February 12, St. Michael's Cathedral. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. [www.archtoronto.org/lectio](http://www.archtoronto.org/lectio)

**GTA Young Women's Retreat hosted by the Sisters of Life:** *Going deeper to encounter His peace, love and mercy.* Young women, ages 18-35 are invited to this retreat on Friday, February 17 to Sunday, February 19. For more information call 416 463 2722 or email [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org).

**Catholic Leadership: Lead like Jesus —** Saturday, February 18, 9:30am-2:30pm (includes Mass in the seminary chapel), St. Augustine's Seminary. Cost: \$50 (lunch included). Register online: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca) or call 416 261 7207.

**TAIZE PRAYER:** February 22nd @ 6:30 p.m., The Friary, 15 Laxton Avenue in Parkdale (Queen & Lansdowne). You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for the Missionaries of Charity. For more information call 416-537-0327.

**The Source with Sisters of Life —** Thursday, February 23, 7-9p.m., St. Peter's Church 840 Bathurst St., Toronto. Join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship, 7 to 8 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration in the church with meditative music. Confessions available. 8 to 9 p.m.: Social with refreshments in the parish hall. Call 416-463-2722 or email [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

**Interfaith Awareness -** Saturday, February 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., All Saint's Parish, 1415 Royal York Rd., Etobicoke. What does Catholicism have in common with Islam? Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ, Dean, Regis College, School of Theology, U of T, will present this third of three Ecumenical and Inter-faith talks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church hall. He will conclude this series of talks with: A Primer: How to Read the Bible. Email: [franca.gallucci28@gmail.com](mailto:franca.gallucci28@gmail.com)

**25<sup>TH</sup> Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally —** Saturday, March 4, 9am-5:30pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Visit: [lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca) or call 416 251 4255.

**Dynamic Women of Faith Events** at John Paul II Polish Cultural Center, 4300 Cawthra Rd, Mississauga.

1. **Calling All Girls —** Friday, March 24, 7pm-10pm. A special evening of short high powered talks for mothers and daughters. Call 905 279 7702. Register at [www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com).
2. **Catholic Women's Conference —** Saturday, March 25, 2017, 8am-4pm. Topics include: The Call to Holiness; Why Minister to Moms?; Finding Your Catholic Voice; Marriage and Sanity?; and How Does CatholicMomsGroup.com work?; Register at [www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com). Call 905 279 7702.

**Spiritual Warfare Lenten Retreat** with Rev. Charles Anang — Saturday, March 25, 9:30am-2:30pm (includes Mass in the seminary chapel), St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto. Cost: \$50 (lunch included). Register at [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca) or call 416267207 ext. 235.

**Keeping the Faithful Connected —** The goal of the National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) is to insure that Catholics are able to experience the Mass each day when they are unable to attend their local parish. The primary way we enable this across Canada is through our Broadcast Partners at Salt + Light Television, VisionTV and yesTV. [The Daily TV Mass is now available Monday-Saturday *anytime* from *anyplace*.] Visit [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. Call NCBC at 1-888-383-6277 for more information.