



**Looking at the  
Text of the Roman Missal  
Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God

An earlier text looked at the idea of Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is also interesting to ask why we are changing in the new translation from 'this is' to 'Behold'.

When he sees Jesus walking by, John the Baptist points him out to his own disciples 'here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John Chapter 1 verse 29). The 'here is' has a sense to it of 'look' or 'pay attention' or 'behold'. For this reason in the new translation of the Communion invitation we use the word 'Behold' rather than the simpler 'this is' which could be taken to be the beginning of a line that is simply a statement.

Also there is the feel of another passage from Saint John's Gospel (Chapter 19 verse 5) where Pontius Pilate draws attention to Jesus as he emerges bound having been scourged and crowned with thorns. Pilate says 'Here is,' or 'Behold, the man' (see also Zechariah 6;12-13). Pointing out Jesus to the crowd is, in one way, a simple indication that he is standing there but there is a deeper sense. When Pilate says 'Behold the man' it is as if unconsciously he is pointing out the perfect human being, the model for all others and the fulfillment of humanity.

We believe that we are made in the image of God and in Jesus we see the image most perfectly – he is the starting point of the creation of humanity. He is also the new Adam, for his obedience reverses the disobedience of the first human as described in the book of Genesis. It will lead beyond the cross to resurrection with a recreation of humanity in his image. This change is begun in each of us at Baptism, renewed in the Eucharist and brought to fulfillment in Heaven.

The word 'behold' is a solemn invitation to look upon the Saviour and receive him who comes to transform us by his death and resurrection. He comes to change us into his likeness as we become what we eat in Holy Communion.

***Vocation Seeds***

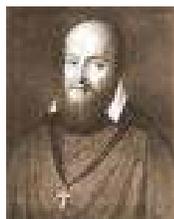
The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus.

Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997, [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

***Confirmation Reminder***  
**Confirmation Kickoff**  
**Featuring Blue Veil Ministry**  
**Wednesday January 25**  
***parish hall***

FOR ALL PARENTS, SPONSORS & CANDIDATES

**Salesian Family Saints**  
**St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)**  
**His Spirit of Ecumenism**



Francis de Sales was born in 1567 in the castle at Sales in Savoy. He was educated in Paris and Padua, first as a legal advocate and then as a priest. His preaching against Calvinism began in 1593 to win back the Chablais to Roman Catholicism.

In the conversations he fostered with Christians of another confession, Francis de Sales anticipated by several centuries our time and our practices. Free of aggressiveness in discussion, he loved those who had gone astray, while he corrected their errors. Persistent in love, prayer, and the concern to enlighten, he knew how to wait a long time.

He knew how to lead gradually to the fullness of truth those who had wandered from it, from that truth from which one cannot wander and which no one has the power to diminish. By his efforts in the Chablais alone 72,000 came back to communion with the Apostolic See.

His way of teaching Catholic spirituality is often referred to as the Way of Divine Love, or the Devout Life (the Holy Life), taken from a book he wrote of a similar name: *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

***“Give me Souls, take away the Rest”***

***Francis de Sales***

**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.

## DONATION RECEIPTS - YEAR 2011

RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND **MAY BE OBTAINED BY DROPPING A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR BY STOPPING IN AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

**THURSDAY, 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 1,050 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.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass next **SUNDAY JANUARY 29 at 3:00pm** at **ST. PAUL'S BASILICA** to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

### VALENTINE DAY DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Doors open 6:15 pm ~ Dinner at 7:00 pm

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Manicotti, Veal, Potatoes, Vegetables  
Salad, Buns, Coffee, Tea, Dessert, Cash Bar

**\$30.00 per person**

Tickets available after each of the Masses on  
January 28/29 & February 4/5 or contact  
Wolf Hartmann at 416-745-7983 or Ray Gallant 416-748-3344

### VALENTINE DAY DINNER DRAW \$10.00 per ticket

- 40" LCD HDTV (Courtesy St. John Bosco Council)
- Complimentary 1 Night Stay for 2 at Hotel Carlingview (Courtesy Hotel Carlingview)
- \$100 Tim Card (Courtesy Gerald Hagen for Legal Shield)
- \$ 75 Gift Basket (Courtesy Simon Rollason of Great Lakes Brewery)
- Crocheted Afghan (Courtesy Helen Kramer)

### PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND/OTHER KNIGHT'S CAUSES

DRAW TICKETS AVAILABLE **ONLY** AFTER EACH OF THE MASSES ON  
JANUARY 28/29 & FEBRUARY 4/5 OR AT THE DINNER DANCE

### *Blessings on your Marriage*



*As a parish community, we keep in prayer*

Andre Lewis & Jennifer Mammele

who will be married on *January 28, 2012*

**God grant them happiness, good health and a long life together.**

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

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	\$7,998	<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	\$680.00
<b>Average Env. Donation</b>	\$13.85	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$343,394

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 23

8:00am Living Int for Jan Glover  
7:30pm Memorial Mass – Joseph Marchese

### Tuesday, January 24

9:00am Holy Child School Mass at the School  
7:30pm Irene Furbacher by Janet Huitema

### Wednesday, January 25

8:00am Dorothy Holmes by The Sewing Group

### Thursday, January 26

8:00am Patricia Mallinger by Mallinger family

### Friday, January 27

8:00am Mirco Cecavac by family

### Saturday, January 28

8:00am Dec members of Sala family by Carlo & Adelaide Sala  
5:00pm Rita Brown by Helen & family

### Sunday, January 30

8:00am Melissa Attard by Josie  
9:30am Amedeo Amato by Amato family  
9:30am For the People  
11:00am Olga Roberts by Gwen Tarsay  
12:45pm Living Intention for Alessandro



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:  
JOSEPH TARASCO & BERNARD FAUBERT**

### ST. JOSEPH'S COVENANT KEEPERS

The Men's Spirituality Group will meet in the Savio Room, after the evening Mass on Tuesday, January 24. All men over the age of 18 are invited for a period of prayer and reflection on how the Lord's message can be applied in our lives as husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers... in this world today. Start the new year off by getting involved. Be the spiritual leader you called to be. We hope to see you there.

### OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM

This is reminder for those wishing to contribute to the Out of the Cold Program meals on January 29 and February 5 to sign up this weekend at the end of each mass in the Church foyer. Thank you.

**GOOD MARRIAGES** -- like dependable cars, need tune-ups. Refresh and rekindle your love for each other by treating yourselves to a **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** at **QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE**, or give a weekend as a gift. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program.

**The next weekend is  
February 17<sup>th</sup> ~19<sup>th</sup>**

For more information: 905-278-8879,  
905-829-0116, 416-694-1742

or call to register at 905-278-5229

**KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREAT** on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:30pm.** On this Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Victor Mallia OCD will speak on "Help of the Sick". Join us at St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolferleigh Blvd ~ 416-696-8660 [www.kolbeapostolate.com](http://www.kolbeapostolate.com)