



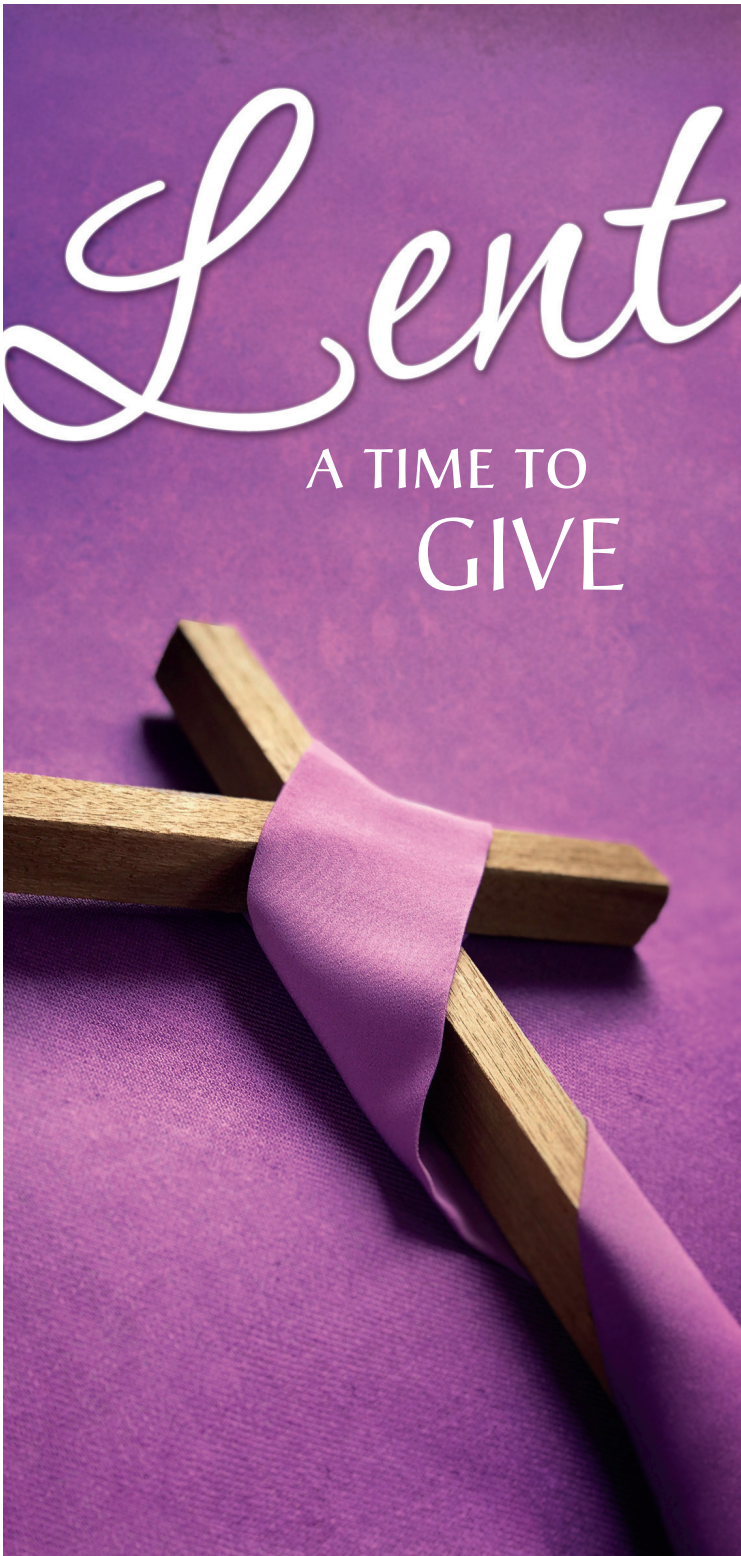
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 19th, 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

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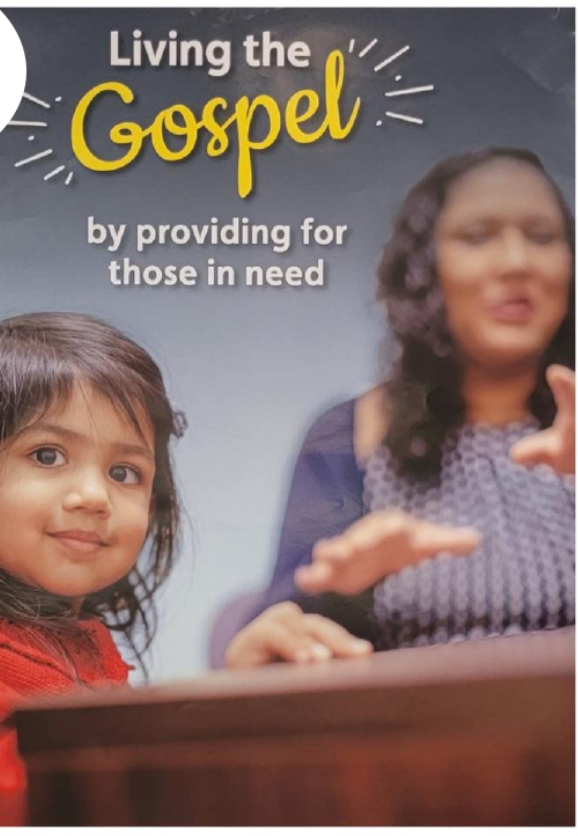
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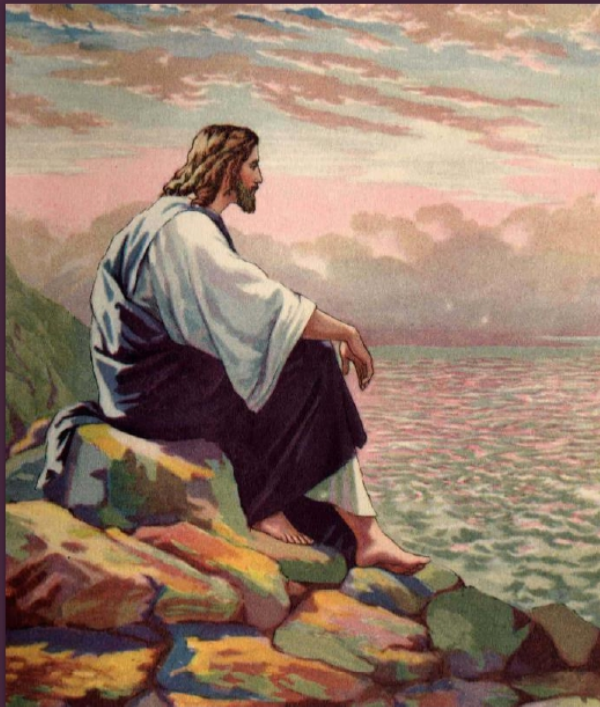
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As a person of faith, you care deeply about your community. You can't ignore the suffering in your midst, as your brothers and sisters are afflicted by poverty, addiction and isolation. At a time when our neighbours are stretched further to the brink, your love and kindness is needed more than ever.

