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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

|                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday to Thursday | 8:30am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 8:00pm |
| Friday             | 8:30am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 4:00pm |
| Saturday           | 11:00am to 4:30pm                     |

## *The Church is open during the following hours:*

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday to Friday | 7:00am to 9:00am, 11:00am to 1:00pm |
| First Friday     | 7:00am to 1:00pm                    |
| Saturday         | 8:00am to 10:00am, 3:30pm to 6:00pm |
| Sunday           | 7:00am to 1:30pm, 6:00pm to 8:00pm  |

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES

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| Saturday | Vigil 5:00pm                             |
| Sunday   | 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm, 7:00pm |

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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| Monday to Friday | 8:00am & 12:30pm |
| Saturday         | 9:00am           |
| Public Holiday   | 9:00am only      |

## FIRST FRIDAYS

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Mass followed by Exposition          | 8:00am  |
| Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament | 12:15pm |
| Mass                                 | 12:30pm |

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday                        | 9:30am & 4:00pm |
| (At other times by appointment) |                 |

## BAPTISMS

Parents themselves should pick up and return a completed Baptism Information Form to the parish office at least 4 months in advance of the anticipated baptismal date. An interview with a parish priest or deacon is required. Parents of children to be baptized should be registered members of our Parish Community. Attendance at a Baptism Preparation Meeting is mandatory.

## MARRIAGE

Couples themselves must contact the parish office at least *one full year in advance* of the anticipated marriage date. No date may be set before meeting with a priest. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. If either party has been previously married, permission to proceed must be obtained from the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese.

**CARE of the SICK** Visitation and/or Communion for the sick upon request.

**LEGION OF MARY - Prayer group** Saturday Mornings at 10:00am.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** Call 416-657-2989 for assistance.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

|                                 |              |
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| Our Lady of Wisdom School       | 416-393-5273 |
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| St. Isaac Jogues School         | 416-393-5315 |
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*“Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test.”*

**HOLY FATHER’S MESSAGE FOR LENT**

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life... at the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

**Part III: The Word is a Gift**

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the word: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that “we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls “father” (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God’s people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did.

Abraham tells him: “During your life you had you fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he us being comforted here while you are in agony” (v.25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life’s evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: “They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them” (v. 29). Countering the rich man’s objections, he adds: “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead” (v.31).

The rich man’s real problem, thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God’s word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to

God. When we close our heart to the gift of God’s word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present n our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016  
Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

**Why was Jesus led into temptation? Could he really be tempted at all?**

Jesus was truly human, and as part of that he was truly susceptible to temptation. In Jesus Christ we do not have the sort of redeemer “who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning”

**What does “Lead us not into temptation” mean?**

We ask God our Father not to leave us alone and in the power of temptation. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us know how to discern, on the one hand, between a trial that makes s grow in goodness and a temptation that leads to sin and death and, on the other hand, between being tempted and consenting to temptation. This petition unites us to Jesus who overcame temptation by his prayer. It requests the grace of vigilance and of final perseverance.



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

EVERY FRIDAY AT ANNUNCIATION PARISH AT 7:00PM  
BEGINNING MARCH 3RD



*Join us as we walk with Jesus from death to new life. Make this traditional Lenten prayer part of your personal Lenten program.*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“Living the Gospel” by supporting ShareLife agencies... As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to “Live the Gospel,” in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.



## Memorial Lamps & Special Intentions

*March 5th to March 11th*

*In loving memory of Anna Tsang,  
Parents Tsang Sum Fook and Ip Wai Fong,  
Brother Yiu Wing Tsang, Auntie Yu,  
and Wong Wong.*

*Requested by Yiu Lam Tsang.*

*In loving memory of Otto Sailer.  
Requested by The Rolko Family.*

*In loving memory of Michael Flaherty,  
March 4, 2012. We miss you so much —  
life has truly not been the same.*

*Forever in our hearts.*

*Love Mom, John, Lee, Will, Ryan,  
Jake, Jessi and Michael.*

*In loving memory of Harold Lin.  
We love you and you are always in our hearts.  
Requested by Henrietta Lin and Family.*

### COME AND SEE WEEKEND

MARCH 17TH TO 19TH, 2017 AT  
ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Turning Concern into Action — Around Our Community and Around the World. **We are seeking new members.** Parishioners who are looking for the opportunity to put their faith into action in service to their neighbours in need are welcome to join us. We meet once a month. Please call — 416 657 2989 for more information.

*“To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: It means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely.” - Pope Francis*

### What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of *Lent*.

### What forms does penance take in the Christian life?

Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These and many other forms of penance can be practiced in the daily life of a Christian, particularly during the time of Lent and on the penitential day of Friday.

### What are the essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

The essential elements are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness.



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