ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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Served by the Fathers of the Oratory



SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Sunday liturgy)
8:30 a.m. English Mass
9:30 a.m. Low Mass (Usus antiquior/1962 Missal)
11:00 a.m. Sung English Mass
12:30 p.m. Sung Mass
Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More (Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Before every Mass on Sundays Daily for 15 minutes before all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. Saturday

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

BAPTISMS: On Sundays by appointment.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: 647-727-8758

PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-8544

11:00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

THE REGULAR CHOIR AND ORGANIST ARE TAKING A WELL-DESERVED HOLIDAY. TODAY WE HAVE A GUEST ORGANIST AND CHOIR AS PART OF FR DAN'S 70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. SEE HANDOUT FOR MUSIC.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 8 8:00 Angelica DeCouto

TUESDAY, JULY 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest 8:00 (+) Nicolas Andrusyszyn

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

8:00 (+) John the Baptist Tong Phuoc Kim, req. by Nhu Tong

THURSDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot 8:00 (+) Raymond McGourty, req. by Ed McGourty

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8:00 Annabelle Orejana

SATURDAY, JULY 13

St. Henry 10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners

5:00 (+) Maria, (+) Dominic & (+) Jose, req. by Sousa family

PARISH FINANCES FOR JUNE 30 Offertory Collection: \$3,148 Maintenance & Debt: \$745 Hall Renovation Project: \$1,950 CanadaHelps: \$212.25

PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE AUGUST 5 - 10

The annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine is open to boys and girls between grade 7 and university age. It is supervised by Fr Martin Hilbert and several adult helpers. The total walking distance is roughly 120 km. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, and other prayers. For information and a registration form go to: <u>oratory-toronto.org</u> Please contact Fr. Martin to register at 416-532-2879.

FR DANIEL'S 70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TODAY!

On June 26th, our long-time pastor, Fr Daniel Utrecht, celebrated his 70th birthday! Many of his years as a priest have been spent quietly and faithfully carrying for our parish. In gratitude for his humble fidelity, we are having a potluck birthday party for him! After the 11am Mass TODAY, we will celebrate our pastor's birthday. In lieu of gifts, donations can be made online: https://foundationstoneproject.com/.

TUESDAY ADORATION: JULY 9

We will have full day Eucharistic Adoration on **every** Tuesday in July (July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) from 8:30am-8:00pm. In this month of July, we are praying for the needs of our country. We are praying that God will renew the Church in Canada and raise of saintly men and women. If you are interested in volunteering for adoration, please contact Maria: <u>mariacarruthers94@gmail.com</u>.

EXCAVATIONS BEGINS JULY 22

The south wall of the church, between the church and the rectory will finally be waterproofed this summer. Starting date: St Philip Neri's birthday.

This will involve removing the sidewalk and excavating to footing to expose foundation walls. What else will the contractor do?

- clean walls with wire brush
- parge walls using s-type masonry cement
- apply first coat of Aqua-Bloc waterproofing membrane
- apply press-on fibreglass mesh
- apply second coat of Aqua-Bloc membrane
- apply 4 mil poly plastic over Aqua-Bloc membrane
- fasten drainage board system to foundation walls from footing to 3" above grade
- install weeping tile system using 4" weeper with nylon sock
- connect new weeping tile system to existing exterior drain
- pour 12" of 3/4" gravel over weeping tile system
- backfill trench and power tamp every 18"
- replace concrete walkway

While the project is taking place, there will be some minor inconveniences and a fair bit of mud. In this centenary year, we are focusing on the foundations of our church and parish. How fitting that we will be strengthening the very foundations of our church. We want our church to serve the Lord for another 100 years. Humble gifts will help with this hidden work!

CAN WE AFFORD a 47k + HST PROJECT? We are halfway to this goal because of an anonymous \$25,000 matching donation!!

As the hall renovation fundraising was kickstarted by a matching 100k for 100 years donation, so a humble donor has offered 25k in matching funds for the waterproofing project. This donation was given in honour of Fr Daniel's priestly service. A group of parishioners came up with a way to raise the rest of the money. We are collecting \$70, \$700, and \$7000 donations in honour of Fr Daniel's 70th birthday!

