

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

*In light of public Mass cancellations in the Cathedral, our priests will celebrate private daily Masses for the intentions of our parishioners including those previously offered.*

### **Monday, February 22: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

Ana Isolina Quevedo (D)

Prinsy Perera (D)

Silvana Consoli (D)

Ian Argue (D)

### **Tuesday, February 23**

Luis Maria Reyes (D)

Ronald Fernando (D)

Brenda Lund (D)

Edgar Krumins (D)

### **Wednesday, February 24**

Edgar Krumins (D)

For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries

### **Thursday, February 25**

Robert Hennebury (I)

### **Friday, February 26**

Priest's Intention

### **Saturday, February 27**

Joyce Marion Bayko (D)

Joe Caputo (D)

Lama Family (I)

Pandit Family (I)

## MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>
Francisco Jr & Adoracion Romero (D)	Leann Perpetua McIntyre (I)
	Francisco Jr & Adoracion Romero (D)
	Lidya, Andi & Family (I)

## COMMUNION SERVICES

The pandemic lockdown for the City of Toronto has been extended until at least Thursday, February 11, 2021. Religious services remain very limited, with no more than 10 people allowed in the church and public Masses are cancelled during this time.

Parishioners, we would like to inform you that we continue to be open for private prayer during this period of lockdown and those who wish to receive Holy Communion may do so during the following hours:

- **Saturdays – from 3PM to 6PM**
- **Sundays – from 9AM to 1PM**

Please note the following information:

- Each Communion Service is limited to **8** people (plus Priest and staff member).
- Registration is required. Registration through [Eventbrite](#) is required and will be available every **Monday starting 9:00 AM** for the following weekend.
- Due to the limited time and frequency of Communion Services, parishioners will be required to leave the Cathedral directly following the concluding prayer.
- Adherence to all Covid-19 protocols is mandatory, including wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing and sanitizing your hands.

## 2020 TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors for their support and generosity over the last year. Tax receipts for 2020 have been emailed to those donors whose email addresses were on file with us.

Paper receipts were mailed on **Wednesday, February 10** to only those without an email address in our database.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021

Please be advised that the 2021 offertory envelopes will not be distributed at the Cathedral, but will be available for pick up from the Parish Office located at 200 Church St., Toronto, ON during the office hours.

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**REFLECTING ON THE  
MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP  
IN TODAY'S READINGS**

During this First Sunday of Lent we hear the account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness.

Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to "Expect temptation to your last breath." Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves, how hard do we fight to resist temptations?

St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations "Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?" When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin.

Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good and beautiful. For example, we won't fall into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practice kind acts towards our neighbour. We won't fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. This will allow us to become holier stewards, which will lead to the revitalization of our parishes as our holiness and charity will point others to the love of Christ.

**ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX SPIRITUAL  
LIFE SERIES**

**Mondays, February 22, March 8, March 22, April  
12 and April 26 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC  
MISSION**

All are welcome to join a new spiritual life series based on the book *The Story of a Soul* by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The new series will begin on Monday, February 22 and will be presented in several bi-weekly segments by Fr. Peter Turrone, pastor of the Newman Centre. There will be time for group discussion. Participants will need to purchase the *Study Edition of Story of a Soul* by Fr. Mark Foley for the class.

**REGISTER:** <https://thestoryofasoul.eventbrite.ca>

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**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS  
VIRTUAL ORDINANDI DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 2 at 7PM**

Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada and the six Serra clubs in the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will be holding a virtual Ordinandi Dinner on **Tuesday, March 2 starting at 7 p.m.** on the archdiocese's YouTube channel.

We encourage all parishes to promote this event as we gather together virtually to celebrate our new priestly vocations and our seminaries.

We hope you will join us as we meet and honour our ordinandi from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary who, with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2021.

Share this unique opportunity to meet these fine men and to hear about their unique faith journeys that led them to this most noble commitment.

There is no cost to view this event.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of this event or to support our two seminaries, the Office of Vocations and Serra House or to obtain further information about this event, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/OrdinandiDinner>.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY  
FORMATION PROGRAM**

**The Holy Spirit and the Abandonment of the Saints**  
A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S  
SEMINARY

**Saturday, March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The transformation of Christian life is accomplished by the Holy Spirit and the saints conform to the Holy Spirit through abandonment or surrender. This retreat will explore the thought of Jean-Pierre de Caussade who unveils the secret of how saints encounter God by surrendering to His action in each present moment. This abandonment is at the heart of the Holy Family at Nazareth and far outstrips even the asceticism of John the Baptist in the desert. Presented by Rev. Charles Anang.

**COST:** \$25

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**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/RegisterLentenRetreat>