

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

 Mass Intentions	
MON, JAN 13 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †
TUES, JAN 14 7:00 pm	Daniel Cabral Andrade †
WED, JAN 15 9:15 am	Dominic Maida †; Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Elizabeth DeBrum †
THUR, JAN 16 7:00 pm	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Tomasso Vani †
FRI, JAN 17 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Fr. Clement Jolly †; Shand Louis Jolly †
SAT, JAN 18 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Silvino Ganhao †; Michael John Church †; Joan Brown †; Frank Monteiro †
5:00 pm	Al Shishido †; Ana Martelluzzi †; Apolonio Sandoval; For the intentions of Maikel Michricky
SUN, JAN 19 9:00 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Germano Pavao †; Adelina Valencia †; Vasentina & Bernardo Lacaba Sr. †
8:00 pm	

✝ *"my Son, the Beloved" - Mt. 3: 17*
 Giving witness to an adult or infant baptism is a gentle reminder of our own celebration of the sacrament, when we professed our faith in God, becoming a daughter or son of His. As members of the Body of Christ, we, too, become God's beloved children through this initiation into the Church. This personal and intimate relationship with the Father is the foundation of our own missions. Jesus' transition from His private to public life did not come to be until the fourth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, and His baptism by John the Baptist was the affirmation of His identity and commission as the Messiah. Through the words, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.", John witnesses the verbal confirmation that Jesus is the Son of God. When we celebrate the sacrament with a baptismal candidate, and they are anointed in the name of the Triune God, our spiritual senses ought to experience God's affirmation of this individual as His own child. Although we may not see the Spirit manifesting in the form of a dove during the baptismal celebrations we participate in, the prayers and the actions do have the power to fill the space with such grace that we may experience a feeling such that the heavens open and God calls out to the now-baptised person, "my Beloved". Through that calling, He has chosen us for specific purposes. Therefore, may each action towards our individual missions remind us of that profound moment when we became a child of God, His beloved.

Ann Sairah Mathew

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"The utter folly of our time is lamentable, that men should think to assist God with human help and to protect the Church of Christ by worldly ambition."
"For he is the best student who does not read his thoughts into the book, but lets it reveal its own; who draws from it its sense, and does not import his own into it, nor force upon its words a meaning which he had determined was the right one before he opened its pages."
"The perfection of learning is to know God in such a way that, though you realize he is knowable, yet you know him as indescribable."

St. Hilary, (310-367), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Feast Day, January 13

The lack of familiarity with this lesser known saint does not diminish the significance of his contribution nor fascination with the details of his life. Born and forever connected to the city of Poitiers, western France, Hilary did not grow up as a Christian. Well educated, he encountered Christ, through his study of scripture, who he found to be completely captivating and compatible with all his philosophical and literary background. Baptized at in his mid-30s, together with his wife and daughter, the people of his city urged him to take up the leadership role as Bishop. He taught and defended passionately and courageously and all that the Council of Nicaea defined against mounting consensus that sought to deny the divinity of Christ. He was banished to the far way country of Turkey where he began to write extensively against all those seeking to derail the Churches' teaching authority in revealed matters; his masterpiece. "On the Trinity" being his most significant theological work. The freshness of the cited quotes indicates how insightful this wise man is.

Fr. Robert

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2020



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2020 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your **own** box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE IN NUMERICAL ORDER**, if you do not know your number there is a binder with alphabetical list.

THE 2020 ALPHA COURSE IS HERE!

Have questions about life, faith & God but do not know where to find answers? *Try Alpha!*

Reconnect Rediscover Renew Your Faith

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question, and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.



The course is run over ten Wednesday evenings and includes dinner, a short talk and an open discussion with small groups where you can share your thoughts and come to learn the richness of our faith.

Introductory session starts: Wednesday, January 22 2020 at 6:30 pm.

For information or to Register [required]: Email alphasmdy@gmail.com or call Paul (416) 464 – 7198. Alpha has been transforming lives of millions the world over. For a personal renewal of your faith life, come try Alpha.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2019-2020

If you missed the information sessions and are interested in receiving the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation/Communion or Confirmation** please call the office for more information. All forms are available at the parish office or download available at



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If you have any questions or concerns regarding these Sacraments email: dyouvilleparish@gmail.com or call 905-792-7497.

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Winter Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for four consecutive Saturday's February 22, 29, March 7 & 14 from 12:30am-5:00pm. \$200.00 per couple. To sign up please contact the parish office.

SINULOG FESTIVAL

On Sunday, January 19, following the 12:30 pm. mass, we invite you to join us in celebrating a taste of the Philippines. During these cold days of January, come warm up with us and learn and participate in knowing how the country of the Philippines became Catholic - otherwise known as the Santo Nino/ Sinulog Festival. Rooted in the 16th century encounter between Portuguese/Spanish explorers and their landing on the of Island of Cebu, this feast highlights all the faith, vibrancy, joy that marks the legacy and fruits of that first civilization exchange. Tickets of \$10 for adults and children, only 50 tickets are left so get them while they are available. For further questions, come and see us in the Narthex.



TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org

55 PLUS CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

THAT MAN IS YOU

Join us every Saturday from 7:00am to 9:00 am. Given that we all struggle as men to persevere in the responsibilities and commitments we face, I am inviting you to participate in an effective and strategic program to help us win both at home and at work. This men's group is proving successful in parishes across North America and having participated in such groups in the past, I can vouch for their beneficial impact. I encourage each of you to join us. If you would like more information please email Jess at smdy.tmiy@gmail.com.



ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women

Endow was created to build communities of strong women who take every opportunity to learn how to better live out their feminine genius. Join us for our next session *on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 from 7:00am – 9:00am and continue every other week.* To add your name to our list of participants email Maura at smdy.endow@gmail.com



STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Meets every Monday at 10 am, everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. Hope to see you there. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-793-4502.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? Join the Rosary Apostolate. Training and supplies will be provided. For more information please call Joseph Farrugia at 905- 497-1925

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 7:40 PM; every Friday Children 5:50 PM. Parents are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

PRAYER GROUP

The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group meets on Thursday nights in the chapel after the 7:00 PM mass. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD

Is your faith limited to ideas, thoughts & concepts? Do you thirst for a more tangible experience of God? Join us! every 3rd Saturday of the month from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.