

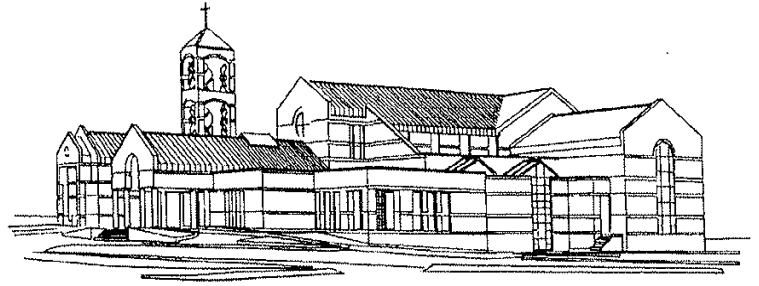
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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

### “One Hour with Jesus” Eucharistic Adoration

All are invited to the “One Hour with Jesus” Eucharistic Adoration which will be held on **Thursday January 18, 2024 at 7:30pm.**

### 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.

### New to the Parish or never registered?

We heartily welcome all who have recently joined the parish. We encourage you to register with the parish because it gives you a sense of belonging to a family of faith and allows the priest to get to know you more. You will also receive the donation envelopes and your donations are registered for tax receipt purposes. If you would like to register please contact the parish office.

*Diamo un cordiale benvenuto a tutti coloro che hanno recentemente fatto parte della parrocchia. Vi incoraggiamo ad iscrivervi alla parrocchia perché vi dà il senso di appartenenza a una famiglia di fede e permette al sacerdote di conoscervi di più. Riceverete anche le buste per le donazioni e le vostre donazioni saranno registrate ai fini della ricevuta fiscale. Se volete iscrivervi, contattate l'ufficio parrocchiale.*

### Confirmation Catechism Classes

All Confirmation candidates are reminded that catechism classes will begin **this week.**

### Confirmation Sponsor Forms

All Confirmation candidates are reminded that completed sponsor forms along with proof of Confirmation are to be returned to the Parish office by **Wednesday January 31, 2024.**

### Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo - “Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### Calendari Cinque Pani d’Orzo

Sono in vendita in ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$10, i calendari in Italiano, “Cinque Pani d’Orzo.”

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier Street in Markham) on **Sunday January 21, 2024, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

### Vocation Seeds

“Come and see.” These are the words of invitation that Jesus says to His first disciples and that He still says to us 2000 years later. This is the call of the steward, to come and see the goodness of the Lord. Let us reflect more deeply on the figure of St. Andrew in this episode and seek ways to imitate him. Firstly, when Jesus invited him, it says that Andrew obeyed and “came and saw.” He readily and wholeheartedly heeded the call of Christ. After his encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Once we encounter the love and goodness of God we too can no longer hold onto our past lives. Let us strive to continue to journey with God, going ever more deeper into His love. If we have not yet personally encountered Christ, let us remember that Christ longs for us to be with Him so it is never too late to turn to Him. Moreover, upon meeting Christ, Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. He brings Simon to Jesus which leads to Simon’s call to follow Christ and is where he receives the name Peter. True stewardship leads to evangelization. Once we’ve experienced the joy of the Gospel, we too should seek to bring others into this joy. Perhaps one act we can do this week is invite a friend to Mass or a parish event so that they too can begin to “come and see” the Lord.

**HAVE A BLESSED**  
*week ahead*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday January 15

7pm	Gianni Costa
8pm	Adelmo Lombardi

### Tuesday January 16

7pm	
8pm	Emilia Tomat

### Wednesday January 17 St. Anthony Abbot

7pm	Giuseppe Querin
8pm	Nicola Macri

### Thursday January 18

7pm	
7:30pm	<i>“One Hour with Jesus” Adoration</i>

### Friday January 19

7pm	Marando Natale
8pm	Bianca Rea

## 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).