That's why your ongoing support matters so much. We invite you to live out your Gospel values by joining your parish's ShareLife campaign. Your heart brings God's light to someone in need today.



This Lent...

Be Filled: *Pray* and reflect on God's Word, the Bread of Life. *Hear His call.*

Be Renewed: *Fast* to detach yourself from worldly desires; begin anew through the *Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

Be Transformed: *Give.* Be His light and bring Jesus' Love and Teachings into the world. Seek justice for your brothers' and sisters through acts of *charity.*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 20 MARCH *St Joseph*

9:00 AM S.I. GERARD NEWALLO
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TUESDAY, 21 MARCH

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH

9:00 AM + FERNANDO & CIRIACA MANALO

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH *St Turibius of Mogrovejo*

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 24 MARCH

6:30 PM S.I. MARVA THOMAS

SATURDAY, 25 MARCH *The Annunciation of the Lord*

9:00 AM + JAMES WALSH
+ JOAN BASWELL

5:00 PM S.I. RENEE MOSES

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO DIVINE MERCY &
MOTHER MARY
+ GREGORY COUTINHO

SUNDAY, 26 MARCH

8:30 AM S.I. INTIA & GILROY HENRIQUES
+ VERNON FERNANDES
+ HERMINIGILDO & ISABEL ESTERON

10:15 AM + ANDROMEDA JARQUIO
+ ETWARIE ROOPNARINE
+ DOLLY SINGH

12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

7:00 PM + COROZON CANZON



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 6 - NO 9 AM Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm.

Adoration until 10:30pm

Good Friday - April 7 - NO 9 AM Mass

11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM Service.

Gospel will be sung at the 3pm service.

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Holy Saturday - April 8 - NO 9 AM or 5 PM Masses

Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM (no confession)

Easter Sunday (April 9)

Masses 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, and 12 Noon - No 7 PM Mass

INSTALLATION OF NEW ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

The installation of Bishop Francis Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday 25 March at 10am. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Parishioners are invited to attend a **Regional Mass of Welcome at St. Isaac Jogues Parish on Wednesday 26 April at 7pm**. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all youth of the parish! We hope you had a fantastic March Break filled with lots of rest and quality time with friends and family. **Our next EDGE night is on Friday March 24th and our next Life Teen night is on Saturday April 1st.**

We look forward to seeing everyone there!



On Monday 20 March we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph.

"St. Joseph was an ordinary sort of Man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event went to make up his life. That is why Scripture praises Joseph as 'a just man'. And in Hebrew a just man means a good and faithful servant of God. Someone who fulfills the divine will, or who is honorable and charitable toward his neighbour".

- St. Josemaria Escriva



LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

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.

REFLECTION

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

“Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice’s sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

As St. Paul wrote to Timothy, “...all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.” By suffering persecution, means by their words, writings, or their very life defending the truth, the faith, and Christian virtues, and suffer hatred, contempt, disgrace, injury, and injustice from the world. By doing this, we will receive the crown of the saints. If we endure all this with patience and perseverance, then we become like the saints, and thus like the saints receive a heavenly reward.

Gluttony allows to consume an inordinate amount of worldly goods (the opposite of being persecuted, which is to be deprived of even ordinate necessities).

We are deprived of goods each day. Many people know that they will be deprived of money due to taxes, food, and basic necessities. So, they want to consume an inordinate amount of goods just in case goods are taken away. **How does the pursuit of worldly goods, sometimes become more of a priority than faith and morals?** Someone could work so much to obtain goods and security, that they neglect their religion and neglect their family and friends. A married couple could not want children out of the fear that they will not be secure or have the worldly goods they desire. A Christian under attack for their faith may deny their faith and morals out of fear of losing their life or even losing popularity.

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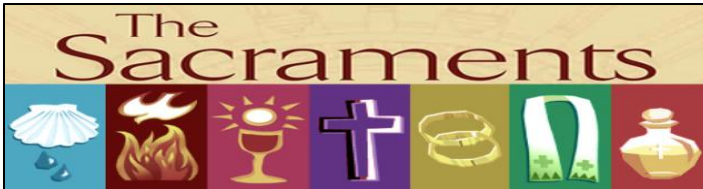


“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day”. Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We will begin to prepare the children for the sacrament of First Communion in April and 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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