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MARCH 26

FINANCE UPDATE

Last Sunday's Collection:		Compared to:	
From envelopes:	5,409.90	Same Sunday last year:	5,750.01
From non-envelopes:	387.36		
From P.A.G.: (152 donators)	2,539.80	From P.A.G	2,521.00
	8,337.06		8,271.01

Share...Life!
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH
ESPECIALLY:**

Jack Pessotto, Marcus Gibbons, Toby Buskermolen, Fran Peake, Loretta Paul, Agnes Cruz and Ophelia Lyder

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

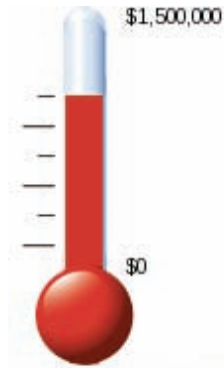
Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m. each Friday evening followed by Mass.**

**LENTENT RETREAT WITH SR. MARY ROSE
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ENCOUNTER**

The Young at Heart invites all seniors of the parish to enter into prayerful reflection with them on Tuesday, April 4th from 1 PM until 3 PM in the Parish Hall. Sr. Mary Rose will help us look into our hearts where God sees us as we truly are and where we can see God in our lives.

MANY GIFTS ... ONE JOURNEY



Raised so far: \$1,053,602

**CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$1,500,000.00
AMOUNT RAISED: \$1,053,602.00**

Thank you for your support of our *Many Gifts...One Journey* Capital Campaign.. Simply complete a pledge card and place it in the collection plate or bring it to the Parish Office.



Monday, March 27

8:30 a.m. + Helmut Schindler req. Johanna VanKempen

Tuesday, March 28

12:00 noon Mass

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 p.m + Lorraine Pang req. Simone & Bob

Thursday, March 30

8:30 a.m. + Delfin Zapanta

Friday, March 31

7:00 p.m Mass

Saturday, April 1

9:30 a.m. + Laura Deligio req. Bavaro Family

5:00 p.m. + Ho Kwan & Ho Chau Wan req. Victoria

Leung

Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m + Leung Pui Kwan req. Victoria Leung

10:45 a.m. Mass For All Parishioners

12:30 p. m + Peter Louie req. Victoria Leung

YEAR 2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2017 Offertory Envelopes will be available at the office for pick up. Call 905 884 7006 to inquire.

**YOUNG AT HEART –FITNESS
WEDNESDAYS AT 11 AM**

Seniors are invited every Wednesday at 11:00 am for fitness exercises led by **Susan Lao**, a professional certified by the Victoria Order of Nurses (VON)

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE
YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FRI. MAR. 31ST 7PM**

On Friday March 31, the Youth of our Parish will walk the Stations of the Cross in prayerful movement accompanied by the Youth Choir. Please come pray with our Youth as we meditate on the Passion of Christ through the Stations of the Cross. Mass will follow.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

March 27th – Groups 5-7

All young people preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of the Retreat. This retreat is to further to discern their call to mission as followers of Christ in our world. We ask the parish family to keep these young people in prayer as they continue their faith journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidates for Confirmation are reminded to **bring their Letter to the Bishop to Mass on the weekend of April 1 and 2.** We ask the parish family to keep these young people in prayer as they continue their faith journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

FIRST COMMUNION PRAY FOR ME CARDS

The children of our parish are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on the weekend of May 27/28. At the last Family Gathering, they prepared “Pray for Me” cards. On the weekend of April 1/2, the youth who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be invited to take one of these cards and keep that particular child in their hearts and prayers. We ask the entire parish family to join them in prayerful support for our young children.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

Our Bible Study course “The Lamb’s Supper” concluded on Tuesday March 21. We thank all our members for their participation in our very enlightening and inspiring study.

We will have a special thanksgiving Mass on **Tuesday March 28 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church. This will be followed by a pot-luck celebration in the parish hall. Our Bible Study facilitator group will meet briefly, to discuss what form of scripture study we will offer from now until the summer break. Please stay tuned for our next update. God bless you all!

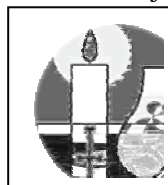
LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION

Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, and to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. In our parish, the priests will be hearing Confessions on **Wednesday, March 29th from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM and after the 7:00 PM Mass.** From March 26 to April 1st, 2017, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. For Confession times in neighbouring parishes, visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/confession/Pages/Confession-Times.aspx>



**RCIA WE CELEBRATE THE
SECOND SCRUTINY**

We continue to journey with our elect as they prepare for Baptism at Easter. This Sunday, we celebrate the Second Scrutiny at the 9am Mass. Once again, the community will be asked to pray that the elect be given a spirit of repentance and the true freedom of the children of God. May God lead them to the kingdom of light through the gift of faith in Jesus, and free them from the false values that surround and blind them. May God set them firmly in his truth, children of the light forever.



REFLECTION ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The healing of the blind man helps us reflect on what conversion to Jesus Christ is.

First, **CONVERSION BEGINS WITH GOD.** The blind man did not initiate his healing, Jesus did. John, the apostle wrote: “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to bear our suffering.

Second, **CONVERSION INVOLVES FAITH.** Jesus told the man born blind, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” and he did so, by faith, “and came back seeing.” To have spiritual sight, we must respond to God’s love in trust and faith.

Third, **CONVERSION BEGINS A LIFE OF GREAT CHANGE.** The word conversion means “to turn about, turn towards.” The man born blind, just as the Samaritan woman at the well, turn away from their darkness toward the light of Christ and become children of the light. They bring the good news to others.

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