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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday - As we continue our Lenten observance for the fourth week, the Sacred Liturgy invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's grace, mercy, and salvation. In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we learn the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy and salvation for His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. Today's Gospel has a theme, parallel to the first reading but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, has become the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us all by giving His only-begotten Son for our salvation. (Fr. Tony's Homilies)

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph, the beloved foster-father and guardian of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family, is celebrated the whole month of March. All are invited to attend a Solemn Mass for St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19th at 9:30 am (English) and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We are facing difficult times as we all know, let us follow what the Archbishop Francis Leo is calling us to do: the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be done for all Catholics in the Greater Toronto Area. The Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for us, she is our refuge in times of trouble. We invite you on on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (this year Monday, April 8th) to come to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm (English & Italian).

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2024

Thank you to all the parishioners who used the envelopes and the P.A.G. last year. For those who have not picked up their envelopes, please contact the parish office to arrange a date & time to pick up your envelopes.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$6,697.00. We give gratitude to all your support and donations to our parish. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G).

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The total amount of donations received by St. Vincent de Paul for the month of February amounts to \$1,521.97. We thank all our parishioners for their generous donations.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated during the weekdays at 9:30 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Bilingual)

Please join us every Friday at 7:00 pm throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our parish followed by spiritual meditation.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

All are welcome to attend our weekly confessions on Saturdays from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm.



HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD: March 28th

7:30 pm (English & Italian)

Followed by adoration until midnight
(No Morning Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: March 29th

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outdoor Weather Permitting)

1:00 pm (Italian) / 3:00 pm (English) / 5:00 pm (English)

No Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY: March 30th

10:30 am Rosary (In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows)

followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets



HOLY SATURDAY: March 30th

8:00 pm Solemn Mass Celebration of Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31st

7:45 am (English) / 9:00 am (Italian) / 10:30 am (English)

12 Noon (English) / 7:00 pm (English)

CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will re-open on Easter Monday, April 1st at 10:00 am



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Doris Pirotta, Vittoria Mazzuca

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Dana McGrath, Roman J. Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Phyllis C. Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Carla Chiulli, Graziella Marcocchia, Luis Inting Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Harriet Capalla

SHARELIFE

March 17 | April 28 | June 2

Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Our parish campaign goal is \$80,500.00. The first ShareLife Sunday is March 17th. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

Non perdiamo la memoria (Gaudete Dominica) - "La storia è maestra di vita", diceva Cicerone. Con questo, il grande oratore e filosofo voleva aiutarci a riflettere sul fatto che il ricordo e lo studio degli accadimenti storici può diventare fonte di ispirazione per chi vuole avere la consapevolezza dei momenti che di volta in volta ci troviamo a vivere.

Una delle malattie più diffuse del nostro secolo è quella che porta le persone (anziane, ma non solo) a perdere la memoria, a non ricordare più nulla a partire dalle cose più recenti fino a quelle remote, per giungere poi addirittura all'oblio - purtroppo - di se stessi e della propria identità. Ma Papa Francesco, qualche anno fa, parafrasando questa stessa malattia e applicandola alla vita di fede, parlò di "Alzheimer spirituale", che - diceva - "consiste nel dimenticare la storia del nostro rapporto personale con Dio, quel primo Amore che ci ha conquistati fino a farci suoi. Se diventiamo 'smemorati' del nostro incontro con il Signore, non siamo più sicuri di niente; allora ci assale la paura che blocca ogni nostro movimento". E questo può avvenire anche nel nostro rapporto comunitario con Dio, nella nostra vita di Chiesa, di popolo di Dio.

(don Alberto Brignoli)

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday March 10	Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Vittoria Mazzuca, † Attilio Napoli, † Federico Vumbaca
10:30 am	† Fiore Cimicata, † Concetta Fata, † Concetta Gaudio, † Souls in Purgatory, Special Blessings for Matthew, Natasha Cimicata & Family
12:00 pm	† Frank Johnston, † Vittoria Mazzuca
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
Monday March 11	Lenten Weekday
9:30 am	† Raphael Fernades, † Domenico & Francesco Bellissimo, † Fr. Amadeo Nardone, † Denise Etele
Tuesday March 12	Lenten Weekday
9:30 am	† Milenko Bebek, † Sandy McKay, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, and A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon
Wednesday March 13	Lenten Weekday
9:30 am	† Mila Barbieri, † Secundino Pedreira, † Jose & Adelina Pedreira, Special Intention of Teresa Silva
Thursday March 14	Lenten Weekday
9:30 am	† Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, † Gianluigi Lijoi and A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon, Albina & Amanda Lijoi
Friday March 15	Lenten Weekday
9:30 am	† Rosaria Sia
Saturday March 16	Lenten Weekday
9:30 am	† Rosaria Fantini, † Luigi & Filomena Rea, † Bruno Bellissimo, † Antonio Sousa, † Maria Resendes Sousa
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confession
5:30 pm	† Anne Pauline Farrell, † Leyda Giovana Girardi
Sunday March 17	Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Felice Labrozzi, † Vittoria Bellissimo, † Michele Sgro
10:30 am	† Reynaldo Morta, † John & Helen McErlain, Patricia Gieshe, † Gerry Alfonso, † John Gonsalves
12:00 pm	† John & Rosario Colosimo, † Ciriaco & Vito Grieco, † Patrick Concessio, † Theresa Gaol
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

FRAUDULENT E-MAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION - WARNING

In recent days, a Facebook account and email communication claiming to come from Archbishop Leo have been circulating through the Catholic community. Archbishop Leo does not have a Facebook account and any official e-mail correspondence should come from an archtoronto.org e-mail address. If you receive fraudulent correspondence, please delete the content from your inbox. Sadly, we have seen this type of fraudulent activity target priests and bishops on a regular basis. Please review the e-mail address on your correspondence and be mindful of these impersonation accounts



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