
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

TWENTY-FIRST 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

Thank you for continuing to sanitize, wear masks, etc. We are required under the city of Toronto by-law to wear masks in church, unless we are exempted.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 24 8:00 a.m.	St. Bartholomew, Apostle Taya Jones
August 25 8:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest Paul Richard Matthieu, req. by Daphne
August 26 8:00 a.m.	Agnieszka & Andrzej Gierada, req. by Bogumila Gierada
August 27 8:00 a.m.	St. Monica Monica & Scott Simpson
August 28 8:00 a.m.	St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor Augustine Ezman, req. by his family
August 29 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Passion of St. John the Baptist (+) Deceased relatives and friends of parishioners Sean & Dianne Clapham

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory	\$2,609
Maintenance and Debt	\$396
Canada Helps	\$48.13

Thank you to all for your generosity!

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.

ORATORY BOOKSTALL (AT HOLY FAMILY)

***Spiritual Direction from Dante. 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!*

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SACRAMENTS

As more Covid restrictions are relaxed, Cardinal Collins has given us permission to proceed with First Holy Communion for those who were preparing for the Sacrament this Spring. Limitations on the size of the congregation mean that we cannot have a large crowd, and group photos will not be permitted. We will be communicating with the families to make a decision about how to proceed.

His Eminence has not yet given permission to proceed with the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will let those families know when we have more information.

Keep your eyes open for information about preparation for next year.

THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist's Darkness

This was the task set before the Baptist as he lay in prison: to become blessed by this unquestioning acceptance of God's obscure will; to reach the point of asking no further for external, visible, unequivocal clarity, but, instead, of discovering God precisely in the darkness of this world and of his own life, and thus becoming profoundly blessed. In point of fact, we cannot see God as we see an apple tree or a neon sign, that is, in a purely external way that requires no interior commitment. We can see him only by becoming like him, by reaching the level of reality on which God exists; in other words, by being liberated from what is anti-divine... John, then, even in his prison cell had to respond once again and anew to his own call for *metanoia* or a change of mentality, in order that he might recognize his God in the night in which all things earthly exist. The Christian of our day, too, can be shown no other way to friendship with God than the way of ceasing to look for external clarity and beginning to turn from the visible to the invisible and thus truly finding the Lord who is the real foundation and support of our existence. Only when we act in this manner does another and doubtless the greatest saying of the Baptist reveal its full significance: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). We will know God to the extent that we are set free from ourselves. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

ST MONICA PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Great St. Monica, patroness of all fathers and mothers, please take our children, especially those who have turned from the ways of God and His Church, under thy protection. Let them always remain faithful to their baptismal vows. Give them the strength to walk always in the ways of the Lord, despite the temptations and false values they find in the world today. Grant that they may share with thee the joys of eternal life. Amen.

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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