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ON VOCATIONS...

“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon or religious? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact:

Contact: Fr. Matthew McCarthy,
Archdiocese of Toronto at
416-968-0997.

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ON STEWARDSHIP...

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labour, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

2023-2024

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023** at 10:00 AM EST.

Important Information: All applications must be submitted online via the [Student Online Application for Registration \(SOAR\)](#) website.

Space is limited in some school locations. Parents are encouraged to apply early. Please check with your local school for details (contact numbers below).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND

HOLY COMMUNION

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



**"You are the salt of the earth...
You are the light of the world"**
(Mt 5:13)

Be Salty and Luminous Witnesses to Christ

The prophet Isaiah (58:7-10) and the evangelist Matthew (5:13-16) team up this Sunday to keep members of the praying assembly mindful of their responsibilities for one another and for the needy of this world. Matthew speaks metaphorically, representing Jesus as charging his disciples to be salt and light for the world. The challenge embedded in this metaphor demands a real and thorough going commitment. **That commitment to be salt and light must be prompted by a living faith and translated into tangible works.**

The faith-driven, salt and light activities, described in today's first reading from Isaiah are worth noting for a self examination: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech and do not turn your

back on your own. Notice how material this new spirituality is; it concerns bread, home, body, flesh and engagement with the painful doctrines of human wretchedness and need. The presence of God, as the prophet affirms, is found in the daily embrace of the neighbour, the hungry, the poor, the naked, the homeless. **The only worthy response to this God who comes disguised in the needs of others is to give my bread, open my home and give of myself.** Sharing my bread requires a much more personal involvement and engagement with others than simply writing a cheque or giving a gift certificate for groceries. Sharing my bread, along with all the other corporal works of mercy means sharing the same table at the same time and partaking fully of the fellowship that naturally evolves from such mutual sharing and caring. **When sharing is personal, sincere and authentic, then, promised the prophet, light shall break forth and wounds will heal.** Sinners will be vindicated and all will know the attentive presence of God when they call out in prayer.

Part of that prayer, as Hans Küng ("Global Responsibility, In Search of a New World Ethics", NY:1991) once suggested, might include an acknowledgment of guilt for not having always met the challenges set forth by the ancient prophet and thereby failing to be salt and light for the world. **Let us have a renewed resolve and determination to be saltier and more luminous witnesses to Christ and the Gospel.**