



Sat. Feb. 8  
5:00pm **For the People of the Parish**

Sun. Feb. 9

8:00am +**Napoleone De Rose**

9:15am +**Rocco Caravaggio**

10:30am +**Felipe Coloma**

12:00 noon +**Roderick Martinez**

Mon. Feb. 10

7:00pm +**Giuseppe & Salvatore Rubino & Raffaele D'Urzo**

Tues. Feb. 11

9:00am +**Rev. Liborio Tavares**

Wed. Feb. 12

7:00pm +**Don Christian Gabriel Rivera, +Filomena Cicco, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Intentions of Yvon & Natalia Starizny**

Thurs. Feb. 13

7:00am +**Restituta Guglietti**

Fri. Feb. 14

9:00am +**Filomena Villanucci Esposito**

### Feast Days This Week

Mon. Feb. 10 – **St. Scholastica**, virgin

Tues. Feb. 11 – **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Fri. Feb. 14 – **St. Cyril**, monk &

**St. Methodius**, bishop

**Marriage Sunday** – Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of Feb. 8 & 9, 2020 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage enrichment, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

### Blessing for Marriages

*"Almighty and eternal God, you have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage that it has become the sacramental sign of your Son's union with the Church as His spouse. Look with favour on these married couples, whom you have united in marriage, as they ask for your help and the protection of the Virgin Mary. They pray that in good times and in bad they*

*will grow in love for each other; that they will resolve to be one of heart in the bond of peace. Lord, in their struggles, let them rejoice that you are near to help them; in their needs, let them know that you are there to rescue them, in their joys let them see that you are the source and completion of every happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"*

### Chalice – A Child and You! Building Relationships and Shaping the Future.

Chalice is a Catholic Child Sponsorship agency. Sponsorship provides education, nutrition, and health care to over 49,000 children in 15 developing countries. Chalice needs your help to reach even more children who are at risk due to extreme poverty, poor or no education, malnutrition, and disease. So far, sponsorships have allowed Chalice to complete a 6-classroom primary school in Ghana, and in India, Chalice supported the leaders of 13 villages to construct gravity flow-based drinking and irrigation systems, and closed-wall, sanitary, dug wells to provide safe and reliable drinking water and more can be done. Please consider sponsoring a child through Chalice. Sponsors receive news about your child.

- An annual status report and new photo from the local Site Director

- A letter with a personal message for you from your child.

For more information call 800-776-6855 or visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

- Chalice is Top Rated International Aid & Development Charity in Canada.

**Canadian Food for Children** - The CWL will be hosting their next food drive for Canadian Food for Children beginning the weekend of February 15/16 and continuing for 4 weeks, ending March 7/8. The food items requested by CFFC are: Rice, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Salt, and Canned Beans. We thank all parishioners who contributed in the past and hope that you continue to support this mission to help feed our brothers and sisters in need.

In addition to the food items, we will be collecting eye glasses. If you have any used eye glasses that you have no use for, please bring them to the church. We will have a collection box available throughout the food drive and throughout the year. Let's help our brothers and sisters to see and put a smile on their faces.

**First Reconciliation** – We offer our congratulations to the children of Pope Francis School who will be receiving their First

Reconciliation this Monday, February 10th 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.

**World Day of the Sick** - The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. Pope John II in announcing this day stated: "I consider most appropriate indeed, the bestowal upon the entire ecclesial community of an initiative which, as already practiced in some nations and regions, has brought forth precious pastoral fruit." Each year this observance occurs on February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This day highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. "Jesus went forth healing the blind, the lame, the cripples, those afflicted with pain and illness."

*Lord Jesus, our brother, you showed your love for the sick by your concern for them. Help us to see you and serve you in the sick. Bless these men and women who are dedicated to helping and healing the sick. Guide them in their labours, and give them a greater share in your love. Reward their service by the peace and joy of your Holy Spirit, and by the everlasting happiness of heaven. Lord Jesus, we praise you, for you are our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Knights of Columbus Family Skate** - Everyone is invited to our Free Annual Family Day Skate on Monday February 17 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm @ Al Palladini Community Centre located at 9201 Islington Ave. Woodbridge. Please come early to register and get ready for the FUN. We will have music, Hot Chocolate & Coffee. Parents, please remember that all children under the age of 18 must wear a helmet and gloves. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Vaughan food bank.

**Bible Study** – There will not be a Bible Study on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, because of the Family Day Weekend, and on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, because of the Confirmation Retreat for the Public and Private schools' students. It will resume on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

**The CWL** will hold the General Meeting on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Narthex. Memberships for 2020 will be accepted at that time. All women aged 16 and older are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Baptisms** – will be celebrated next weekend, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15pm and family and friends should be here by 1pm.

**Lent begins Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> in 2 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?

Lent is a time when Jesus wants to renew all the members of God's family and prepare others to be baptized into the Church. Two words describe the Lenten season clearly: Baptismal and Penitential **Baptismal:** Lent is centered on baptism. For us who have been baptized into Christ, it is a time for renewing our baptismal covenant. We are to continue to die with Christ to sin and live with him for God. This renewal – which is an ongoing, lifelong task, is a time of final preparation.

**Penitential:** Lent is also a period of repenting and doing penance. It is a time when Jesus calls us to be serious in living out our baptismal promises. We are called to root out sin from our lives, to turn back to the ways of Jesus Christ. We are invited to fast and do penance as part of our daily carrying of the cross. We are also encouraged to build up God's Kingdom by placing God's will at the centre of our lives.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.