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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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*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 need more volunteers for disinfecting the church after each Mass. In the current situation, this work is necessary for us to be able to keep the church open. Some of our volunteers have been covering two Masses every Sunday because not enough people have stepped forward. If you can help, please contact Nikki at [spnsvp@yahoo.ca](mailto: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.**

**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.**

#### **SACRAMENTS**

We are proceeding with plans for First Holy Communion in consultation with the parents. Limitations on the size of the congregation mean that we cannot have a large crowd, and group photos will not be permitted.

We have just had word from Cardinal Collins about how to proceed with Confirmation. We will be in touch with the candidates and their families soon.

#### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

At our parish, the Society has been visiting homes and handing out food vouchers to families in need. You can help by becoming a volunteer member or donating financially to this cause at our parish. Please keep the members of the Society in your prayers.

#### **THE SOURCE WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE**

**Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

St Peter's Church, 830 Bathurst St.

Evening of prayer, Adoration and fellowship, confessions available. All are welcome! Call 416-463-2722 or email: [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

##### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:00 Isabel DeCouto

##### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 Fraser McLaren

##### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest**

8:00 (+) Etta Walker, req. by Nhu Tong

##### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**Bl. Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin, Religious**

8:00 Paul Richard Matthieu, req. by Daphne

##### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**SS. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**

8:00 Lucian & Brenda Ezman & family

##### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**SS. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs**

10:00 (+) Friends and relatives of parishioners

5:00 (+) Francisaka Forgiel, req. by Bogumila Gierada

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#### **PARISH FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER 13**

Offertory Collection: \$2,185

Maintenance & Debt: \$482

CanadaHelps – online: \$332.68

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#### **VIRTUAL/ONLINE WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE**

##### **October 23-25**

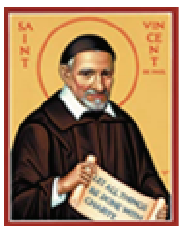
Live your best life in love. No matter where you are in your marriage journey, the Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It is just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be. Reclaim your love's joy. It is based around Catholic values, but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Application and Inquiry: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or call (905) 792-1925.

More information on website: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*There will be a special Mass on the feast of our parish's patron saint on Monday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m.*



He was born on April 24, 1581, in the southwest of France to a poor family. He was an intelligent youth, studying theology at age 15. His ordination to the priesthood was in 1600 and he worked as a tutor to students in Toulouse.

During a sea voyage in 1605, Vincent was seized by Turkish pirates and sold into slavery. His captivity lasted until 1607, during which he converted his owner to Christianity and both escaped from Tunisia.

Although Vincent had initially begun his priesthood with the intention of securing a life of leisure for himself, he underwent a change of heart after hearing the confession of a dying peasant. Moved with compassion for the poor, he began undertaking missions and founding institutions to help them both materially and spiritually.

In 1625, he established the Congregation of Priests of the Mission. Not long after this, he worked with the future Saint Louise de Marillac to organize the Daughters of Charity, the first congregation of women religious whose consecrated life involved an extensive apostolate among the poor, the sick, and prisoners. The order collected donations, which Vincent distributed widely among the needy.

He was admired for all his accomplishments during his lifetime, but he maintained humility, using his reputation and connections to help the poor.

St Vincent de Paul died on September 27, 1660. Pope Clement XII canonized him in 1737. In 1835, the French scholar Blessed Frederic Ozanam took him as the inspiration and namesake for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a lay Catholic organization working for the relief of the poor.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

**Tuesdays at 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Holy Family**

The format is simple. An opening prayer, a short recap, then we READ the bible, each participant reading a paragraph or two in turn. Comments and questions, and then we repeat the process. Our concluding prayer is one of the psalms, recited antiphonally, with short reflection.

No 15 minute coffee and chat break, because current conditions ban food and beverage being served. Bring a bible (required), and a spouse, friend, or child (optional).

## RCIA CLASSES

*Do you want to become a Catholic? Do you want to understand your faith better?*

**Mondays at 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Holy Family**

The classes are open to those who want to be baptized, to those who are Christians and not yet Catholics, as well as those who are already Catholic. Please email Br. Alexander at [6paulg@gmail.com](mailto:6paulg@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO THE PARISH:

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

1. 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.
2. You can sign up for PAG. Download the form [oratory-toronto.org/pdf/pag-svp.pdf](http://oratory-toronto.org/pdf/pag-svp.pdf). 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](mailto:spnsvp@yahoo.ca)
3. You can donate online either through the Oratory's website [www.oratory-toronto.org](http://www.oratory-toronto.org) or through the Archdiocesan website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). If using the latter option, please use the dropdown menu of parish names to select "St Vincent de Paul".
4. 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 email to [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto: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 online 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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