



**Looking at the
Text of the Roman Missal
Lamb of God**

This line occurs in different places at the Mass. It is found in the Gloria 'Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us', and we sing or say it at as the sacred Host is broken. The Lamb, of course, is Jesus. We declare this clearly as the priest says 'Behold the Lamb of God' before Communion. There is a rich understanding behind the phrase 'Lamb of God' who takes away the sins of the world. It appears in many places in the scriptures.

Lambs were killed and eaten at the first Passover and their blood was put around the doors of the Israelites to protect them from the last of the ten plagues. Ever since lambs were eaten at Passover celebrations as part of sharing in God's saving work described in Exodus. According to Saint John's Gospel Jesus was put to death at about the same time that the Passover lambs were being slaughtered. John is telling us that Jesus is the one whose blood saves all people and this is the heart of the Christian Passover.

Lambs were offered in sacrifice regularly to atone for sin and to express the bond between God and his people. Innocent sheep and meek lambs dumb before the shearers are compared to the servant of God who suffers without protest for the people (Isaiah 53:7). We see in Jesus a fulfilment of these images.

In the book of Revelation the Lamb that was slain is the one who opens the seals on the scroll revealing the hidden and final purposes of God and to bring them to completion. The Lamb is also the Lion of Judah, the one who shepherds the people and he receives worship and honour and glory. The Lamb is given the honour due to God because he is God and is praised because he has won victory and salvation. (Rev 5:1-10)

During Mass we pray that the Lamb of God will have mercy on us and give us peace. In asking Jesus to have mercy on us as the one who is the Lamb we are expressing our solidarity with all the world – whose sins he takes away. We are recalling that the gift of the Eucharist both in the offering of Christ's sacrifice and in receiving spiritual nourishment for our journey takes away our sins. Communion brings our peace and forgiveness. It is very important to approach Holy Communion at peace with God and others and we understand that this comes to full effect in our receiving so great a gift.

Vocation Seeds

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Hansoo: 416-968-0997, vocations@vocations.ca

WALK - IN LEGAL CLINIC

Jean Carberry, a lawyer and member of our parish offers a free Legal Clinic for advice and help with legal issues. We are grateful to Jean for taking on this initiative as a personal response to the call to stewardship.

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18
9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**St. Benedict parish Youth Room
(enter at north side & go downstairs)**

The clinic operates as "walk-in":
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
All consultations are private and confidential.
AVAILABLE SERVICES:
COMMISSIONING AND NOTARIZING DOCUMENTS

Confirmation Reminders



**Tuesday January 17
Confirmation Commitment Ceremony~ in Church**

FOR ALL PARENTS, SPONSORS & CANDIDATES
*Candidates meet in parish hall at 7:00 pm
Mass begins at 7:30 pm*

**Wednesday January 25
Confirmation Kickoff~in parish hall**
FOR ALL PARENTS, SPONSORS & CANDIDATES

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7
7:30 PM IN CHURCH**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, those who are preparing for surgery, and the elderly.

This sacrament of healing is meant to heal the whole person, spiritually and physically while at the same time reassuring the person of God's love and mercy.

The preferred place for celebrating this sacrament is in the church with family and members of the church community present.

Celebrating the sacrament before entering the hospital means the ill person can better appreciate the prayers and symbols of the rite

Sunday January 15, 2012 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND the Church celebrates the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**. The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" – Pope John Paul II, 1997 message.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,050 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life 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 in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be a special Mass next **SUNDAY JANUARY 29 at 3:00pm** at **ST. PAUL'S BASILICA** in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM ~ Thanks to all those who contributed to the meal served on November 27th and for the gift bags provided at Christmas. It was a great success. Ready to help out again? **NEXT WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES** we will be **SIGNING UP VOLUNTEERS** for the meal being served on JANUARY 29th at ST. MATTHEW ANGLICAN CHURCH and the meal being served FEBRUARY 5th at ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL (250 people). Those wishing to help, please come to the Church entrance at the end of the Masses on January 21 and 22.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Please join us as we celebrate the

**FEAST DAY OF ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

**Mass at 7:00 pm,
St. Brigid's Parish
300 Wolverleigh Blvd. Toronto**

Reception to follow in Church Hall. RSVP 416 465-2868 or email: info@fertilitycare.ca www.fertilitycare.ca

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012
Ecumenical Prayer Service**

Come and join us in prayer with His Grace Archbishop Thomas Collins, joined by His Grace Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak and other city-wide religious leaders on:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 ~ 3:00 P.M.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL

200 Church Street (at the corner of Shuter & Church Streets)

Refreshments to follow in parish hall. Contact the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 for more information.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$8,421	SECOND COLLECTION	\$696.75
Average Env. Donation	\$12.80	IN LIEU OF FLOWERS FUNERAL DONATION FOR MARIA BORG	\$1,780
		TOTAL	\$341,445

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 16

8:00am Henry John Welner by Welner family
7:30pm Memorial Mass – Maria Santos

Tuesday, January 17

7:30pm Helen MacDonald by Ralph & family

Wednesday, January 18

8:00am Gretta, Maurice & Jim Fay by Mary Fay

Thursday, January 19

8:00am Leo McKenna by Cathy & family

Friday, January 20

8:00am Leo McKenna by Cathy

Saturday, January 21

8:00am Bridget Savage by Savage family
5:00pm Carmelo & Lorenza Farrugia by Pauline Sammut

Sunday, January 22

8:00am Florence Bengert by family
9:30am Mario Orlando by Ida & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Melissa Attard by Mary Attard & family
12:45pm Lestor Pierre Charles by Mom, family & friends

**MARIAN EUCHARISTIC INTERCESSORS
FOR PRIESTS**

We will be meeting in the Chapel after the 7:30 pm Mass until 9:00 pm on Tuesday January 17. There will be of a combination of prayer, meditation and quiet time. All are welcome.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
BUNDLE SUNDAY
JANUARY 21 & 22**

A truck will be parked in the back parking lot from early Saturday morning to late Sunday evening. Men's clothing, ladies wear children's wear, baby clothes, coats, boots, shoes, bedding, drapes, toys, household goods, accessories and books will be accepted. **PLEASE NOTE: NO MATTRESSES, BABY FURNITURE OR APPLIANCES ACCEPTED.** www.svdptoronto.org.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GENERAL MEETING**

Please note change of date and location

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23
St. Benedict School Gym**

Enter on the North side of school building

We are pleased to announce that the **DANTE ALIGHIERI 1ST FAMILY** will be hosting a **CLASS REUNION ON MAY 4TH**. We are presently searching for fellow students and teachers, who were part of the original founding faculty and student body of the Dante Alighieri Academy classes of 1974 thru 1979. Please contact Angelo at **416-412-1100 ext 222** or Mary at **416-824-9676** for further details or email mbaldwin45@hotmail.com