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# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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## 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

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11:00 A.M. SUNG ENGLISH MASS

**THE CHOIR AND ORGANIST ARE TAKING A WELL-DESERVED BREAK. MUSIC WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK.**

MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**St. Scholastica, Virgin**  
8:00 (+) Jose Maria Pereira

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
8:00 For Roncesvalles neighbourhood

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

8:00 (+) Deceased members of McMahon, O'Brien & Gallagher families

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

8:00 German, Nellie and family

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop**  
8:00 (+) Barbara Baldwin

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

10:00 (+) Relatives and friends of parishioners  
5:00 (+) Maria Dinh Thi Huyen, req. by Nhu Tong

PARISH FINANCES FOR FEBRUARY 2

**Offertory Collection:** \$2,937  
**Maintenance & Debt:** \$925  
**CanadaHelps:** \$173.57

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

**The classes have started but you can still sign up.**

**Where:** Holy Family Church -- Parish Hall  
**When:** Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from January 29 to March 26 (except Ash Wednesday).

**Cost:** \$150 per couple and includes one copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

**Registration:** Couples are invited to come early to register.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

*Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*  
*Fridays: 8:30am-noon*

ADELPHI CONCERT

**Friday, February 21 at 8:00 p.m.**

There will be a vocal and organ concert by THE ADELPHI at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

The theme of the concert, which takes place in Septuagesima season, ten days before the season of Lent, is "Penitential Reflection." The repertoire will feature music of the season of Lent.

The main repertoire will include music by Palestrina, Byrd, Nathaniel Dett, John Blow and William Byrd.

Organ music will be provided by Aaron James. The concert is free, but we encourage those who are able to contribute to expenses.

THE MOUSE THAT ROARED



**Thursday, February 20 & Friday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.,** at 1515A Queen Street West.

Mary, Mother of God School and The Francis de Sales Drama Club present "*The Mouse That Roared*" – a comedy of wit and wisdom that invites its audience to consider what happens when a tiny country sets out to conquer the unconquerable. "The Mouse that Roared" is fun for all ages and empires. Admission by donation.

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SISTERHOOD OF ST PHILIP

*"Holy Friendship"*

**Saturday, February 22 from 10 am – 12 pm**

Holy Family Church

Join us in the church, followed by light refreshments and a talk by Fr Paul Pearson in the parish hall. This is an opportunity to meet and grow in faith and friendship with other ladies (18+). RSVP: [sisterhood.spn@gmail.com](mailto:sisterhood.spn@gmail.com)

**HEADS-UP!**

**Family Games Night: Saturday, February 22, 7-10pm**

Bring a snack, a game, and a friend.

**Movie Night: Friday, February 28, 7:30 pm**

**Next Soup Lunch: Sunday, March 9**

**FAMILY DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

*"Follow me" the Call to Imitate Christ*

**Saturday, March 8, Holy Family Church**

Lent should turn our attention beyond our own sinfulness. A truly Lenten spirit is dedicated to imitating Christ, walking in his footsteps. The day begins with a 10:00 a.m. sung Mass, followed by talks, lunch, and the Stations of the Cross. The day will finish around 3:00.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

On February 8, the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking, we remember and invite parishes to pray together for the over 50 million victims of human trafficking and exploitation around the world.

**Prayer to St Josephine Bakhita**

*You were kidnapped and enslaved from the time you were a little girl of just 7 years old. Intercede for the children who, like you, suffer the pain of slavery. Free them from this terrible suffering and allow them to reunite with their families.*

*You were enslaved in the service of many influential people, and you had no rights. Intercede for the victims of human trafficking and labour exploitation so that their captors free them and that human trafficking and exploitation be eliminated from the face of the Earth.*

*You were traded and sold to many masters in your life, you suffered torture, you were tattooed all over your body, your skin was cut dozens of times, and your wounds were sprinkled with salt. You were on the verge of death so many times. Intercede for the victims of torture so that they may be freed and heal their bodies and souls in the love of the Almighty. Please stop this brutal practice.*

*You had a life filled with pain, suffering and slavery, but you chose to have an open and joyful heart and to follow the truth of Jesus Christ. Help us to be sensitive to the suffering and pain of others, to understand that slavery is an evil that continues to plague humanity and that it requires our commitment as faithful followers of God's love and Christ's example to work for justice in the world, to end human trafficking and exploitation and support survivors of such terrible evils. Amen.*

**JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMAGES 2.0**

In this Jubilee Holy Year of 2025 one can make a pilgrimage to gain a plenary indulgence. The original idea behind the Holy Year was to encourage pilgrimages to Rome, the centre of the Church. But not everyone can go to Rome. And so, the Pope establishes other churches in Italy and the Holy Land as sacred sites. He even has allowed Cardinal Leo to establish 11 churches in our Archdiocese as places of pilgrimage (mentioned in last week's bulletin).

There is, however, a 12th "church" we can visit! **Our neighbour in need or difficulty.** "What you did to the least of my brethren," Jesus said, "you did it to me" (Matthew 25). Visiting Christ in our neighbour includes those suffering *in body* and *in soul*. The Pope wants us to renew and rediscover both the corporal (bodily) and spiritual works of mercy. *What are the corporal works and spiritual works of mercy?*

Corporal Works of Mercy	Spiritual Works of Mercy
1. to feed the hungry,	1. to counsel the doubtful,
2. give drink to the thirsty	2. instruct the ignorant,
3. clothe the naked,	3. admonish sinners,
4. welcome the stranger,	4. comfort the afflicted,
5. heal the sick,	5. forgive offences
6. visit the imprisoned,	6. bear patiently those who do us ill,
7. and bury the dead	7. and pray for the living and the dead.

If we make a pilgrimage to Christ present in our suffering brother or sister, we can acquire a plenary indulgence each time. For the plenary indulgence, we must meet the usual spiritual, sacramental, and prayer conditions.

**Spiritual conditions** = be in a state of grace + interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin (i.e., readiness to confess and to turn from each sin)

**Sacramental conditions** = going to confession to a priest within three weeks (before or after) the pilgrimage + receiving Holy Communion on the day of the pilgrimage

**Prayer conditions** = say Our Father + Creed + Hail Mary (in the church) and also pray for Pope's intentions



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