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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Sunday, March 10

- 9:00 a.m. +Rev. Fr. Russell Sampson
- 10:30 a.m. +Severina Mamaril
- 12:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 11

No Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 12

- 8:00 a.m. +Francisco Baldemor

Wednesday, March 13

- 7:00 p.m. +Matilde Delima

Thursday, March 14

- 8:00 a.m. Lolita C. Bayon (I) Thanksgiving

Friday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. +Benito Abuel
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. +Benjamin & Tomasa Balallo
- 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024



St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon call **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**; email vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Rev. Alan Glass** at 416-757-2806 or

at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Heart Speaks to Heart

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34++

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel: John 12.20-33

Jesus Speaks about His Death

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Optional orthodoxy

Where orthodoxy is optional, orthodoxy will sooner or later be proscribed. — Neuhaus' Law

Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, until his death in 2009, was the founding editor of *First Things* magazine, 'America's most influential journal of religion and public life.' He was an observant and witty commentator on church-and-culture. Having been a prominent Lutheran pastor, he converted to Catholicism and was ordained a Catholic priest. Reflecting on his conversion he wrote: "I became a Catholic in order to be more fully what I was and who I was as a Lutheran. Nothing that is good is rejected, all is fulfilled." Like Cardinal Newman, his experience within the Protestant world offered valuable insights into the challenges facing the Catholic Church in the modern era.

Neuhaus' Law is based on his analysis of the progressive drift of the 'mainline' Protestant Churches. Progressives at first seek only tolerance for their own non-orthodox views. But once this is granted they then accuse the orthodox of intolerance — and the one thing that cannot be tolerated is intolerance. As Neuhaus writes, "Orthodoxy suggests that there is a right and a wrong, a true and a false. When orthodoxy is optional, it is admitted under a rule of liberal tolerance that is intolerant of talk about right and wrong, true and false. This new progressivism is hard and nasty compared to the old orthodoxy which was merely quaint."

We can see Neuhaus' Law operating in the further decline of the mainline Protestant churches into irrelevance. For example, the Presbyterian Church USA will now make acceptance of same-sex marriage mandatory for ordination. Meanwhile, 'Bible believing churches' continue to surge in numbers and enthusiasm.

We can also see Neuhaus' Law in operation in the Vatican's response to the widespread and fully justified opposition to its 'declaration on the blessing of same-sex couples.' The African bishops have unequivocally rejected this 'evolution' of doctrine. The Vatican has therefore declared that the declaration will not apply to Africa — in Africa orthodoxy is optional. But "where orthodoxy is optional, orthodoxy will sooner or later be proscribed."

We cannot be complacent and take illusory comfort in the belief that the Vatican declaration has left these unorthodox blessings up to the pastoral discernment of the individual priest, and that therefore they are no big deal; we are told that those who object to such blessings are not compelled to do them. The progressive trajectory however is obvious: first these blessings are made optional in the name of tolerance, which then makes withholding of these blessings a matter of intolerance, which cannot be tolerated.

I wish I had more uplifting things to write about, but this topic is too important to be ignored.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The *Children's Liturgy* meetings & *First Holy Communion* classes will resume on *Sunday, April 07, 2024* during the **10:30 am Mass** in the church hall. **There will be NO Classes from March 10th to 31st due to March Break, Holy Week & Easter.** Parents & children are encouraged to participate every Sunday Mass specially the Holy Week and Easter. Wishing you a restful March break.



CONFIRMATION 2023-2024



These are the dates for up-coming classes: **March 23, & April 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the church hall. All candidates are asked to participate in all Lent service.** Attendance is mandatory for all meetings and the Sunday Eucharist. *See the notes and schedule given to you. Thank you*

Every Friday during Lent ...

- 8:00 am Morning Mass
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Every Saturday in Lent ...

- 9:00 am Morning Mass
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
- 4:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass



All are invited to the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Mass** at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, on **Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.** His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will preside and homilist with the participation of the Alumni Choir, St. Michael's Choir School. All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of Canada

On Tuesday, March 19, *Solemn Feast day of Saint Joseph*, Patron of Canada, there is morning Mass at **8:00 am**. Evening devotions start at **6:30 pm**. Solemn Mass follows at **7:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Dear Saint Joseph, help me to learn from the example of your holy life, that I must do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

ShareLife Sunday is March 17



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