

# Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

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## WEEKDAY MASS

St. Brother Andre  
Catholic High School

6160 16th Ave. E., Markham

**Wednesday 8:45 a.m.**

**Friday 8:45 a.m.**

## WEEKEND MASS

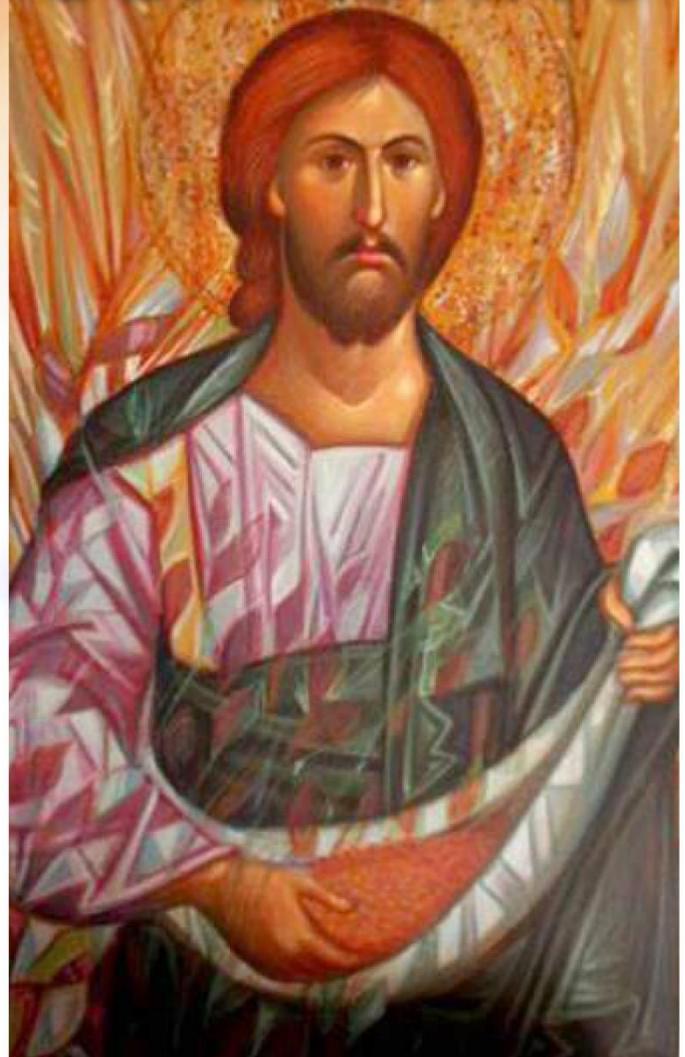
St. Julia Billiart  
Catholic Elementary School

2070 Bur Oak Ave, Markham

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.**

# SOWING SEEDS GROWING COMMUNITY



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

What does it mean to lose one's life in order to gain it?

Throughout life, we come across people who live fearlessly because they are inspired by the conviction that they have been called to do what they do. Perhaps it is a colleague who is energized by her work. Maybe it's a friend whose indignation at an obvious injustice has inspired him to dedicate his time to changing things. Or it is a priest or sister whose devotion to ministry comes from a deep desire to serve.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus is speaking of how we act in this world. Sometimes, we may stand out of the mainstream and seem dead. Other times, we may appear alive but are actually ignoring our core potential. Jesus is saying that we should lose the life the world wants us to have and save the life within that is given to us by God.

Think of the politician who entered public life wishing to serve, but is now afraid to answer a question honestly for fear of alienating voters. Think of the salesperson who pushes a product she knows is inferior just because it means a better commission.

What about you? Maybe you began your career with zeal and now are just concerned about accruing vacation days. Or maybe you have struggled with the pressure of choosing a vocation that will help you make a good living over the call to do something more spiritually gratifying.

When have you needed to lose something in your life in order to save the person God calls you to be?

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



The RCIA process is open to all those individuals who are unbaptized and who express a desire to study Catholic Christian beliefs and practices.

The program is also open to those individuals who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and who wish to explore membership in

the Catholic Church. Finally, the RCIA is open to Catholics who have been baptized but who have not received the other initiation sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Eucharist.

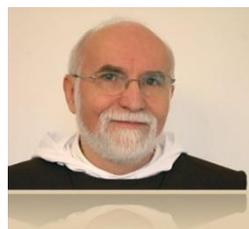
Individuals who participate in the RCIA process will develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and gain a greater understanding of current Catholic teachings and practices.

As part of the conversion process, we study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

If you, or someone you know, are ready to embrace the Roman Catholic faith, or if you are Catholic, but have not received all of the Sacraments, contact Father Joseph at 289-554-0556 or email [office@blessedoanam.ca](mailto:office@blessedoanam.ca). Classes run weekly from September 2018 – April 2019.

## LIVING THE BEATITUDES EASTER RETREAT

**Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Newman Centre, 89 St. George St. Toronto**



The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: We are blessed to have Fr. Jacques guide our community on the importance of living the Beatitudes. In this retreat, Fr. Jacques Philippe shows how true joy comes from spiritual poverty lived according to the Gospel. Father will

give examples from the Scriptures to teach us what it means to be spiritually poor before God, ourselves, and our brothers and sisters.

Registration: <https://easterretreatnewman.eventbrite.ca>

Contact: [Alexandra.whittle@newmantoronto.com](mailto:Alexandra.whittle@newmantoronto.com)

## A praying Community

### **Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – St. Brother Andre Chapel**

8:45AM Available

### **Friday, March 23, 2018 – St. Brother Andre Chapel**

8:45AM Available

### **Saturday, March 24, 2018 – St. Julia Billiard School**

5:00PM † Joseph Shaw  
S.I. Candice Coates  
S.I. Albert Apostol

### **Sunday, March 25, 2018 – St. Julia Billiard School**

10:00AM Pro Populo

12:00PM Available

## Knights of Columbus



Blessed Frédéric Ozanam Parish is looking to start a Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights of Columbus is a Family Organization and is recognized as the largest Lay Catholic Organization by the Holy See. You may ask, what does the Knights of Columbus do? The answer is simple: We help people. We save lives and we change lives. How do we do this? We do this with our Programs. To the men of the Parish - We need your help. Contact Eardley Adams at 905-554-1997 for more information.

## ShareLife



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### Living the Gospel locally and around the world

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**"

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.**

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