



BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Weekday Mass

Wednesdays

8:45am

St. Brother Andre Catholic High School
6160 16th Ave E, Markham

Sunday Mass 10:00am & 12:00pm

St. Joseph Elementary School
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“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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2017



There are 613 precepts in the Torah which make up Jewish law. How does one decide which is the most important? In other words, what is the heart of the Torah?

Jesus' response is simple. The heart of the Torah is love. Laws are signs and guideposts on our journey, helping us to learn to love with our full selves – our entire heart, mind, and soul. This law aids us in becoming better lovers of God, one another, and all of creation.

This passage is an invitation to see the world through God's eyes and to love as God loves.

We have been loved into being, created for love in such a way that we are drawn to love as God loves. God loves and sustains the entire world, and loves each part of us at every moment. God's love has no limits. God's love is of excess and is poured out endlessly on us. His love is not conditional.

By saying that love is the heart of the Torah, Jesus is calling us to reciprocate this love and love as freely as God. We are invited to see the connection between love of God and love of neighbor. When we truly love those around us, we are showing our love for God.

How can you increase your consciousness of love in your life? What would your world look like if you approached all people by trying to see God present in them?

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED

Come sow
the seeds of
FAITH.

Matthew 13



John is spreading the Gospel message to our young people.

We are looking for people to assist in preparing the Confirmandi to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please consider becoming a catechist to help our Confirmandi on their faith journey. Classes will run once a week for 6-8 weeks in the Spring **during school hours**.

If you are interested or would like more information on our program, please call Fr. Joseph at 289-554-0556 or email office@blessedoanam.ca. This is a wonderful opportunity for student teachers or supply teachers.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE



If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

Fr. Joseph will be available to hear confessions every Sunday from 9:00AM – 9:30AM at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School.

ALL SAINTS' AND SOULS' DAY MASS



Please join Fr. Joseph on Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 at 8:45AM as we celebrate the Feast Day of All Saints. The Mass will take place in the Chapel at St. Brother Andre Catholic High School, 6160 16th Avenue, Markham. Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite

all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Masses will be held indoors at Christ the King Cemetery, 7770 Steeles Avenue East, Markham, **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Friday, Nov. 3 (begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, Nov. 5

St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. Please contact Fr. Joseph or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING



The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, we are introducing Pre-

Authorized Giving (PAG) as a new way to make your regular Sunday offering. PAG uses direct debit and when you sign up for it, your offering is withdrawn electronically from your account once a month and deposited directly into the parish account. PAG is widely used in other parishes, and we want to make it available as well to parishioners of Blessed Ozanam Parish. If you wish to sign up for PAG, please pick up a form from the office, fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the Parish Office or place it in an envelope for the collection basket. For questions, please call our parish office at 289-554-0556 or see Fr. Joseph after Mass.

THE SOCIETY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your support this year as we reach out to help families in need in our new parish community, as well as men and

women at selected halfway houses this Christmas season. You can be the Christmas miracle these men, women and families are hoping for by pledging a donation to the Christmas Outreach Program. Donation envelopes will be available for pickup on the weekend of Nov 11/12 after all Masses. Thank you for your support and we wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas season.