



Sat. Jan. 26

5:00pm +**Alfredo & Maria Mirabelli**

Sun. Jan. 27

8:00am + **Fernando Ambrosetti**

9:15am **For the People of the Parish**

10:30am +**Gonzalo Arroba**

12:00 noon +**Dialda Calce**

Mon. Jan. 28

7:00pm +**Most Rev. Attila Mikloshazy**

Wed. Jan. 30 +**Nicola Cinquina, +Carmela Rita Civichino**

Fri. Feb. 1

7:00pm +**Rodolfo Garcia Sr.**

### Feast Days This Week

Mon. Jan. 28 – **St. Thomas Aquinas**, priest, doctor of the Church

Thurs. Jan. 31 – **St. John Bosco**, priest  
Sat.

Sat. Feb. 2 – **The Presentation of the Lord**

**Life in the Spirit** - Begins on Wednesday, February 13th at 7:45pm at St. Padre Pio Parish. Each of the seven sessions consist of a teaching and a short time of reflective sharing. These seminars have been given throughout the Catholic Church for fifty years and have helped people to deepen their faith and their relationship with Jesus. It has opened them up to scripture and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For more information and to register, please see the signup sheets in the Narthex, or call the Parish at 905-893-7879 ext. 202.

**First Friday** – Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 7pm. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9am Mass.

**Baptism** – We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children who were baptized last weekend:

**Adrian Amatiello**

**Davide Francesco Colosimo**

**Giordano Didiano**

**Tianna Lily Didiano**

**Ethan Dante Lisella**

**Marco Arthur Lisella**

**Kylo Thomas Imineo Mesquita**

**Madeline Maria Terceira Saramago**

There will be a baptism class this Monday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for the parents and the Godparents of the children being baptized in February.

### Saturday, Feb. 2 – Feast of the

**Presentation of the Lord** – This feast is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. Part of its theme is that of 'light.' On Christmas, 'the light shines in the darkness' and only a few 'receive it' – Mary and the shepherds at the manger. On Epiphany, the light casts its bright beams upon Jerusalem (The Church), "the glory of the Lord rises over Jerusalem," and the Gentiles come flocking out of the darkness to the City of Light. Lastly on the feast of the Presentation, candles are blessed to take to our homes, a symbol of the Light being brought to the ends of the earth.

**Blessed Candles** – Next Sunday, candles will be blessed at all Masses and will be available to take home after the Mass. Blessed candles are lit in homes as a sign of honour to Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. Some may light them before a picture or image of a saint as a sign of our trust in God's protection in times of storms or danger.

### Prayer for use with Blessed Candles

*"Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of the universe and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; you have sent your son to be the light of the world, and to call us to be your people of light. Let these candles remind us of Jesus as we work with Him to build up your kingdom. By his grace may we please you always and come into eternal light with you and your saints. Blessed and praised are you, God our Father, through Jesus Christ your Son in the love of your Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen"*

**Blessing of Throats** - The blessing of throats will take place after all the Masses next weekend. This has always been one of the most popular blessings in the Church. St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Cappadocia, and was martyred by being beheaded about 316AD. Not much can be affirmed of him with any degree of historical accuracy, but stories about him are numerous. One day so goes the legend, Blaise met a woman whose only pig had been snatched up in the fangs of a wolf; but at the command of the bishop, the wolf restored the pig alive to its owner. The woman did not forget the favour, for later, when the bishop was languishing in prison, she brought him tapers to dispel the darkness and gloom. To this story may be attributed the practice of using candles in bestowing the blessing of St. Blaise. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone lodged in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. From this account, we have the longtime custom of invoking the Saint for all kinds of throat trouble.

*"Through the prayers of St. Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Amen*

**Mortgage Fund** collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

On Saturday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 consecrated men and women. The World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these sisters, virgins, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2018 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women, who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

**Side by Side Grief Support Ministry** – will meet this Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Chapel. Its purpose is to accompany people, within our Catholic faith, on their journey from the internal emotions of the pain of grief towards the soul-healing, outward expressions of mourning, enabling them to find comfort and peace in their faith community. This Bereavement Ministry is facilitated by Deacon Curtis Boone and his wife, Joanne.

**Our Lady of Persecuted Christians** – This is a special icon intended to give honour to Christian martyrs over the centuries, calling to particular attention the suffering of today's Christians in the Middle East. Each parish in the Woodbridge area will display the icon for one weekend. The icon will be displayed at St. Padre Pio Church next weekend on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special prayer will be said at the end of each Mass for persecuted Christians.

**Pastoral Visitors** – are available to bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass due to illness. If you know of someone in the Parish in need of this ministry, please call the office at 905-893-7879.

**Website Prayer Line** – Our parish receives on average 10 prayer requests per day from people all

over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable parish ministry, please contact Anna Catallo through the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 or [info@stpp.church](mailto:info@stpp.church) and complete the prayer form.

**Pre-Authorized Giving – (PAG)** Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). It is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. Donations can be made to your weekly offering and/or the mortgage fund. All donations are tax deductible and can be stopped at any time. Donations will be withdrawn from your account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. This allows the parish to meet its monthly obligations such as hydro, heat, payroll etc. Thanks to all of our parishioners who give so generously.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – has begun. This universal prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. Unity among Christians is the responsibility of each parish.

*"I pray that they may be one, Father, may they be one is us, just as you are in me and I am in You. May they be one, so that the world will believe that You sent Me."* John 17:21

**Offertory Envelopes for 2019** are in the Vestibule. Envelopes are sorted by envelope number. If you don't know or remember your envelope number, there are lists available by the envelope boxes. The lists are in alphabetical order with your envelope number beside your name. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using envelopes, please ask one of the ushers to get you a new box.

**Stained Glass Windows – Only 4 portions left! - Feeding the 5,000** – 4 portions available.

The window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500 per portion. A plaque will be placed below the window, once your portion has been paid in full. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please contact the office at 905-893-7879.

**Sympathy** – We offer our deep sympathy to Gladys Vergis-Mayo and her family on the death of her mother, Marie-Andree Vergis. May God grant her His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn her passing.