



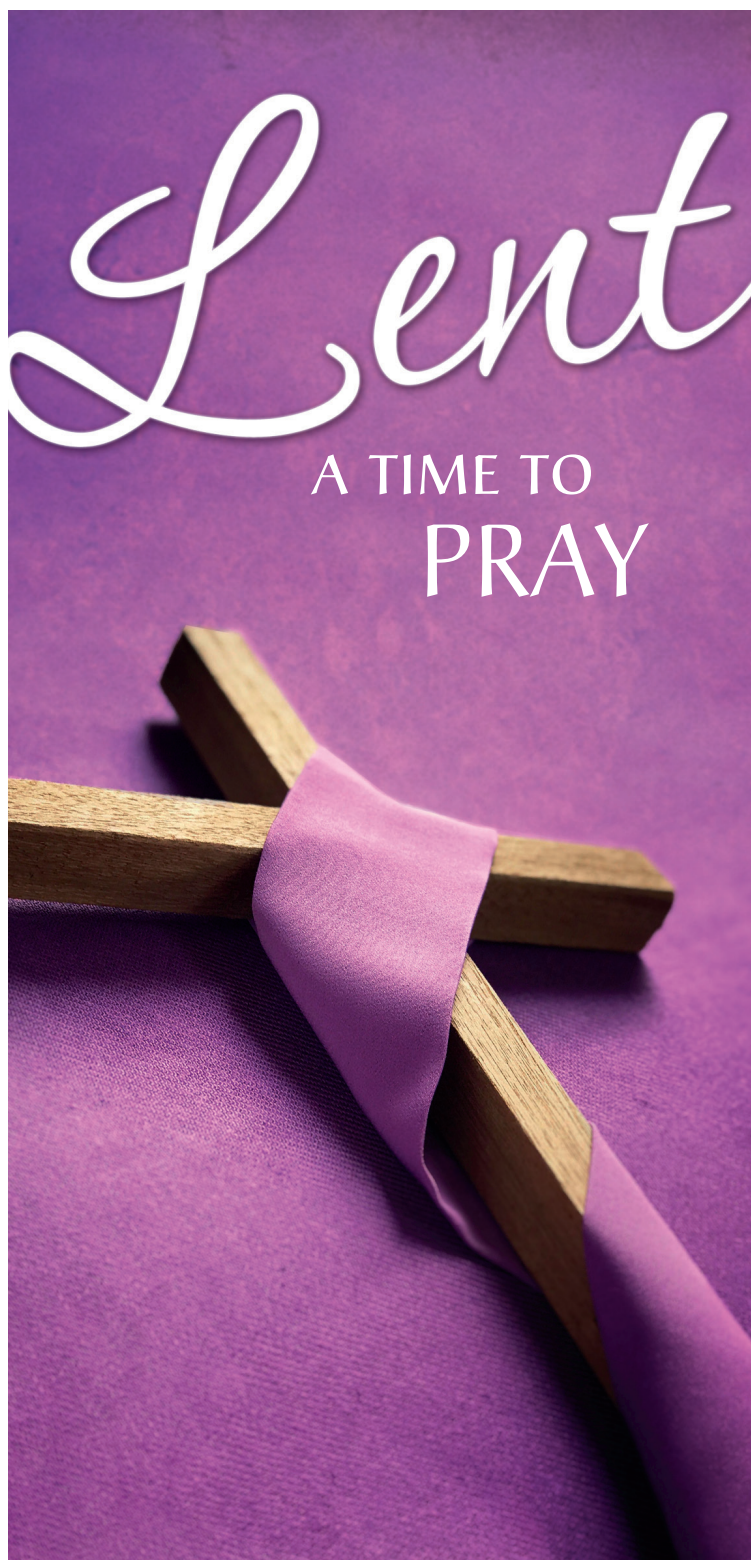
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The Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 12th, 2023



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Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm
SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 13 MARCH

9:00 AM + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH

9:00 AM + RAJ FERNANDO

WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH

9:00 AM + ARASARATNAM MARIYAMMAH

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH

9:00 AM + GLENYS ALLANA

+ LESLIE D'SILVA

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FRIDAY, 17 MARCH *St Patrick*

6:30 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 18 MARCH *St Cyril of Jerusalem*

9:00 AM + SAM KAISER

5:00 PM + FERNANDO & CIRIACA MANALO

+ MAVIS RAGELL

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SUNDAY, 19 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. MARVIS MURRAY

+ THIRUNAMUM NAGAMANI

10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:00 PM + JOSIE ESTOQUE

+ LEA CANTRE

+ BERTRAND CALLISTE

7:00 PM + RUTH CAMACHO

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2023

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$46,644
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,746
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,170
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,038,042

Thank you for your continued support!



