



“The question which is agitating the world today is a social one. It is a struggle between those who have nothing and those who have too much. It is a violent clash of opulence and poverty which is shaking the ground under our feet. Our duty as Christians is to throw ourselves between these two camps in order to accomplish by love, what justice alone cannot do.”

– Frédéric Ozanam

Welcome
to Our New Parish

BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Markham, Ontario

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**Come join us for our inaugural
Masses on**

**Sunday, September 10th, 2017
at 10am and 12pm**

at St. Joseph Elementary School
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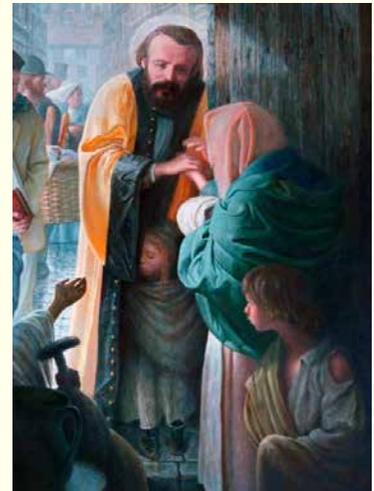
Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Early Life

Antoine Frédéric Ozanam (commonly called Frédéric) was born on April 23, 1813 in Milan, Italy, the son of Jean-Antoine François Ozanam, doctor in medicine, and Marie Nantas, daughter of a shopkeeper. Two years later, the Ozanam family moved back to their home town of Lyon, France. Frédéric was the fifth of 14 children, only four of whom survived. In his youth, Frédéric experienced doubt regarding the Catholic faith, during which he was strongly influenced by one of his teachers at the Collège de Lyon, the priest Abbé Noïrot.

Education

Ozanam received the degrees of Bachelor of Laws in 1834, Bachelor of Arts in 1835 and Doctor of Laws in 1836. Although he preferred literature, Frédéric worked in the legal profession in order to support his mother, and was admitted to the Bar in Lyon in 1837. At the same time, he also pursued his personal interest, and in 1839 he obtained the degree of Doctor of Letters with a thesis on Dante that influenced many of his writings. A year later he was appointed to a professorship of commercial law at Lyon, and in 1840, at the age of 27, assistant professor of foreign literature at the Sorbonne. His lectures were successful, and focused on Christianity as the primary factor in the growth of European civilization, unlike most of his colleagues, who shared in the predominantly anti-Christian climate of the time. Upon the death in 1844 of Claude Charles Fauriel, Ozanam succeeded to the full professorship of foreign literature at the Sorbonne. The remainder of his short life was extremely busy, attending to his duties as a professor, his extensive literary activities, and visiting the poor.



Founding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

While still a student, Frédéric Ozanam and his friends led a discussion group called a "Society of Good Studies." At one meeting during a heated debate, one voice issued the challenge, "What is your church doing now? What is the church doing for the poor of Paris? Show us your works and we will believe you!" From this, Frédéric created a group called the "Conference of Charity," composed of pious friends, who joined works to their words. The first meeting took place on April 23, 1833 near the Saint-Sulpice Church, chaired by Emmanuel Bailly who became the group's mentor. The Conference was placed under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, Apostle of Charity. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul grew rapidly and focused on two areas: visiting the poor families of Paris, and nurturing the spiritual life of its members.

Death

Frédéric's naturally weak constitution fell prey to consumption, which he hoped to cure by visiting Italy, but on his return to France, he died in Marseille on September 8, 1853 at the age of 40 of Tuberculosis. At that time, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was active in 29 countries. Frédéric Ozanam was buried in the crypt of the church of St. Joseph des Carmes at the Institut Catholique in Paris.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul today

In 2013, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul celebrated the bicentennial of the birth of Frédéric Ozanam, and its 180 years of existence. Despite the difficulties of practising faith in some countries, the Society and its members remain faithful to the spirit and ideals originally inspired by Frédéric Ozanam: Go towards the poor, go and meet them in their homes, in respect and brotherhood.

