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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 6, 2022

World Day of the Sick

The Universal Church will celebrate the Thirtieth World Day of the Sick on Friday, February 11. While our in-person parish celebrations are limited this year, we encourage you to use this occasion as an opportunity to pray for the sick and recognize those who provide them assistance and care. We encourage this recognition and prayer through the many channels of communication in healthcare institutions, within families and in parish communities. We especially remember and pray for all those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the pandemic.

La Chiesa universale celebrerà la trentesima Giornata mondiale del malato venerdì 11 febbraio. Sebbene le nostre celebrazioni parrocchiali di persona quest'anno siano limitate, vi incoraggiamo di usare questa giornata come un'opportunità per pregare per i malati e riconoscere coloro che forniscono loro assistenza e cura. Incoraggiamo questo riconoscimento e questa preghiera attraverso i molteplici canali di comunicazione nelle istituzioni sanitarie, nelle famiglie e nella comunità parrocchiale. Ricordiamo e preghiamo in particolare per tutti coloro che hanno sofferto e continuano a soffrire gli effetti della pandemia.

Marriage Sunday 2022

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for the 2021 taxation year may be picked up from the parish office during office hours.

Le ricevute delle tasse per l'anno 2021 sono pronte e possono essere ritirate in ufficio parrocchiale durante gli orari d'apertura.

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for you:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact the parish office.

Vocations Seeds

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Eugene.

Stewardship Reflection

In the readings this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the call to discipleship that we all receive as Christians. Just as Jesus called His first disciples to closely follow Him, so too are we called to follow Him in an ever deeper way through our commitment to stewardship. In the Gospel today we see Jesus getting into Peter's fishing boat so that He could preach to the vast crowds that had come to see Him. Jesus used Peter's possessions to help with His ministry. Peter, like a good disciple, obeyed and cooperated with Jesus' request and Jesus was able to further spread the Good News to those who had gathered around Him. So too in our lives of stewardship, are we allowing Jesus to use the gifts we possess, namely our time and talents, so that others can come to know the Gospel? We can offer our time to Christ through our commitment to daily prayer. We can also use our time to journey with and support our fellow parishioners, especially those who are going through a time of difficulty. With respect to our talents, we can reflect on our particular gifts and offer them to the appropriate ministries in the parish. For example, if we have the gift of music, perhaps we can look into joining a choir or if we have a background in teaching, perhaps various catechetical ministries in the parish. There are many ways in which God can use us to serve Him. Let us echo the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading and boldly say to God, "Here am I; send me!"

Livestream Mass

We are currently livestreaming the Holy Mass from our parish every **Sunday at 9:30am**. Please remember to subscribe to our Parish YouTube channel for updates regarding our livestreams.

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