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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

UPDATED

2017 Lent Schedule

Fridays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

8:00 am	Mass
1:00 pm	Stations of the Cross – Italian
1:30 pm	Adoration/Exposition
5:30 pm	Lenten soup in the hall
6:00 pm	Confessions
6:25 pm	Benediction
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross – English
7:00 pm	Mass

Lent Bible Study:

Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room

March 31st - Lenten Day of Confessions:

from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

April 1st – 5th – Parish Mission:

Conducted by Fr. Dennis Mason, OFM Conv.

Homilies at all weekend Masses of April 1 & 2

Masses and Homilies at 7:00pm April 3, 4 and 5

April 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9 – Legion of Mary -

Marian Consecration: 5 day retreat in preparation

for the 100th year Anniversary of Fatima

From 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Church hall

April 9th - Palm Sunday

April 12th - Holy Week Confessions:

at 7:00 pm - 6 priests available for confessions

April 13th - Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm - Bilingual

April 14th – Good Friday:

12:00 pm The Lord's Passion -English

2:30 pm Divine Mercy

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion - English

5:00 pm The Lord's Passion - Italian

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross – lead by the Youth

April 15th – Holy Saturday:

11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food (“Swienconka”)

7:30 pm Divine Mercy

8:00 pm Easter Vigil (RCIA/RCIC Baptisms &

Confirmations)

April 16th – Easter Sunday:

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Italian), 11:00 am, 12:30

pm, 4:30 pm

April 23rd – Divine Mercy Sunday:

At 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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2016 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up in the Church foyer. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LENT BIBLE STUDY: Every Monday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. Contact the office to sign up.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: We are looking for musicians in our parish who are interested in becoming part of our music ministry. Interested instrumentalists, organists, pianists, vocalists, etc. are asked to please email a resume to the parish office at office@smirh.com by **March 31st**.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a pizza night for all Altar Servers **Thursday March 30th** at 7:00 pm in the Church hall. Please contact the office if you are able to attend.

JOIN THE “CALL FOR CONSCIENCE” – FEBRUARY 6 – MARCH 31, 2017

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the “Call for Conscience” and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights. A standard letter is available at all the doors of the Church. Please add your name, email and postal code before mailing.

CHING MING CHINESE REMEMBRANCE MASS

2017 will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on **Saturday April 1st** at 2:00 pm. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services- Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and Mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral

LENTEN SOUP FRIDAYS from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. This initiative is to enable our parishioners to grab a quick bite before attending the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. This is a free will donation which will go to St. Vincent de Paul of our Parish to support those in need in our community.



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

Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto. For further details, please see the poster in the foyer.

YOUTH GROUP: will be gathering on **Sunday, April 9th** in the parish hall at 3pm. All youth are welcome to attend.

MOTHER'S GROUP: Next meeting will be **Thursday, April 20th** at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

SMI - CWL FR. PAWEL BOOK CLUB - Next "Book Review and Tea Time with Fr. Pawel" is on **Thursday, April 27** at 7:00 pm. The Book to be reviewed is: "Walking with Mary: A Biblical Journey from Nazareth to the Cross" by Dr. Edward Sri. Book now available for sale at the Rectory.

MARIAN EXHIBITION: "The Appeals of Our Lady" exhibit will be touring about 20 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Diocese of Hamilton. St. Mary Immaculate will exhibit from **March 29th to April 8th 2017** in the parish hall. The exhibit displays more than 150 Marian shrines around the world that tell stories of mass conversions, miraculous healings and Divine prophecy. The exhibit will encourage more Catholic parishioners to get to know the message of the Blessed Mother and how integral she is to the Catholic faith.

MARIAN CONSECRATION - In 1917 at Fatima, the Blessed Virgin Mary talked of wars, Russia spreading errors of atheism and the sufferings of the Holy Father. However, She assured us that Her Immaculate Heart will always triumph. Come know more our Mother! Be one of the souls who fly to Her protection. Join us for the Marian Consecration on **May 13, 2017**. Please see the 2017 Lent Schedule or contact lom.2017consecration@gmail.com. Deadline for registration is **March 27**.

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC with Fr. Victor Boiragi, **June 16 - 19, 2017** Visiting: Montreal - St. Joseph Oratory - Notre Dame Cathedral - Cap-de-la-Madeleine - Quebec City - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. Last chance to register. Contact the Parish Office.

MARCH FOR LIFE: On **May 11, 2017** please come and join fellow parishioners including Fr Francesco and Dcn Joseph who faithfully go to Ottawa each year to lend support to this national Rally that strives to bring awareness of abortion and to lend support to those who are trying to reconcile their past decision. Come and show your support for the unborn and let's turn the hearts of fellow Canadians towards the realization that "life really matters". A coach bus has been reserved. To register your seat and to receive further details please call the office (905) 884-1784.

THE OFFICE will be closed at 4:00 **pm Wednesday March 29th**.

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QUARTA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

26 marzo 2017

"Vivere il Vangelo" sul luogo e nel mondo...

Come possiamo "vivere il Vangelo" con la gente intorno a noi quando la nostra vita è così piena di impegni? Per alcuni significa fare volontariato presso una mensa dei poveri, oppure prendersi cura di un parente anziano. Ma, se non abbiamo tempo per un coinvolgerci attivamente, possiamo partecipare

sostenendo le tante agenzie finanziate da ShareLife che nella nostra comunità aprono le mani di Cristo ai bisognosi. La nostra raccolta annuale dona sussidi a 42 agenzie che offrono programmi e servizi di grande necessità a tante persone sia localmente che nel mondo. Domenica prossima ci sarà la prima raccolta fondi ShareLife. Nei prossimi giorni, pensa a come puoi "vivere il Vangelo" ed assistere i deboli e i bisognosi, facendo un'offerta a ShareLife.

Domenica prossima, 2 aprile 2017 è una domenica di ShareLife.

Per favore, dona generosamente.

26 marzo 2017 - 4a di Quaresima

Che significa i non vedenti vedano? Significa che coloro che confessano di non vedere e cercano il medico, vedranno. E i veggenti diventino ciechi, che vuol dire? Vuol dire che coloro che credono di vedere, e non cercano il medico, restano nella loro cecità (Agostino, *Comm. Vang. Giovanni*, 44,17). C'è un elemento che, come un filo d'oro, raccoglie in unità tutto il racconto del miracolo. Si tratta della successione dei titoli applicati al Cristo. Attraverso questi lineamenti si ricomponne il vero ritratto di Gesù. Siamo, allora, davanti alla storia della scoperta del volto di Cristo, alla vicenda di una conversione. Il primo grado di questo itinerario di fede è il riconoscimento del Cristo come *uomo* (quell'uomo che si chiama Gesù); a Siloe egli si presenta come *Inviato*, il supremo messaggero di Dio, come colui che viene da Dio. Il cieco ormai vedente lo scopre anche come *Profeta* ma il vertice è nella scena finale, quando quel povero è prostrato nell'adorazione di Gesù come *Figlio dell'uomo*, il titolo messianico caro a Gesù, e come *Kyrios*, Signore, cioè Dio. Itinerario del cieco è, quindi, anche il nostro necessario viaggio spirituale condotto nella crescita continua della conoscenza di Dio, come scriveva Paolo (G. Ravasi, *Breviario familiare*, p. 106).

Ecco è venuta la quaresima, e se questo si diceva ai catecumeni, ai penitenti che stavano preparandosi al battesimo, la chiesa oggi lo dice a tutti noi battezzati: se foste ciechi non avreste colpa, ma voi non potete dire di essere ciechi, siete stati illuminati, e allora è vostro compito camminare nella luce e guidare gli altri, perché camminino nella luce. La Pasqua deve trovarci convertiti: siamo a metà del cammino: al principio abbiamo sentito la parola della chiesa: *convertitevi e credete all'evangelo* (G. Lercaro, *Om. domestiche*, p. 135).

AVVISI.

1. Via Crucis in italiano ogni venerdì di Quaresima all'1.00 p.m.
2. Le ricevute fiscali per le offerte dell'anno scorso si possono prelevare all'entrata della chiesa.
3. 1-5 aprile: missione quaresimale predicata da P. Dennis Mason, OFM Conv. che predicherà a tutte le messe del 1 e 2 aprile ed alle messe vespertine (7pm) dal 3 al 5 aprile.
4. Settimana santa: 12 aprile, confessioni alle 7pm con sei sacerdoti a disposizione; Giovedì santo, 13 aprile, Commemorazione bilingue della Cena del Signore alle 7pm; Venerdì santo, 14 aprile,

Commemorazione della Passione del Signore in italiano alle 5pm.

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MASS INTENTIONS	Mar 25 - April 1
Sat. Mar 25 - 5:00 p.m.	+Domenico & Pasqualina D'Agostini
Sun. Mar 26 - 8:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Immaculate
9:30 a.m.	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Francesco & Marianna Varano +Francesco Naccarato +Benedetto & Matilde Curtis +Vincenzo DeSantis +Giuseppe DeAngelis & Colovecchia Family
11:00 a.m.	+Janina & Jozef Migacz
12:30 p.m.	+Teofilo M. Lindayen
4:30 p.m.	+Rosa Bastone +Giuseppe Filosa
Mon. Mar 27 - 8:00 a.m.	Spec. Int. Darryl Mendonca
Tue. Mar 28 - 8:00 a.m.	+Janet Margie
Wed. Mar 29 - 8:00 a.m.	+Maria Hoa Nguyen Tran
Thur. Mar 30 - 8:00a.m.	+Lily Chan
Fri. Mar 31 - 8:00 a.m.	+Armando & Francesco De Lapa
7:00 p.m.	+Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Sebastiana Blandizzi
Sat. Apr 1 - 8:30 a.m.	+ Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Antonio Lotto +Domenico Facchini

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