
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.

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PARISH CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Mr. Peter Bishop: 416-535-7646

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

(Archdiocese of Toronto): 416-733-8544

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

There is a special link on the Oratory website [here](#) with details about various Covid-19 protocols. Please check the link before heading off to church.

We owe a huge debt of thanks to the volunteers who are taking care of disinfecting the church after each Mass. If you can help, please contact Nikki at spnsvp@yahoo.ca

Please continue to cooperate with the instructions we are given: keeping distance, sanitizing our hands, etc. Please try not to touch the Communion rail. Now we are required under the city of Toronto by-law to wear masks in church, unless we are exempted. This is for the protection of others as the pandemic continues.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 3

10:00 a.m. Patrick Kotwa, req. by Sophie Kotwa

August 4

8:00 a.m. **St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest**
Anita Pazmino, req. by Ignacio Davila

August 5

8:00 a.m. **Dedication of St. Mary Major**
Paul Richard Mathieu, req. by Daphne

August 6

8:00 a.m. **Transfiguration of the Lord**
Daniel Kotwa

August 7

8:00 a.m. **St. Cajetan, Priest**
The Catholic Church, req. by Viktoria Kazmarskis

August 8

10:00 a.m. **St. Dominic, Priest**
(+) Deceased relatives and friends of parishioners
5:00 p.m. (+) Amal Said, req. by Ignacio Davila

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory \$1942

Maintenance and Debt \$175

PAG \$2438

Online Giving - Canada Helps \$96.25

Thank you to all for your generosity!

Now that we are open, there is a basket at the back of the church for your donations – to reduce touch points, there will be no collection taken up during Mass. The other ways to donate to the parish listed below can also be used.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

On **Monday, August 3, Simcoe day** Mass will begin at 10:00 am.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND BENEDECTION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Friday, August 7** until noon.

Could you not watch with me one hour?

MAINTENANCE & DEBT FUND

Please remember the Maintenance & Debt fund on the first Sunday of each Month.

AUGUST 2, 2020

HOLY FAMILY BOOKSTALL

Spiritual Direction from Dante, continued: "Ascending Mount Purgatory" the second volume of commentary on Dante's *Divine Comedy* by Fr Paul Pearson, superior of the Toronto Oratory, is available for \$33. Also available are copies of *Dante's Purgatory*, translated by Anthony Esolen for \$22. For both books it's \$45!

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

...Today, we therefore have the juxtaposition of two elements, both of which are very important: on the one hand, the mystery of the Transfiguration, and on the other, that of the temple, that is, of God's house amidst your houses. The Bible Readings we have heard were chosen to illustrate these two aspects.

The Transfiguration. The Evangelist Matthew has told us what happened when Jesus, taking with him three of his disciples — Peter, James and John — climbed a high mountain. While they were up there, on their own, Jesus' face, and likewise his garments, became radiant. This is what we call "Transfiguration": a luminous, comforting mystery. What is its meaning? The Transfiguration is a revelation of the Person of Jesus, of his profound reality.

In fact, the eye witnesses of the event, that is, the three Apostles, were enfolded in a cloud, also bright — which in the Bible always heralds God's presence — and they heard a voice saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Mt 17:5). This event prepared the disciples for the Paschal Mystery of Jesus: to endure the terrible trial of the Passion and also to understand properly the luminous event of the Resurrection.

The narrative also speaks of Moses and Elijah who appear and talk with Jesus. Actually, this episode is related to another two divine revelations. Moses climbed Mount Sinai and there received God's revelation. He asked God to show him his glory but God answered Moses that he would not see his face but only his back (cf. Ex 33:18-23)

God made a similar revelation to Elijah on the mountain: a more intimate manifestation, not accompanied by a storm, an earthquake or by fire, but by a gentle breeze (cf. 1 Kings 19:11-13).

Unlike these two episodes, in the Transfiguration it is not Jesus who receives the revelation of God; rather, it is precisely in Jesus that God reveals himself and reveals his face to the Apostles. Thus, those who wish to know God must contemplate the face of Jesus, his face transfigured: Jesus is the perfect revelation of the Father's holiness and mercy.

Let us also remember that on Mount Sinai Moses also received the revelation of God's will: the Ten Commandments. And, again, it was on the mountain that Elijah received from God the divine Revelation of a mission he was to undertake.

Jesus, on the contrary, did not receive the revelation of what he was to do: he already knew it. Rather it was the Apostles who heard God's voice in the cloud, commanding: "Listen to him".

God's will was fully revealed in the Person of Jesus. Anyone who wants to live in accordance with God's will must follow Jesus, listen to him and accept his words, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, acquire a deep knowledge of them. This is the first invitation I wish to offer you, dear friends, with great affection: grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, both as individuals and as a parish community, encounter him in the Eucharist, in listening to his word, in prayer and in charity.

Ways you can donate to the parish:

In addition to using the basket at the back of the church:

- 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
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