The Catholic Women's League cordially invites all seniors to their monthly Senior's Luncheon. Join us following a celebration of Mass at 11:30 a.m. on March 15, 2023 at St. Francis de Sales for a meal and some activities. Contact Elizabeth P. Joseph at 905-427-6244 for further information.



The Catholic Women's League will be having their Regional General meeting on March 16 at Holy Family Parish, 91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby. All ladies are welcome to attend.



The National March for Life in Ottawa is taking place on May 11, 2023. There will be a bus leaving from St. Isaac Jogues Church in Pickering at 7:00 a.m. There is a \$50 fee per person. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please email: Alex Eykelhof at alex.eykelhof@gmail.com

40 CANS FOR LENT



During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the 40 Cans for Lent Program, your council can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th** and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans any time throughout the Lenten season in the designated boxes in the church foyer and they will be distributed to those in need.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

LENTEN CONFESION NIGHT

On **Tuesday 28 March**, St Francis de Sales will have its annual Lenten Confession Evening from **7-10PM**. There will be many priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity as it will be your last chance before the celebration of Holy Week.



Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

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REFLECTION

We continue this weekend looking at the seventh Beatitude as given by Dr. Peter Kreeft.

“Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called children of God.”

Peacemakers are not just the ones who help others as a third party, but are able to bring peace within their own souls. Those who guard their improper desires, who are careful to have peace in their conscience and regulate tranquility in all their actions, who do not quarrel with their neighbors, and are submissive to the will of God are children of God, because they follow God who is a God of peace [13], and who even gave His only Son to reconcile the world, and bring upon earth that peace which the world does not know and cannot give.

Wrath [Anger] wills harm and destruction (the opposite of peacemaking, which prevents destruction). The worst destruction is the destruction not of a temporal thing, but the destruction of the soul. Jesus warns us that, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.” Peacemakers prevent destruction, we should be concerned and be on guard the neither our soul or the souls around us are destroyed. Preservation of the soul brings peace.

<https://linktoliturgy.com/the-beatitudes-part-2>



“But the one drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty”. O you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

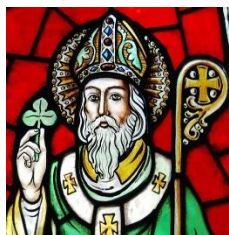
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A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

How does a penguin build a house?

- *Igloos it together!*



“Before I was humiliated, I was like a stone that lies in deep mud, and he who is mighty came and, in his compassion, raised me up and exalted me very high and placed me on the top of the wall.”

-St. Patrick



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray that all the children have a fun and safe March Break! If you are visiting another parish, please remember to pick up a parish bulletin.

In April, we will begin to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion and will resume class visits to our 6 Parish schools. Please refer to the RCIC preparation schedule if your child attends a Public School, Other Catholic School or is in grade 3-6.

Please see below for the attire for First Communion:

-Boys must wear a white shirt, no running shoes. A suit can be white or any other colour. Arm bands can be worn but are not essential.

-Girls can wear a white or off-white dress, if wearing a veil, they must not cover the face, no gloves, purses or rosary during the celebration.

-We have a First Communion dress available if anyone is interested, please let Mrs. Selda know. Below are the dates set for the 2023 First Communions.

Public/Private/Other Catholic

- Saturday May 13th at 10:00am

St. Andre Bessette

- Saturday May 13th at 10:00am

Virtual School

- Saturday May 13th at 10:00am

St. Patrick

- Saturday May 13th at 1:00pm

St. Francis de Sales

- Saturday May 27th at 10:00am

St. Josephine Bakhita

- Saturday May 27th at 10:00am

St. Jude

- Saturday May 27th at 1:00pm

St. Catherine of Siena

- Saturday May 27th at 1:00pm

CONFIRMATION

There is no class next week due to March Break. Classes will resume March 26/27. Please view the Confirmation schedule on our Parish website. A kind reminder that all Confirmandi are expected and parents are strongly encouraged to attend the **Lenten Confessions on March 28**. Also, ensure father has left the church before going to the passport table, **NOT** while he leaves the Altar. Candidates, please ensure all homework is completed prior to your return to the class. Should you have any absences, or if you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino.

God Bless.



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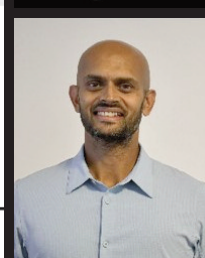
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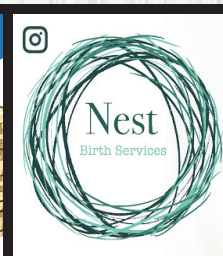




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