
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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Today in the new calendar is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. The Thursday date is still celebrated in places where the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation. Next Sunday is Pentecost. Please pray for our young people who *would have been* receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions that have been booked for announced Masses are still being offered on the date for which they were promised. As always, one Sunday Mass is offered for the parishioners, and a Saturday Mass is offered for deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

May 25 St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi	Jim Vivian, req. by Joanne Blake
May 26 St Philip Neri, Priest	In honour of St Philip Neri
May 27 St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Patrick Kotwa, req. by Ezman family
May 28	Paul Richard Matthieu, req. by Daphne
May 29 St Paul VI, Pope	Ignacio and Catalina de Davila
May 30	

You can still arrange for your Mass intentions, either for announced or unannounced Masses, by calling the Oratory at 416-532-2879 during the day.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is still assisting those in need. Please call if you have a need.

Please let us know if there is anyone who needs assistance picking up groceries, etc.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory	\$1,000
Maintenance and Debt	\$145
Online Giving	\$105.88
Online Giving via Archdiocese – received last week	\$1,588.53

ST. PHILIP'S DAY

May 26 is the Feast of St Philip Neri, founder of the Oratory. The Novena for St Philip will be prayed at the 10:00 a.m. livestreamed Mass (see the Toronto Oratory channel on YouTube) from May 17 to May 25.

FEAST OF ST PHILIP NERI



Saint Philip Neri was born in Florence in 1515. From a very early age, he was attracted to virtue, and was awakened to the love of God through the Dominicans at San Marco. In his late teens, he was sent by his family to live with an uncle in San Germano near the Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino, with the understanding that he would become heir to his uncle's business and great wealth. But, through prayer, Philip soon discovered that earthly riches could never satisfy his heart. So he renounced the inheritance and left San Germano for Rome. Once in Rome, Philip lived as a layman for nearly twenty years. He was given room and board in a family home in exchange for tutoring the children. This gave him much free time to learn about God and to speak familiarly about Him to people of all walks of life. For a time, Philip attended lectures in theology given by the Augustinians; but his deepest lessons about God came through prayer. It was while he was

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praying in the catacombs of St Sebastian on the feast of Pentecost in 1544, that the Holy Spirit descended into him as a ball of fire and lodged in his heart. From this time onwards, Philip always felt his heart to be dilated and filled with a great heat. (After his death, an autopsy revealed that his heart had in fact been enlarged and that two of his ribs were broken to make room for it.)

While still a layman, Philip encouraged the people of Rome to raise their minds and hearts to God. He effectively organized works of charity such as the care of the sick, and lodging and feeding pilgrims who came to Rome. Because of his humility, Philip did not aspire to the priesthood, but in obedience he submitted to his confessor's wishes and was ordained in 1551.

As a priest, Philip was able to win more souls for God through the confessional. Soon, the informal discourses on the Word of God, which took place in his room, developed into daily sermons in a small chapel which he had built for the purpose. This chapel, called an Oratory, would eventually lend its name to the community of priests who, under Philip, devoted themselves to this apostolate.

Philip's humility and total dedication of himself to God could not remain hidden for long. Stories abound of the Saint's wisdom, insight, and holiness as he brought people from all walks of life closer to God.

Philip died on 26 May 1595 and his canonization was in 1622.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us!

A reminder follows about a few other things, as well as the ways that you can donate.

We are live-streaming our Masses on the Toronto Oratory YouTube channel. The Novus Ordo Mass in English is at 10:00 a.m. and the Latin Usus Antiquior Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Should you miss the times, the Masses will stay posted for at least a day. Sunday Masses stay up longer. There is also other content on our channel.

Our subscription to FORMED will give you access to great Catholic material. Go to formed.org, and tell them that you belong to Holy Family Parish, Toronto (we share the subscription with our other Oratory parish).

TAN Books is offering a 30% discount to you for anything you buy, and will donate 30% of what you spend on their site before the end of May to St Vincent's. Go to their website: <http://www.tanbooks.com>, and use the code VINCENTDEPAULM6R2L9 at checkout to claim the discount and qualify your purchase for the donation to St Vincent's. The second volume of Fr Paul's three-volume *Spiritual Direction From Dante* is now being prepared for printing. Pre-orders for it are available in their online catalogue.

Here, finally, is a reminder of ways you can donate to the parish:

- Your Sunday offerings can be mailed to St Vincent de Paul Parish / 263 Roncesvalles Avenue / Toronto / M6R 2L9 or dropped off in the mail slot of the parish office.
- You can sign up for PAG. Download the form [here](#). Print it. And then send a picture or scan of the filled-in form and a void cheque to this address or to spnsvp@yahoo.ca
- You can donate online either through the Oratory's website [here](#) or through the Archdiocesan website [here](#). If using the latter option, please use the dropdown menu of parish names to select "St Vincent de Paul".
- You can donate through your online banking account. To do this, the Archdiocese will need to send you a unique account number. Please send an e-mail to campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide (i) Your name (ii) Address (iii) Parish Name – St Vincent de Paul and (iv) Municipality – Toronto. You will be emailed account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory.

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