

**In a culture obsessed with strength and success, today's readings are startling. The qualities and behaviors identified in the Beatitudes look nothing like economic, political or social strength. Instead, they appear to demonstrate weakness. Paul tells us that God chose the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised to shame the wise and the strong. Those of us who say we follow Jesus have some soul-searching to do. How do the Beatitudes fit with our professional and life-style commitments? How willing are we to engage in the really hard practices? And what would it mean if we don't want to?**



*"Blessed are they..." ---Matthew 5:4*

**First Reading** from Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
The remnant shall be a humble and lowly people.

**Second Reading** from 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
God chose those who count for nothing.

**Gospel** from Matthew 5:1-12a  
Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP EAST: FAITH IN THE NAKED PUBLIC SQUARE:** Monday, February 13, 2017 – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Ave, Scarborough

Special guest: Randy Boyagoda, Principal and Vice-President, University of St. Michael's College. We'll discuss ways in which Catholics can work towards their own commitments to living out their faith in public life. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend!

**Contact** Leigh-Anne Best at [leighbest@gmail.com](mailto:leighbest@gmail.com) and cc: the church at [st.barts@sympatico.ca](mailto:st.barts@sympatico.ca) for more information or to RSVP for the events



Church and St. Vincent de Paul Tax receipts will be available **on February 4-5, 2017** in the lobby.

**SUNDAY FOOD DONATION SCHEDULE**

**February 4-5**

**Last name starting with N, O, P**

**February 11-12**

**Last name starting with Q, R**



You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.

— Pope Francis —

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

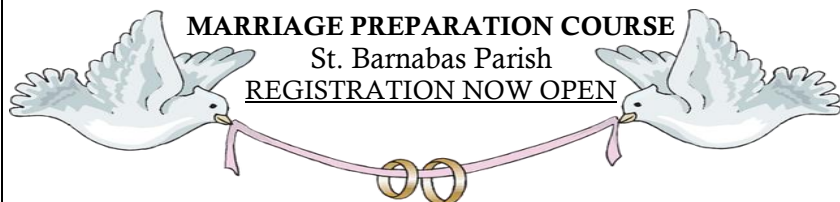
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 28, 2017</b>
9:00 am	FILEMON CAOILI (RIP) ATILANO QUIAMBABO (RIP) FRANCISCO T. SINGSON (RIP) ANTONIO FAVUZZA (RIP)
5:00 pm	ANGELINE NORONHA (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 29, 2017</b>
11:15 am	PONCIANO GAZMEN (RIP)
1:00 pm	GIUSEPPE DIDOMENICANTONIO (RIP)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 3, 2017</b>
8:30 am	ROWENA IANTHE ALFONSO (RIP)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Bulletin is submitted a week in advance. To ensure that the name is on the bulletin, the Mass Intention must be booked 2 weeks prior to the date.

**JANUARY 21-22, 2017**

**WEEKLY DONATION:**

**\$4317.30 ( 314 ENVELOPES)**



Please register with their Parish Office (416-298-0989).

**Orientation night:** Feb. 9, 2017

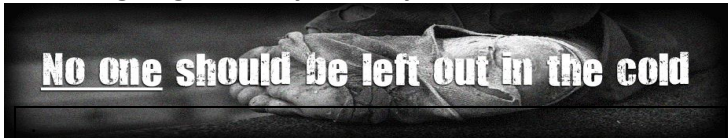
**Classes will be held on Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 between 7-9pm & Saturday, March 18 from 10am-3pm. Couse Fee: \$150 per couple.**



Saint Bartholomew's Parish feeds the homeless on February 17th (dinner) and 18th (breakfast & to-go lunch), 2017.

Collection boxes will be in the lobbies on February 4th and 5th, 2017.

Please give generously. Thank you.



Family of Faith

The Family of Faith campaign will be issuing 2016 tax receipts for donations by the end of February 2017. These receipts are NOT issued by the church.

If you have questions about your tax receipts, please contact Arthur Peters at 416-934-3400 x559 or [apeters@archtoronto.org](mailto:apeters@archtoronto.org)

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE**

1. Dining with the Saints pictures are now available in our **website**. You may download the pictures.

2. We are increasing the threshold (minimum donation) for the 2017 tax receipt from **\$25.00 to \$50.00.**



*Catholic Women's League*

The Catholic Women's League will like to wish the Parishioners and members a Happy New Year.

**Members your first meeting is on Tuesday January 31/17 @ 7:00 PM in the Choir room, and membership fees are due. Please respond accordingly.**



**2017 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

*Be inspired, encouraged and healed!*

**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS – John 1:5**  
**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:00AM-5:30PM**

➤ **Keynote Speaker**  
**Bishop Scott McCaig**



➤ **Mass With**  
**Cardinal Collins**



➤ **Additional Talks From the Renewal Ministries team: Sr. Ann Shields & Peter Herbeck**

➤ **Testimonies of Family Healing from David Patterson & Gemma MacDonald**

AS WE CELEBRATE THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, COME EXPERIENCE WHY THOUSANDS RETURN EACH YEAR...

- ❖ **Compelling Speakers**
- ❖ **Powerful Christian Music**
- ❖ **Inspiring Personal Testimony**
- ❖ **Divine Mercy Celebration**
- ❖ **Eucharistic Procession**
- ❖ **Prayer Ministry for Healing and Empowerment**

**Adult Rally \$25 / Youth Rally \$15**  
*Simultaneous YOUTH RALLY ages 13-18 in the John Basset Theater, right next door*  
 Call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510  
 Email: [LJHR@rogers.com](mailto:LJHR@rogers.com)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS presents**  
**A FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION**  
 Monday, February 20 - 9am to noon

Come and receive holy blessings at 9am Mass. Followed by breakfast, games, stories, activities and more.

Breakfast **\$6** per person (**children under 6 FREE**)  
 Tickets available after all Masses in the SOUTH narthex every weekend starting Jan 28 or in the CHURCH OFFICE (Tuesday thru Friday ONLY; Lunch Break between 1pm-2pm).

