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How do we “Live the Gospel” towards others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it’s 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.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to help “Live the Gospel” through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife Parish Campaign.

Next Sunday March 18, is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously. Thank you!

FAMILY COFFEE HOUR

Next **Sunday, March 18**, following the 9:00AM Mass, there will be a special coffee hour for families with young children.

It will be an opportunity for parents and children to join together for prayer, community, and refreshments. We hope you can join us!

LAST CALL: SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected in Ontario by the end of March 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times/year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

Visit stbasiltoronto.org to sign up today!

REJOICE!

by Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB

The liturgies of this weekend might seem a little different from the other Sundays of Lent. Visually, what might have struck you most is the fact that the presider is wearing rose-coloured vestments, which are used only on “Gaudete Sunday” (Third Sunday of Advent) and “Laetare Sunday” (Fourth Sunday of Lent). On these occasions, the Church invites us to rejoice, as reflected in the very cheerful colour of rose and the use of instrumental music, for example, the prelude and postlude, which have been absent since the start of Lent. Today, which is about halfway through Lent, we are to lighten the mood a bit and be encouraged as we continue our journey through this season of penance. Easter will be here soon!

As we are invited to rejoice, in what do we rejoice? Perhaps, we might reflect on the fact that we are incredibly loved by God. As Jesus tells Nicodemus, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life*” (**John 3.16**). Jesus wants so much to spend eternity with us that he offered his very life. How about we take some extra time this week to spend with him?

SUNDAY’S READINGS:

2 CHRONICLES 36.14-17A, 19-23
PSALM 137
EPHESIANS 2.4-10
JOHN 3.14-21

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As part of the Lenten Day of Confessions, there will be extra opportunities for confession from *11:00am–12:00pm on Thursday, March 15*. There will also be a **Penance Service at 6:30PM on March 15, at 6:30PM**, followed by additional time for individual reconciliation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on **Fridays during Lent** for the Stations of the Cross. Each week we will join in prayer beginning with Vespers at 5:10PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. Each week during Lent, we will use a different variation of the Stations of the Cross.

OLIVE WOOD DISPLAY

Next weekend, **March 17 and 18**, representatives from Biblical Journeys Canada will be on site selling olive wood rosaries, crosses and nativity scenes. These items are hand made by the Catholics of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Items will be available for purchase following the Saturday 5:00pm Mass, as well as 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:00pm Mass on Sunday.

STUDY & PRAY IN ISRAEL

You are invited to register for a study abroad, retreat program that will prayerfully read the Book of Leviticus while exploring Israel in the footsteps of Jesus this summer. Hosted by Bat Kol and the Centre for Christian-Jewish Studies at the Ratisbonne Institute in Jerusalem, you would partake in a twenty-one day program examining the third book of the Torah in the sacred land of Israel from July 4-25, 2018. The Book of Leviticus offers insight into holiness- how Israel was to live as a holy nation. This unique study program takes place in the heart of the old city of Jerusalem consisting of classes, evening lectures from renowned Rabbis and Christian theologians, excursions to archeological sites and immersion into Jewish culture and religiosity.

Though this program can be taken for academic credit (accredited through The University of St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology and the Gregorian University in Rome), you are most welcome to audit the course- for a spiritually enriching, memorable experience of the Holy Land!

Looking for more information regarding early bird pricing and registration? Please join the Bat Kol info night on FRIDAY, MARCH 16 at 4:00pm hosted in the Faculty of Theology's Student Lounge (3rd Floor, Alumni Hall on the USMC campus). If you cannot attend, please visit <https://batkol.info/>.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, March 4, 2018 \$ 6,336.55



MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 11TH — 17TH

SUNDAY 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Donald James McStravick (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Maria do Rosario (+)
4:30pm Joan Golding (+)

MONDAY

7:30am Liz Clayton (liv.)
12:10pm John, Joseph, Mary, Tomo, and Teresa Vidovic (+,+,+,+,+)

TUESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm

WEDNESDAY

7:30am
12:10pm Luis L. Alfonso (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Frank Gallippi (+)
12:10pm Teresa Fung and Family (liv.), George William O'Brien (+)

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm John Duane (+)

SATURDAY ST. PATRICK

5:00pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Helen Agard, Sally Roche, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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