

## Our New Youth Ministry Facilitator

Thank you to all who prepared and facilitated Monsignor Terence D'Souza's, Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at Noon last Sunday. It was wonderful to be able to mark this milestone with Monsignor as a parish community.

Last weekend, as well, we heard from our new youth ministry facilitator, Wajnaa Jajou. This weekend Wajnaa is away in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, at the National Catholic Youth Ministry Network Conference. She will be meeting with youth ministry leaders from all across Canada and bringing new ideas home.

Wajnaa mentioned in her short talk last weekend that she is a graduate of the Christianity and Culture Program at the University of St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto, <http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/christianity/>. The program immerses undergraduate students in the varied facets of Christian life and those areas that have been strongly affected by Christian culture. In the kind of modern melting pot we find ourselves, the program helps us reconnect with the social expressions of our faith that shape us.

Wajnaa is also a Catholic of the Chaldean Rite. Chaldean Christians are among the earliest communities of Christians and, given the political situation in Iraq, among the most threatened. She brings with her the rich tradition of her Catholic faith and the value that is even more deeply appreciated because of the vulnerability of the Chaldean Church in the present situation. I thought you might appreciate this little bit of background.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

### FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday **Conversion of St. Paul**, apostle, *Feast*  
Tuesday **St. Timothy and St. Titus**, bishops,  
*Memorial*  
Thursday **St. Thomas Aquinas**, priest, *Memorial*

### LOOKING AHEAD

26 Jan. **First Reconciliation for St. Valentine's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am  
27 Jan. **First Reconciliation for St. Pio.**  
9:30am At St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am **School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
29 Jan. **First Reconciliation for St. Veronica's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am  
2 Feb. **Candlemas** at 7:00pm  
3 Feb. **First Reconciliation for St. Jude's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am  
5 Feb. **First Reconciliation for St. Gertrude's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am  
5 Feb. **Mass & Holy Hour.** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Holy Hour resumes.  
7pm  
6-7 Feb. **Confirmation Inscription.** All Masses.  
9 Feb. **First Reconciliation for St. Hilary's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am  
10 Feb. **First Reconciliation for San Lorenzo's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:00am  
11 Feb. **Feast Day Mass** at St. Valentine School  
9:00am  
12 Feb. **First Reconciliation for St. Matthew's School** at St. Francis Xavier Parish  
9:30am  
13 Feb. Catholic Women's League - **Valentine Dinner Dance**  
7:30pm

15 Feb. "Family Day" in Ontario.  
17 Feb. **Ash Wednesday.** Masses are 8am, Noon, 6pm, 7:30pm, 8:45pm  
21 Feb. **Rite of Election**, of RCIA catechumens.  
First step toward Baptism.  
21 Feb. **CWL - Public Speaking Contest.**  
12noon In the Parish Hall

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### Cardinal Ambrozic's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

As you may be aware, on **January 27, 2010**, Cardinal Ambrozic will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The **5:30pm Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral** that day will be offered for the intentions of His Eminence on this special occasion.

#### Prayer Service for Haiti

**Monday, Feb 1, 2010 - 7:30pm St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto**

All are welcome to a prayer service at St. Paul's for victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Representatives from faith communities across the GTA including Archbishop Thomas Collins will join in prayer as we remember all those affected by the January 12 earthquake. For more information, visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### AROUND THE PARISH

#### Special Collection This Weekend for the People of Haiti

In the aftermath of the earthquake that struck Haiti, a second offering will be held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. Funds collected for this effort are channeled

to Caritas Haiti. Donations will support initial disaster response and assist with the reconstruction.

Those wishing to donate to the relief effort can make a contribution online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org) or by phoning the ShareLife office at (416-934-3411 or 1-800-263-2595) or by giving through their parish (making any cheques payable to **ShareLife - [Parish Name] - Haiti Earthquake Relief**).

With gratitude for your continued efforts, especially to reach out to those suffering both here at home and around the world. **All contributions will be matched by the Government.**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The National Council of Canada of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has received an appeal for assistance from the National Council of Haiti. **This weekend and next**, all the donations made to the **Poor Box** will be sent to the Canadian National Council's International Emergency Relief Committee to aid our sisters and brothers in Haiti.

We offer our prayers for the thousands of families affected by the earthquake. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need, both here at home and around the world.

## CWL Valentine Dinner Dance

Valentine's Day is coming up. Share the love!! Have you booked your dinner to celebrate the event?

The Catholic Women's League is inviting everyone to attend its Valentine Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 7:30pm (sit-down) at the Parish Hall. **Good food, good music and lots of raffle prizes.** Tickets for \$35 each will be sold after the weekend Masses. Come one, come all!

## Youth Group Meeting

Youth FX Group meeting will be starting again on **Monday, February 1, 2010** and every Mondays at 7:45pm in the Upper Hall.

## Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

A special Liturgy (Mass) will be celebrated **Tuesday, February 2, 2010** at 7pm. The tradition of blessing candles during this Mass can be traced back to the fifth century and reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. By having blessed candles in our homes, we are reminded that Jesus is our Light.

If you have a candle you would like to have blessed, bring it to Mass that day. The parish has ordered a limited supply of candles if you wish to purchase one. The cost is \$2 each. Available as of this weekend.

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## Fundraiser for Vita Centre

**Saturday, February 6, 2010 - 7:30 pm**  
**St. Joseph's Church, 5440 Durie Road, Mississauga**

Come out with your team and compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trivia Night for Vita Centre! The fun begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 a person or a Team Table of 8 for \$140. There will be snacks, free pop and water, a cash bar, and a fantastic raffle prizes and a first and second place prizes for the winning teams. The trivia questions are suitable for all ages, so bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun evening in support of Vita Centre.

For tickets, call 905-858-0329 or Jane at 905-567-9224 ext. 2, or order your tickets at [events@vitamanor.org](mailto:events@vitamanor.org)

## World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

On Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them. All are welcome to come to a **special Mass on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 3:00pm** at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23 Jan.	5:00 pm	+ Aleta Saverimuthu
Sunday, 24 Jan.	8:00 am	+ Rita & Joseph Dias
	9:00 am	+ Victoria Bumanlag
	10:30 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	Noon	+ Ron Thomas
	1:30 pm	Special Intentions - Ramlogan Family
	7:00 pm	+ Virginia Bustamante
Monday, 25 Jan.	7:00 pm	+ Antoinette Corera
Tuesday, 26 Jan.	8:00 am	+ Swampillai Soosaipillai
	Noon	+ Thomas Thomas
Wednesday, 27 Jan.	8:00 am	+ Dr. David Scanlon
	7:00 pm	+ Narcisa Fernandez + Jose Cabral + Charles F. Barboza + Rosalind Diptee + Andres Rosal + Deceased in Rosal & Olea Family
Thursday, 28 Jan.	8:00 am	+ Tarcisio Matteazzi
	Noon	+ Rodolfo Villanueva
Friday, 29 Jan.	7:00 pm	+ Anthony Mascarenhas & Arthur D'Souza
Saturday, 30 Jan.	9:00 am	+ Herbert Lobo