

# 2<sup>ND</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, March 1

Miguel Faller (D)  
Betty Burns (D)  
Jessica Smith (I)  
Chang Soo Lee (I)

### Tuesday, March 2

Jay Anthony Bicomong (D)  
Iris Josephine Nazareth (D)  
Deceased members of the Magsipok Family

### Wednesday, March 3

Speranza Poto (D)  
Celia Balasingham (D)  
Magdalena Rodas (D)  
For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries

### Thursday, March 4

Remedios Simpao (D)

### Friday, March 5

Joseph Yves Chan (D)  
Carmela Itay (I)  
Abigail Kakai (I)

### Saturday, March 6

Maureen Murphy (D)

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

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.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Please join Cardinal Collins in the Cathedral on **Sunday, March 7** as he leads us in prayer and reflection on *My God, My God (Psalm 22)*

**Cathedral Vespers Choir at 6:45 PM, Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 PM, and Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 PM.**

Lectio Divina is also livestreamed via our website:

[www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

## 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.

## MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

| <u>Sacred Heart</u>      | <u>Immaculate Heart</u> |
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| Lidya, Andi & Family (I) |                         |
| Jose Palma (D)           |                         |
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## 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 28, 2021**

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

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers. All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

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

**Mondays, February 22, March 8, March 22,**

**April 12 and April 26 - 7 to 8:30 PM**

**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>

**CONTACT:** [lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com](mailto:lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com)

**WEBSITE:** [www.newmantoronto.com](http://www.newmantoronto.com)

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS  
VIRTUAL ORDINANDI DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 2 at 7 PM**

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**

**Saturday, March 13 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM**

**A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY**

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>