

**Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates
announcement of two future saints:
Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II**

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, offered the following statement on the news that Pope Francis had signed canonization decrees that will elevate two former popes, Blessed John XXII and Blessed John Paul II to sainthood.

“I join with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and around the world, and with many people of other faiths, in giving thanks to God for the wonderful example of lived faith, joyful service and inspired teaching exhibited by both Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. Saints serve as role models for our Christian family and we know how close these spiritual shepherds have been to their flock, both in life and in death. When canonized, they will join the company of those holy men and women formally recognized by the Church as having demonstrated lives of extraordinary Christian virtue.”

Blessed John Paul II made history in 1978 becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years. He served as Pontiff from 1978 until his death in 2005, making 104 international pilgrimages including three to Canada, most recently for World Youth Days in 2002.

Blessed John XXIII was elected to the papacy in 1958 and served until his death in 1963. He organized the historic Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), addressing the relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and the modern world. Suffering from stomach cancer, he passed away in 1963, leading to the election of Pope Paul VI.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is Canada's largest diocese, stretching from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga. It is home to 1.9 million Catholics and 225 churches, with mass celebrated in more than 30 languages each week.

The Road to Sainthood

All Christians are candidates for sainthood. At one time only martyrs were considered for sainthood. However, since about the fourth century, all people who lived lives of great charity and held Christian heroic virtues worthy of imitation have been candidates for sainthood.

Before the causes for sainthood were assigned to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints (1588, instituted by Pope Sixtus V), saints were created “vox populi” by local popular acclaim. An example of such a saint is St. Anthony of Padua. The Vatican was not necessarily involved in beatifications until it was decreed so by Pope John XV.

From all walks of life and from different times in history, the trend today is to honour individuals who were active in the world of family, business and politics and showed themselves to be holy in a secular world. These women and men provide an example of overcoming hardship and living a Christian lifestyle worthy of imitation. By relating to their challenges and following their example we open the way of holiness ourselves.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF FAITH

and the

**Feast of the Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

On a One Day Pilgrimage

Sunday September 8, 2013

Organized by

Blessed Trinity Parish (Bayview and Finch)

**Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of Fatima
National Shrine and Basilica, National Shrine and
Basilica, Lackawanna NY, USA Youngstown, NY, USA**



Further information and registration

www.blessedtrinity.ca

Valid Passport Necessary

Mary 416-497-7059 and **Judith** 905-886-4022
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\$ 55 Per person includes: Return coach fare from BT (departure 8.00am) and Dinner.

Visit **Our Lady of Fatima Basilica**, Tour the “Avenues of Saints” with over 100 life sized statues, Outdoor Rosary.

Our Lady of Victory A true architectural wonder the basilica stands as a tangible symbol of one man's unshakeable faith and devotion to his patroness, Mary. Its hundreds of paintings, sculptures and mosaics dazzle the senses. 2pm - Guided tour of Basilica and visit Fr Baker museum. Participate in Mass at 4.30pm, followed by Dinner at Ilio Di Paolo's in Blasdell NY. Bus driver and restaurant tips excluded.

**An Invitation to
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend
September 13 – 15, 2013**

The BLD Marriage Encounter Weekend is your opportunity to rediscover the joy and excitement in your marriage. It is an opportunity to look carefully and deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.

Fr. Dominik Mbah, MSP

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster, ON

Sponsored By:

BLD (Bukas Loob sa Diyos) Covenant Community

For details, call Nini 416-671-9886 or Richie 416-567-5555

Faith Connections Taizé Prayer Evening

Wednesday, July 31 and August 28 – 6:30 p.m.
The Friary, 15 Baxton Ave., Toronto

Faith Connections and the Presentation Brothers invite you to join us for an evening of meditative Scripture-based prayer and song in the Taizé tradition. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by calling Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645 or email faithconnections@csj-to.ca. For more information, visit www.faithconnections.ca.

St. Clare's Church Centenary Celebrations

St. Clare's Church
1118 St. Clair Ave. West

Friday, August 9 - 7:30 p.m. - In Conversation with St. Clare (dramatization)
Saturday, August 10 - The Transitus of St. Clare following the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, August 11 -12:00 p.m. - The Feast of St. Clare - Solemn Mass celebrating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. Unveiling of the new statue of St. Clare, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

For more information visit our website: www.stclareparish.ca or call 416-654-7087.



The faith community of St. Benedict welcomes these new members

Liam Steward, Michael Perri, Abigail & Isabella DeFreitas, Daniela Umana and Chanelle Lorenzo

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord.



Blessings on your Marriage
As a parish community,
we keep in prayer

Julien Morneau & Elaine Isaac
who will be married on August 3, 2013

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING \$5,844 AVERAGE ENV DONATION \$13.02

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 29
8:00am Marguerite Browning by Doreen Power

Tuesday, July 30
7:30pm Maria Isopo by Clara

Wednesday, July 31
8:00am Maurice, Gretta & Jim Fay by Mary

Thursday, August 1
8:00am Florence Bengert by family

Friday, August 2
8:00am Gregory Mathieu by family
11:00am SummerDaze Camp Mass
7:30 pm Deceased members of the Villahermosa family by Jake & Teresa

Saturday, August 3
8:00am Peter Calzavara by Peter & Naida Takaoka
5:00pm Leo Marineau by Gertrude

Sunday, August 4
8:00am Cheryl Ross by Marie
9:30am Deceased members of the Orlando & Coletta families by Ida & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Elvira DiCasmon by Tuzi family

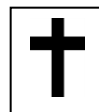
FIRST FRIDAY MASS ~ August 2

6:45 pm Rosary
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Songs of Praise & Worship
7:30 pm Mass

CIVIC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- No 8:00 am Mass this day
 - 9:30 am Morning Prayer in Chapel
 - 10:00 am Mass
- Parish Office Closed



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

FRANK X. BIELMEIER

ANNUAL FAITH & SHARING RETREAT

Marylake Retreat House
King City, Ontario

August 11 – 15

Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Gerard Ryan, S.J.
Daily Mass and inspiring talks. For more information/register, please contact Patrick Treacy at 416-512-1245 or patrickthink@yahoo.com