



Sat. Feb. 1
 5:00pm +**Elias Kharouba**
 Sun. Feb. 2
 8:00am +**Natale, Giacomo & Rosaria Zomparelli**
 9:15am +**Giovanni & Cristina Di Biase**
 10:30am **For the People of the Parish**
 12:00 noon +**Gaetano Loschiavo**
 Mon. Feb. 3
 7:00pm **In Thanksgiving**
 Tues. Feb. 4
 9:00am +**Gregory Shin**
 Wed. Feb. 5
 7:00pm +**Charlotte Pzader, +Angelo Peragine, Holy Souls in Purgatory**
 Thurs. Feb. 6
 7:00am +**Virgilio & Romanelli families and deceased members**
 Fri. Feb. 7
 9:00am **Intentions of Roy Mayo**
 7:00pm +**Rosa Massarelli**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Feb. 3 – **St. Blaise**, bishop, martyr,
St. Ansgar, bishop
 Wed. Feb. 5 – **St. Agatha**, virgin, martyr
 Thurs. Feb. 6 – **St. Paul Miki & Companions**
 martyrs
 Sat. Feb. 8 – **St Jerome Emiliani**, priest,
St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty 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, Joseph 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

Today, 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 the Throats The blessing of the throats will take place after all the Masses this weekend.

First Reconciliation – We offer our congratulations to the children of St. Padre Pio School who will be receiving their First Reconciliation this Monday, February 3 at 7:30 pm in the church. Also, a special thank you to the teachers and families who helped to prepare the children for the sacrament.

The Knights of Columbus – will have their General Meeting this Tuesday, February 4th, at 7 pm at the Sisters.

The Knights of Columbus Membership Drive – Calling all men! – The Knights of Columbus will be holding a membership drive this weekend. Please see us after mass for more information on how you can join the largest fraternal organization in the world. In Service to One. In Service to All.

First Friday – Friday February 7 is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 7 pm. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9am Mass.

**World Day for Consecrated Life
 February 2**

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (St. John Paul II, 1997)

Income Tax Receipts – are available to be picked up for 2019 for donations over \$50.00. Family of

Faith donations will be sent to you from the Family of Faith Office.

Marriage Sunday - The Cardinal has declared next Sunday to be Marriage Sunday in the churches of the Archdiocese. The purpose of this is to highlight the importance of the sacrament of marriage and to affirm married couples who do so much to strengthen our faith community. A special blessing for married couples will also be given.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 x 523.

Chalice – Chalice is a Catholic Child Sponsorship agency. Next weekend, a speaker from Chalice, Deacon Michael Hayes, will be coming to tell us about the Developing World. He carries a special message about our Catholic faith and what we can do to follow Christ's message of love. For more information on Chalice, please go to www.chalice.ca or call 800-776-6855.

Some Ideas for Lent!

Lent begins Feb. 26th in 3 1/2 weeks! How am I going to observe Lent this year? How am I going to make this a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving, prayer and fasting? What attitudes that are not please to God do I need to change?

Family Prayer – Lent is a good time for us to look at our family prayer and to work to improve it. We need to ask ourselves: When do we pray as a family? Do we pray at any of the traditional times- morning, evening, night and mealtimes? Do we pray at other times? Have we abandoned family prayer in our home? Most families admit that they don't have enough time to pray or that they want to grow in prayer but don't know how. Lent is a time we can begin to improve, to move

ahead from where we are now in our personal and family prayer life. The six weeks of Lent can be a time of real progress if we are open to God's Spirit.

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

Canadian Food for Children – A special announcement will be made next weekend regarding the next food drive to begin on February 15/16.

The CWL is having a Valentine's Day fundraiser on Feb. 8 & 9. Chocolates, cheese and baked goods will be available for sale and we will have a raffle of beautiful baskets and other gifts as well. Please support your CWL.

Envelopes – Please destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted from envelope number, this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your tax receipt.

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 20th 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.

Longo Gift Cards -are available for purchase in the gift store. They are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500. Longo's supports our parish by donating a percentage of the cards purchased to our mortgage fund. If you shop at Longo's why not purchase a gift card from the store and in doing so, help your parish. If you require large purchases for your company event etc., please call Maria in the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Ornaments on Memorial Tree – If you did not remove your ornament(s) from the Memorial Tree you may pick them up from the parish office during the week.