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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Beloved Brothers and Sisters!

I hope you are having a good Lenten journey so far.

This Sunday we begin the Novena to St. Joseph as we prepare for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19. Masses will be at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm in Italian and 7:00 pm in English.

Next weekend is the first ShareLife Sunday collection. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important campaign. Your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of so many.

Have a great week.

Fr. Pawel

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 10 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++: Ephesians 2.4-10:: John 3.14-21
- 11 Isaiah 65.17-21: John 4.43-54
- 12 Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12: John 5.1-16
- 13: Isaiah 49.8-15: John 5.16-30
- 14 Exodus 32.7-14: John 5.18, 31-47++
- 15 Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22: John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
- 16 Jeremiah 11.18-20: John 7.40-53

LENTEN FRIDAYS

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am Adoration
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
- 5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (open to all with donations going to the poor)
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Mass

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. In Canada, Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. However, the law of abstinence binds those who are ages 14 and above. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat only one full meal, and two small snacks that together don't add up to a full meal.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Friday, March 22

- 8:30 am – 9:30 am (4 priests)
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (4 priests)
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (6 priests)

A STAR ON THE MANTLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Salt & Light TV has recorded an amazing story on our new Monstrance. To learn more about our Monstrance and to watch the video, visit our website www.smirh.com.



4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

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.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

March 17 First ShareLife Sunday collection.
Thank you for your generosity.

CWL LENTEN RECOLLECTION

The CWL invites all parishioners to the Lenten Recollection next **Saturday March 16 beginning with Mass at 8:30 am.** Our guest speaker, Allan Smith, will speak about the Holy Face devotion and about the writings of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Allan's reflections are titled: Lord Show Us Thy Face and We Shall be Saved – Behold Your Mother-The Cross and the Crib. Tickets \$5 at the door, includes bagels, spreads, fruit, coffee and tea. All are welcome.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on **Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm** starting with the Holy Rosary in the Church followed by the meeting in the Parish hall. We welcome all members and ladies interested in becoming a member.

MOTHER'S GROUP

will be meeting **Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 pm** in the Fr. Kolbe meeting room. All women of the Parish are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Spring Food Drive in support of the Richmond Hill Food Bank next weekend **March 16/17**. We will be collecting items in the foyer at all Masses. While all items are welcome, there is a particular need for canned tomatoes, cereal, canned pasta sauce, pasta, and small bags of rice. Your generosity and support are appreciated.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF CANADA

A 9 day Novena to Saint Joseph, beginning this **Sunday, March 10**, will be prayed together at the Masses. Copies of the St. Joseph Novena prayer is available at all the entrances to the Church. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is on **Tuesday, March 19**. Masses at **8:00 am, 12:10 pm Italian and 7:00 pm in English.**



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MARCH 10, 2024



**PLEASE RETURN CONTAINERS BY
MARCH 31, 2024**



FREE MOVIE NIGHT



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, **Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm**. Popcorn, snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring all your families and friends. Great movie!

GENTLY USED WHEELCHAIR

is being donated and available to someone in need. Good condition. For more information, please contact the parish office 905-884-1784 or stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org

COME & SEE — DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT — MARCH 15–17, 2024 AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. If interested, please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee or for more information, contact us at: vocations@archtoronto.org.

15TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)
Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins
Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare.
Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God.
Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer.
Special Guest Speaker: Tammie Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson).
Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group.
To register visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

AID TO WOMEN

This Lent, please consider giving to Aid to Women. For over 35 years, Aid to Women has operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We provide counseling, material items, emotional, spiritual, and financial support for mothers in need. We are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes, and clothes (newborn to 2 years)). Donations can be made online at www.aidtowomen.ca. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 416-921-6016 or at info@aidtowomen.ca.

FRAUDULENT E-MAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION - WARNING

In recent days, a Facebook account and e-mail 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.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Esmie Rae Biassini & Lorenzo Carter Harry
We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Olive Ramsbotham, +Anne-Marie Cusimano-Johnston & +Dorotea Morra

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, Lester Camat, Robert Harvey, Leonardo D'Urso, Viola Wicks

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

MAR 11 - 17: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

Spec. Int. For Angela Antonietta & Spec. Int. For Johnny Volpe

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 11 – MAR 17

Mon. Mar 11	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Janice Choi
Tues. Mar 12	8:00 am	+Louis Gerardi
Wed. Mar 13	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Giusti
Thurs. Mar 14	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Shane & Rachel Balthazaar
Fri. Mar 15	8:00 am	+Seong Ki Jang
	7:00 pm	+Iolanda Leone
Sat. Mar 16	8:30 am	+Benito, +Pina & +Attilio Chiaravallotti +Mateo Oh God's blessing for Isabella
	5:00 pm	+Anna Maria Mastrovita
Sun. Mar 17	8:00 am	+Raffaella Caldarola
	9:30 am	+Carlo Evangelista +Filomena Santopolo +Domenico & Danny Perciballi +Giuseppe & +Elvira Macchiusi +Giuseppe Marini +Dante Gibellini +Nick & +Joe D'Abruzzo
	11:00 am	+Joann McNamara +Federico Balingbing +Arlo Huevos Sr. +Francisca Santos +Tuula Larha +Olga Guerrero Naranjo
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Charly Lo Mascolo

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