



Sat. Feb. 15
 5:00pm **For the People of the Parish**
 Sun. Feb. 16
 8:00am +**Maria Vomiero & deceased members of the Vomiero family**
 9:15am +**Marie-Andrée Vergis**
 10:30am +**Rino Mazzuca**
 12:00 noon +**Giuseppe Virdo**
 Mon. Feb. 17
 10:00 am +**Marianna Simonetta**
 Tues. Feb. 18
 9:00am +**Deacon Joseph McTeague**
 Wed. Feb. 19
 7:00pm + **Marie-Andrée Vergis, +Angelo Tarantino, +Armando Mora, Holy Souls in Purgatory**
 Thurs. Feb. 20
 7:00am +**Vasil Hmile, +Antonina Sayemko, deceased members of Virgilio & Ramanelli families, +Filomena Zepieri**
 Fri. Feb. 21
 9:00am +**Elias Kharouba**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Feb. 17 – **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
 Fri. Feb. 21 – **St. Peter Damian**, bishop, doctor of the Church
 Sat. Feb 22 – **Chair of St. Peter**, apostle

Family Day – The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th, 2020 for Family Day. As well, there will not be an evening Mass. However, there will be a morning Mass at 10am.

Prayer for Families

*We bless your name, O Lord,
 for sending your own incarnate Son,
 to become part of a family,
 so that, as he lived its life,
 he would experience its worries and its joys.
 We ask you, Lord,
 to protect and watch over this family,
 so that in the strength of your grace
 its members may enjoy prosperity,
 possess the priceless gift of your peace,
 and, as the Church alive in the home,
 bear witness in this world to your glory.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 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.

The Catholic Women's League - will have their membership drive next weekend.

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

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.

Anniversary of First Mass – Exactly 18 years ago, on Feb. 17, 2002, we celebrated the first Mass at St. Andrew School. Over 400 people attended. Right from the very beginning many people helped with the various ministries, from setting up chairs to helping with the liturgy itself. A number of people commented that although the Mass was being celebrated in a school gym, it really felt like a church.

At the end of Mass everyone received a small packet with one mustard seed in it – a symbol of new beginnings and the expected growth to take place in the future. That mustard seed began to sprout and grow rapidly. As Jesus said, 'the mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that

the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' One tiny mustard seed now lies in the ground under the church.

Lenten Penance – Lent begins in 1 ½ weeks on Wed. Feb 26th. It's time for penance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. We do penance during Lent for a variety of reasons. We are freely taking on suffering with Jesus for the salvation of the world in order to build up the Body of Christ. (see Col. 1:24) We express our sorrow for our own sins and offer prayer for others by the penance we undertake. By our penances God purifies our hearts and helps us to control our desires and so serve him in love. As we do our penitential actions during Lent, we are praising God and proclaiming that we are indeed God's people, brothers and sisters of the Suffering Servant. The following penances are found in scripture or in the traditional practices of Christians.

Giving Up Sin **Praying**
Fasting **Doing good works**
Giving Alms **Meditative reading**
Carrying out our duties of state
Controlling our desires for possessions
Abstaining from meat and other foods
Controlling our desire for entertainment

Call to Lenten Renewal – In the R.C.I.A. programme, besides the Catechumens who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, there are also baptized Christians who are seeking reception into full communion of the Catholic Church. On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the Church celebrates the rite of Calling Candidates to Lenten Renewal. This rite acknowledges the seriousness with which baptized adults begin the Lenten Season. With the entire community of the faithful, they are invited to use this holy season as a time of intense spiritual preparation for the renewal of their baptismal promises at Easter as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church. In our parish, this year, we have one candidate to be received into full communion with the Church:

Steve Nephew

The ceremony will take place next weekend at the 10:30 Mass.

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.

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.

Lenten Retreat – Father Ron Rolheiser is running a Lenten Retreat entitled "Spirituality and the Season of Our Lives", at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga. For more information call 905.278.5229

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.

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.

Rosary Group – We invite all parishioners to come together as a group to recite the Holy Rosary every Friday in the chapel after the 9:00 am Mass.

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.

The Indoor Stations of the Cross, "Jesus Falls the Third Time" is available. There is one portion left at a cost of \$5,600.00. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please call the office at 905-893-7879.