HUMILITY AS FOUNDATION

When asked if humility is the greatest virtue, St Thomas Aquinas compared humility to the foundation of a building.

Just as the orderly assembly of virtues is, by reason of a certain likeness, compared to a <u>building</u>, so again that which is the first step in the acquisition of virtue is likened to the <u>foundation</u>, which is first laid before the rest of the building. Now the virtues are in truth infused by God. Wherefore the first step in the acquisition of virtue may be understood in two ways. First by way of removing obstacles: and thus humility holds the first place, inasmuch as it expels pride, which "God resisteth," and makes man submissive and ever open to receive the influx of Divine grace. Hence it is written (James 4:6): "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." On this sense humility is said to be the foundation of the spiritual edifice. (St Thomas Aquinas, <u>Summa theologiae</u>, II-II, q. 161, a. 5).

ORATORY SUMMER SCHOOL Second Session: Registration still open July 8 - 12: Evangelizing the Modern World

The second session addresses something that has become increasingly and painfully obvious: our world is in a mess. So much has happened, and happened so quickly. What does the Church do in response? What do we do? The Church has spent her history adjusting to the circumstances in which she finds herself. She continues to address new issues in light of the deposit of the faith, to inspire new artistic expressions, to raise up saints as examples to the world we live in, and to accommodate herself to methods of communication our electronic world seems to demand. The Church continues to prove that she transcends time and cultures. Lectures will be at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:15 p.m. with Mass at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is provided for those attending in person. In person \$200; online is \$175 each session.

ST BENEDICT ON HUMILITY

July 11 is the feast of St Benedict. In his Rule, he gave us twelve steps, twelve degrees of humility:

- 1. **Respect God**: "The first degree of humility, then, is that a person keep the fear of God before his eyes and beware of ever forgetting it...As for self-will, we are forbidden to do our own will by the Scripture, which says to us, "Turn away from your own will" (Eccles. 18:30), and likewise by the prayer in which we ask God that His will be done in us."
- 2. **Love not one's own will**: 'I have come not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38).
- 3. **Submit to one's superior**: "... *imitating the Lord, of* whom the Apostle says, 'He became obedient even unto death.""
- 4. Be obedient at all times, especially in difficult situations: "For the Scripture says, 'The one who perseveres to the end, is the one who shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22); and again 'Let your heart take courage, and wait for the Lord" (Ps. 6[27]:14)!""
- 5. **Be transparent**: "The Scripture urges us to this when it says, 'Reveal your way to the Lord and hope in Him' (Ps. 36:5) and again, 'Confess to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever' (Ps. 105[106]:1).
- 6. Be content with lowly and menial jobs: ". . . saying with the Prophet, 'I am brought to nothing and I am without understanding; I have become as a beast of burden before You, and I am always with You" (Ps:22-23)."
- 7. **Have a correct, but lowly estimation of self**: "... saying with the Prophet, 'But I am a worm and no man, the scorn of men and the outcast of the people' (Ps. 21[22]:7). 'After being exalted, I have been humbled and covered with confusion' (Pa. 87:16).
- 8. **Stay within the boundaries of the organization and role**: "The eighth degree of humility is that a monk does nothing except what is commended by the common Rule of the monastery and the example of the elders."
- 9. **Control one's tongue**: For the Scripture shows that 'in much speaking there is no escape from sin" 'It is good for me that You have humbled me, that I may learn Your commandments" (Ps. 118[119]:71,73).' (Prov. 10:19) and that 'the talkative man is not stable on the earth" (Ps. 13[14]9:12)."
- 10. Avoid frivolity: "The tenth degree of humility is that he be not ready and quick to laugh, for it is written," The fool lifts up his voice in laughter" (Eccles. 21:23)."
- 11. **Speak clearly and plainly**: "It is written, 'A wise man is known by the fewness of his words" (Sextus,
- 12. Adopt a humble posture: "The twelfth degree of humility is that a monk not only have humility in his heart but also by his very appearance make it always manifest to those who see him."



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