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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

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Ordinary people like ourselves must surely be excused for questioning the wisdom of the two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew, James and John, in leaving their nets to follow Christ. The invitation is direct and simple, “**Come, follow me**” with no hint as to where they are going or what is in store for them. With nothing promised, there is no suggestion of any hesitation or regret on their part at letting go or leaving their boats behind. Only one-thing matters – to follow Christ and become fishers of men. This encounter between Jesus and the apostles takes place during the first moments of his ministry and reflects the humble origins of the church. Ordinary people with no special training are called to the extraordinary task of bringing the knowledge and love of God to the whole world. God chooses the weak of the world to confront the strong and the simple to confound the wise.

We Are All Called By Name

This weekend, we begin reading the Gospel of Matthew. John the Baptist has been arrested and Jesus is beginning to proclaim the Good News from God. Jesus is beginning his public ministry and so he starts to call people to follow him. Jesus always made a point of meeting and calling people wherever he found them. He met and called Matthew the tax collector when he was counting his money. He met and called the woman when she came to the well for water.

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus meets people while they are doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren’t on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them.

Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, I have called you by your name, you are mine and that I have written your name on the palms of my hands. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who we are. Each of us is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, ‘Come follow me.’ Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn’t need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way.

The important thing to remember and realise is that Jesus never stops calling us by our name. He is still inviting us to follow him with these words: ‘if you want to be my disciple, come, take up your cross and follow me.’

After Jesus called these men and women to follow, he sent them out in his name to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. He sent them out in his name, not their own. Jesus sent them out in groups of 2 to reveal the true nature of Christian love for another.

Today we are the ones who are not only called, we are also sent out to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what do.

This very day Jesus is calling you by your name, what is your response?

John Humphries adapted from a column by M. Moore OMI

MASS INTENTIONS **January 26–30, 2026**

Monday	Soul of Mathai Augustine Mundamattam
Tuesday	Soul of Americo & Virginia Gorizzan Soul of Amedeo Rebellato Soul of Annie Yao Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Mass of Thanksgiving – Honesto Pena and family
Wednesday	Soul of John Gallagher
Thursday	Soul of George V. Pinto
Friday	Soul of Maria, Luis & Francisco Henriques

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially: **Maria Kumar.**

York Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-27 school year began January 5, 2026

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2022. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca to register for classes starting in September.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Sunday, February 8, 2026
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto

ALL ARE WELCOME

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2026** celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60+) in 2026.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their commitment during the mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 pm. Register at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will be holding a general meeting on **Wednesday, January 28th** in the parish hall at **7:00 pm**. Members are encouraged to attend and non-members are most welcome.



Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat February 27 – March 1, 2026 St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary beginning on Friday, February 27 (6:30 pm) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.).

This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Online registration only at:
www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information see our bulletin board or email vocations@archtoronto.org

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:



2. follow this registration link:

<https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write

“webinar February 7” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 21, 2026

Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga

Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman?

Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World

April Smith from North Pole Alaska - Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously

Dorothy Pilarski - One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat

Natalie Regnier - Brick by Brick: Building a Strong Family

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass



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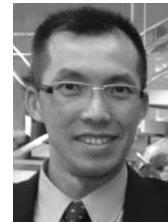
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