The Cause for Canonisation

In 1925, the Diocese of Paris opened the procedure for canonisation of Frédéric Ozanam. In February 1926, an 18-month old Brazilian boy experienced a miraculous cure from a dangerous form of diphtheria. On 22 June 1995, after a lengthy enquiry, this was officially recognized as a miracle through the intercession of Frédéric Ozanam. The 2nd stage was passed on 22 August 1997 with the Beatification of Frédéric Ozanam by Pope John Paul II. A video of the event is available at <https://vimeo.com/126410405>.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Lord, you made Blessed Frédéric Ozanam a witness of the Gospel, full of wonder at the mystery of the Church.

You inspired him to alleviate poverty and injustice and endowed him with untiring generosity in the service of all those suffering.

In family life, he revealed a most genuine love as a son, brother, husband and father.

In secular life, his ardent passion for the truth enlightened his thought, writing and teaching.

His vision for our society was a network of charity encircling the world inspired by St Vincent de Paul's love, boldness and humility.

His prophetic social vision appears in every aspect of his life, together with the radiance of his virtues.

We thank you Lord, for these many gifts. May the Church proclaim his holiness, as a saint, a providential light for today's world!

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Roman Catholic Church

Family Registration & Information Form

We welcome you to Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish. Please email completed form to: office.blessedozanam@gmail.com

PARISH INFORMATION

Would you like to designate Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish as your primary parish? Yes No

Previous Parish: _____

Have you notified them of changing parishes: Yes No

PRIMARY MEMBER INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Other: _____ Gender: Male Female

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Common Law Widowed Separated Divorced

Religion: Baptized Roman Catholic Professed into the Catholic Church
 Baptized other Christian denomination (specify: _____)

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptism First Communion Confirmation Catholic Marriage

If you were NOT married in the Catholic Church, would you like to discuss the possibility of having your marriage blessed and made a Sacrament? Yes No

OTHER MEMBER INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Other: _____ Gender: Male Female

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Relationship to the primary member: _____ Occupation: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Common Law Widowed Separated Divorced

Religion: Baptized Roman Catholic Professed into the Catholic Church
 Baptized other Christian denomination (specify: _____)

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

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DEPENDENTS (UNDER AGE 18)						
First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth DD/MM/YEAR	Relationship to Primary Member	Received Baptism?	Received First Communion?	Received Confirmation?
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Is there a Senior, in your household, who is unable to attend the Sunday Mass due to illness?
 Yes No If yes, please specify his/her name: _____
2. Would the senior like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Yes No
3. Would the senior like to be visited by a member of the Eucharistic Outreach Ministry and receive Holy Communion on a regular basis? Yes No
4. Is there a child with special needs in your household? Yes No
5. Would you like your home blessed by Father? Yes No

OFFERTORY INFORMATION

1. Would you like to have your own box of Parish Offertory Envelopes for your donations? Yes No.
2. Would you like to enroll in the pre-authorized giving (PAG) program? Yes No
(if yes, please complete attached PAG Authorization Form)
3. Include both spouses' names on Tax Receipt? Yes No Envelope No. _____

PARISH INVOLVEMENT

Our parish offers many opportunities for individuals and families to offer their talents and gifts for the community. Should you wish to be involved in a parish ministry, we will provide more information for you. **Please check the ministry or ministries you would be interested in getting involved in:**

Have you ever had the experience of being active in parish ministry? Yes No

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ALTAR SERVERS | <input type="checkbox"/> LECTORS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS) | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN'S LITURGY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SACRISTAN | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC MINISTRY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | |

CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN | <input type="checkbox"/> BAPTISM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) | <input type="checkbox"/> BIBLE STUDY |

SERVICE MINISTRIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND | <input type="checkbox"/> LEGION OF MARY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.) | <input type="checkbox"/> KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ST. VINCENT DE PAUL | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL COMMITTEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OUTREACH TO THE POOR | <input type="checkbox"/> PRAYER LINE |

PASTORAL

- FINANCE COMMITTEE