

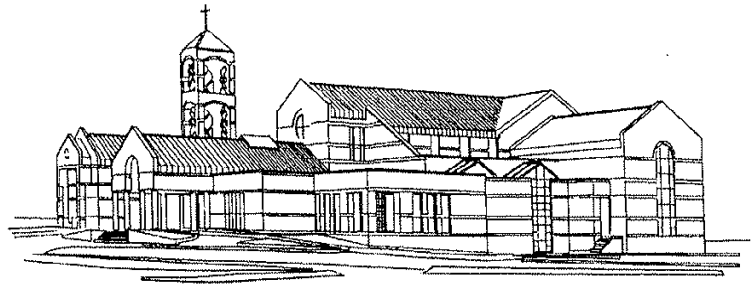
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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2024

### Parent/Child Workshop for First Holy Communion Candidates

All First Holy Communion candidates **must** attend the Parent/Child Workshop. Please bring the *We Share in the Eucharist* Book. Only parents and First Communion candidates should attend.

- Saturday February 3, 2024 at 1:45pm-4pm  
*Immaculate Conception*
- Sunday February 4, 2024 from 1:45pm-4pm  
*St. John Bosco*
- Saturday February 24, 2024 from 1:45pm-4pm  
*St. Gabriel*
- Sunday February 25, 2024 from 1:45pm-4pm  
*St. Catherine & Other Schools*

### Sacramental Preparation Reminder

All First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates are reminded that active participation in the Sunday Mass is part of the preparation for reception of the Sacrament.

### Confirmation Sponsor Forms

All Confirmation candidates are reminded that any outstanding sponsor forms are to be returned to the parish office as soon as possible.

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule *Mercoledì delle Ceneri* February 14, 2024



8 am – *Italiano*  
12 pm – English  
7 pm – English  
8 pm – *Italiano*

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm in English and at 8:15 pm in Italian starting Friday, February 16, 2024.

*Tutti i Venerdì di Quaresima alle ore 19,30 di sera in inglese e alle 20,15 in italiano, cominciando da Venerdì 16 febbraio, 2024.*

### Office for Refugees Update

The Archdiocese's Office for Refugees is excited to announce the commencement of its 2024 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This initiative is designed to aid parishioners interested in sponsoring family members seeking refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner and wish to sponsor a family member, kindly reach out to the parish office to arrange a meeting with the pastor. Interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required for sponsorship.

## Evening Rosary

All are invited to pray the rosary **every Monday at 7:30pm in the chapel** for peace in our families and peace in the world.

## Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Release Pastoral Letter on use of Social Media

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media entitled: "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious." The release of the letter on January 24, 2024, was timed to coincide with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who is invoked as a patron saint of writers, publishers and those working in the field of communications. The letter is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/>

## Marriage Sunday 2024

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday February 5

#### Saint Agatha

7pm	Alfons Luise
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8pm	Maria Mancini
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### Tuesday February 6

#### Saint Paul Miki & Companions

7pm	Abramo DiSpirito
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8pm	Vincenzo Galluzzo
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### Wednesday February 7

7pm	Ugo Sansone
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8pm	Elisabetta Ionadi
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### Thursday February 8

7pm	
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### Friday February 9

7pm	Giuseppe Argento
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8pm	Rocco Musolino & Melissa Pianta
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## Stewardship Reflection

This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that "Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues." St. Francis Xavier says that "many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians." As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work. Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us. Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ.