

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



February 1 - 7, 2021

Monday, February 1

8:30 am + 5th year death anniversary Jocelyn Ali

Tuesday, February 2

8:30 am - Community of Prince of Peace

Wednesday, February 3

8:30 am - 58th wedding anniversary Jeanette & Stanley

Thursday, February 4

8:30 am: Community of Prince of Peace

Friday, February 4

8:30 am: Community of Prince of Peace

Saturday, February 5

8:30 am + Death anniversary Louis Noronha

Sunday, February 6

10:00 am + Romaldine Misquita

Sunday Gospel reading: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.



Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Light a Prayer Candle



Sanctuary Lamps Offerings

1) We remember and pray for those who have suffered and continue to suffer the effects of the coronavirus pandemic



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

HELP YOUR PARISH

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during COVID-19

Yes!
WE'RE OPEN

The Church is open Monday — Friday from 9 am to 12 noon

10 people at the time

Holy Communion is available for those who wish to receive it on a Sunday. You must call the parish office at 416-291-9422 and book your time.

IT'S FREE!!! FORMED

Let's make the most of your time at home to better understand, live, and share our faith! You will enjoy the movies, books, talks, cartoons, radio theater, Bible studies, devotionals, and much more on formed.org. This is free subscription. The parish shouldered the cost for one year for you to enjoy, especially during "staying at home". You are welcome to send it to anyone....

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1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish: Enter postal code **M1V** and select **Prince of Peace Church** from the dropdown menu
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

PARISH APPOINTMENT CHANGES.....

Cardinal Thomas Collins has appointed Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan as Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption, Toronto on January 15th, 2021. He continues as pastor of Prince of Peace until the new pastor is appointed.



**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**

The Universal Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on Thursday, February 11. While this year’s celebration will be more limited, we still encourage you to use this as an opportunity to recognize the sick and those who care for them (in healthcare institutions, in families and in parish communities) via livestream and online bulletins. We especially remember and pray for all those who have suffered and continue to suffer the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

For further information, including the [Pope’s message for the World Day of the Sick 2021](#), the Sacrament of Anointing, as well as catechetical and other helpful resources, please visit our “Care for the Sick” mini-site at:

www.archtoronto.org/sick. If you require assistance, please contact me at: 416-934-3400 ext. 518 or samaral@archtoronto.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.....

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation Webinar: The Eucharist: Food for Missionary Disciples

From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy

On **Sunday, February 27, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to join a webinar to examine the important role the Eucharist has in our lives as missionary disciples.

There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required. Please register at <http://bit.ly/EMHCFW-RegisterFeb2021> by **Thursday, February 25, 2021**. Your registration confirmation email will include details on how to join the webinar.

For more information, please see the event poster: <http://bit.ly/EMHCFW-Feb2021Poster>.

If you have further questions, please call Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

[BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP VIRTUAL SESSIONS](#)

The Archdiocese of Toronto is sponsoring Bereavement Support Group virtual sessions on Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7 to 8:30 pm. “Grieving with Great HOPE” is a Catholic faith-based program that consists of a five-week grief support workshop using an on-demand video format that is available on Formed.

No cost to attend but online registration is required. Please register by Tuesday, February 23 at: <http://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2021>.

Confirmation email will be sent to those registering and



**VIRTUAL/ONLINE WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE
MARCH 5-7, 2021**

In these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at: Gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925
Website: wwme.org

Lector Formation Webinar – Richer

Access: The Importance of the Lectionary From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy

On **Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** all lectors are invited to a webinar on the history of the lectionary and its important role in the life of the Church.

There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required. Please register at <http://bit.ly/LFW-RegisterMar2021> by **Monday, March 8, 2021**. Your registration confirmation email will include details on how to join the webinar.

For more information, please see the event poster: <http://bit.ly/LFW-PosterMar2021>.

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