

# *Our Lady of the Airways Church*

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Dear Friends in Christ, one of the biggest challenges that I have had to deal with since my arrival at Our Lady of the Airways involves the requests concerning memorial masses. Time and again I am asked why our parish does not offer them. The simple answer is that our parish already celebrates multiple masses every day (e.g., Monday – Friday masses at 8am and 7pm, respectively). These masses do not take into account the other additional masses which we priests regularly celebrate (e.g., school, old age retirement, wedding, funerals, etc.) Although a priest may celebrate multiple masses on any given day, the Church law permits this only when pastoral necessity demands it. Regretfully, memorial masses (though considered a worthy act of charity for our deceased loved one) are not deemed a pastoral necessity.

People often lament how difficult it is to schedule a mass for a particular date for their loved ones. This is true given that the Church only permits one intention per mass. Fortunately, there is a way around this difficulty. The Church permits what it calls “Multi-intention Masses” (MIM). MIM are exceptions to normal practices. In MIM, the mass donors are explicitly informed beforehand that their particular intention will be combined with the intentions of other donors. A maximum of twenty intentions will be offered “collectively” in one single Mass. MIM can be offered for: loved ones who have recently died; funerals that were celebrated at a church other than our parish; memorial mass intentions; anniversary death of a loved one; the sick or the dying; or any other intentions.

Recently, the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs of our Archdiocese granted our parish the permission to celebrate these MIM masses. *Effective January 2018*, we will be offering three multi-intentional masses each week: two English multi-intentional masses - every Wednesdays (7pm) and Saturdays (8:30am); one Italian multi-intentional mass - every Thursday (7pm). The parish will continue to honor any masses that have already been reserved by parishioners for a single intention, even if those masses fall after January 1, 2018.

It is important to note two additional things: 1) one intention per mass typically means the intention for one person, a married couple, or the members of the same family [e.g., John Smith, Jane & John Smith, the members of the Smith family]. It does not mean, however, mixing multiple, different names [e.g., John Smith, Susan Brown, Peter Turk]; 2) the parish will now be accepting mass intentions only three months in advance. This limitation is intended to give all parishioners an equal opportunity to book masses for their respective intentions. I pray that these MIM will enable you to have your mass intentions fulfilled more easily and in a timely manner.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



**Monday: January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish  
10:30am - For the People of Our Parish  
12:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

**Tuesday: January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30am - †Paul, Mildred & Milroy Antony  
Roy Thuraisingham  
7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday: January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00am - †Rotondo Ranero  
7:00pm - †Domenico Martino  
(1st year death anniv.)

**Thursday: January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Eugenia Enriquez  
7:00pm - †Mary Manuelpillai

**Friday: January 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - †Rafael Ilagan Jr.  
7:00pm - †Maria Ferrari

**Saturday: January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am - †Luigi Joe Venditti  
5:00pm - †James Theophilus  
Balthazaar

**Sunday: January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish  
10:30am - †Francesco Nalli  
12:00pm - †Paul, Helen & Raymond  
Sarult



**Let us pray!**

For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



**Adult Faith Formation  
at Our Lady of the Airways  
Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm**

**THE SACRAMENTS  
Baptism & Confirmation**

**Speaker: Fr. Thomas Lim**

**THIS SESSION WILL COVER:**

- What is a sacrament? • The different kinds of sacraments
- How the sacraments are a key part to the Christian life
- Why baptism is considered the “gateway” to the Christian life
  - Why Catholics baptize infants
- The significance of Confirmation and its relationship to Baptism

All are welcome to attend.



By Baptism we are God's holy family.

Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto  
416-968-0997 or email:  
vocations@archtoronto.org  
www.vocationstoronto.ca

## HOLY FAMILY



Cari amici in Cristo, una delle più grandi difficoltà che ho dovuto affrontare fin dal mio arrivo qui riguarda la prenotazione delle Messe per i Defunti. Molte volte mi sono chiesto perchè la nostra Parrocchia non li offra. Una delle ragioni è che nella nostra Parrocchia già si celebrano più Messe giornalmente (per esempio, dal lunedì al venerdì alle 800 e alle 1900). Inoltre ci sono altre Messe celebrate regolarmente dai vostri Sacerdoti in Case di Riposo, scuole, matrimoni, funerali, ecc. È vero che ogni Sacerdote può celebrare più Messe ogni giorno, tuttavia il Diritto Canonico permette queste ulteriori celebrazioni solo quando ci sono "necessità pastorali." Le Messe per i Defunti, pur essendo un importante atto di carità verso i nostri defunti, non sono considerate una "necessità pastorale."

Sovente i parrocchiani si sono lamentati di quanto sia difficile ottenere la celebrazione della Messa in un giorno desiderato, poichè il Diritto Canonico permette solamente una intenzione per ciascuna Messa. Fortunatamente, c'è un modo per ovviare a questa difficoltà. La Chiesa permette ciò che viene definita "Messa Multi Intenzionale" (MIM). Le Messe MIM fanno eccezione alle regole usuali. Chi richiede una intenzione che verrà soddisfatta in una celebrazione MIM, sarà anticipatamente avvisato che le proprie particolari intenzioni saranno in congiunzione con altre intenzioni, fino ad un massimo di venti intenzioni "collettivamente" per una singola Messa. Le MIM possono avere intenzioni per persone decedute recentemente, o funerali celebrati in altre Parrocchie, o anniversari di decessi, ammalati, moribondi, o ogni altra occasione.

Recentemente il Cancelliere degli Affari Spirituali della nostra Archidiocesi ha concesso alla nostra Parrocchia il permesso di celebrare MIM ad iniziare da gennaio 1, 2018. Saranno disponibili tre MIM: in inglese ogni mercoledì alle 1900, e il sabato mattina alle 830; e una MIM in italiano ogni giovedì alle 1900. Le Messe già prenotate con singole intenzioni saranno onorate come tali, anche se prenotate da celebrare dopo gennaio 1, 2018.

Ci sono altre due importanti cose: 1) una intenzione per celebrazione usualmente significa: intenzione per una persona, o una coppia sposata, o membri della stessa famiglia (ad esempio, Mario Rossi, o Anna e Mario Rossi, o i membri della famiglia Rossi, senza tuttavia mischiare nomi di famiglia differenti); 2) La Parrocchia da ora in avanti accetterà intenzioni solo con tre mesi di anticipo. Queste limitazioni hanno lo scopo di offrire ad ognuno la possibilità di prenotare Messe per le rispettive intenzioni. Prego affinché queste regole per le celebrazioni MIM permettano di soddisfare le richieste di ognuno.

Pace e bene, *Don Tommasa*



**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU** to all the people who contributed to the many events that took place over the last few weeks.

**THANK YOU** for those who participated in the Children's Christmas Concert. These include Michelle, Zabrina, Carlos and all the choir members for their beautiful singing; the children participants for their acting and reading; and many who assisted behind the scenes.

A **THANK YOU** also goes out to the many volunteers who made our Christmas Bake Sale a smashing success. These include all those who donated gifts for the raffle, the many talented and generous bakers of delicious cookies, cakes, pies, etc., and all the volunteers who selflessly served in so many different capacities.

Finally, **THANK YOU** to all the members of the following ministries for making our Christmas liturgies a beautiful and wonderful experience: Choirs, Lector and Commentators, Eucharistic, Ushers, Liturgical environment, and Altar Servers.

### Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love;  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too may be  
places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families  
never again experience violence,  
rejection and division; may all who  
have been hurt or scandalized find  
ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us  
once more mindful of the sacredness  
and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

- Pope Francis

## OLA Youth



*Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?*

All students in **grade 6 - 8**  
are welcome to our  
next **EDGE Night** on  
**Friday, Jan. 12th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

## LIFE TEEN

*All grades 9 - 12 are invited!*

All Teens in grade 9 - 12  
are welcome  
to our **Life Nights!**

'Life Teen' begins with the  
**5:00pm Mass**

**6:00pm: Dinner**

(in the parish hall)

**6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night**

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