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Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 27 Special Intention	8:00 am
Tuesday, February 28 Maria Lopez (Deceased) <i>Requested by the Lopez family</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday, February 29 Enio Rotolo (Deceased) <i>Requested by Maria Rotolo</i>	8:00 am
Thursday, March 1 Alphonse Lambe (Deceased) <i>Requested by Legion of Mary</i>	8:00 am
Friday, March 2 Maria Teresa Ortiz (Deceased) <i>Requested by Nada Milakovic</i>	8:00 am
Bob Yule (Deceased) <i>Requested by Patricia & family</i>	7:30 pm
Saturday, March 3 Ian Badenhorst (Deceased) <i>Requested by the Dean family</i>	9:00 am



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting: Monday, March 12th, 7:30 pm (note changed schedule).

General Meeting: Monday, March 19th, 7:30 pm



St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance Saturday, March 17, 2012

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance on **Saturday, March 17th** in the parish hall, commencing at 6:30 pm. All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend. The menu will include prime rib roast from Bruno's. There will be a raffle, door prizes, silent auction, and DJ will provide the music. The price of tickets this year will be \$50 per person, and will be sold after the Sunday Masses, commencing February 25th. Tickets may also be obtained by contacting Rocco De Miglio at 416-225-7673 or Ron Forbes at 416-441-1406. All proceeds from this event will be for the Knights' Charities.



MEN'S CLUB

North York Retired Men's Club

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 28th at 2:00 pm** in the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Don Daly on the topic of "The Canadian Dollar." All retired men and spouses are cordially invited to attend.



SEASON OF LENT

Daily Mass:
8:00 am (Saturday 9:00 am)

Friday Evenings February 25 – March 30

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Mass

Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 28 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 29 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 31 9:30 am – 11:30 am



Catholic Women's League

World Day of Prayer – Friday, March 2nd, 2:00 pm at Church of the Incarnation, 15 Chartrelle Rd. (Bayview and Sheppard).

Day of Recollection – Tuesday, March 20th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Come and participate in a day of prayer and reflection with Rev. Fr. Pierre Farrugia, OFM, on the theme of "The Gospel of John in our Lenten Journey".

Tickets are \$18 which includes a catered lunch; they will be sold after the Masses on the weekends of March 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18. All women of the parish are cordially invited and are encouraged to bring a friend. For further information call Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590 or Camila Nowakowski at 905-763-7670.



TOGETHER WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WONDERS ... "Pope Benedict XVI has described charity as "the true force that changes the world." That statement is

certainly true when we talk about ShareLife, the primary charitable appeal of our Archdiocese. In our region, we have the chance to exercise Catholic charity in a true meaningful way. Through our active involvement in ShareLife, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable, marginalized and needy people in our midst. We also help our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. **Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual fundraising appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season.**

1st ShareLife Sunday – March 25, 2012



40 Days for Life Campaign in the Greater Toronto Area continues until **April 1st, 2012**. It consists of prayer, fasting, and

a peaceful vigil at an abortion facility and community outreach. This pro-life campaign has generated measurable lifesaving results and lead to a significant drop in abortions on almost all locations, and in some places to the closing of all abortion clinics. The Toronto 40 Day Vigil will be held daily from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, 960 Lawrence Ave. W., near Dufferin. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com/toronto All are welcome.

Blessed Trinity Chinese Outreach (Chinese RCIA)

Part I (Precatechumenate): A 20-week introduction to the Catholic faith and the Bible. This is suitable for non-Catholics who would like to know more about our faith. A new class will start as soon as there is a sufficient number of enquirers.

Part II (Catechumenate): An in-depth exploration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible. This year-round lectionary-based program is suitable for non-Catholics preparing for Baptism, as well as Catholics who would like to deepen their understanding of our faith. Parishioners are welcome to drop-in any Sunday. No classes on long weekends.

Both programs will be conducted in Cantonese and in Mandarin on Sundays at 12 noon. A program, conducted in English, for children of participants of the Chinese Outreach Program runs at the same time. In order to continue to reach out to the Chinese community in North York, we need more Mandarin and Cantonese speaking catechists and sponsors. For more information on the program or to volunteer, please contact Marie Kwok at 416-494-2987 or email btchinesercia@gmail.com.

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2012

“We Must Not Remain Silent Before Evil”

“Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works”

Part II

“..... Here I would like to reflect on verse 24, which offers a succinct, valuable and ever timely teaching on the three aspects of Christian life: concern for others, reciprocity and personal holiness.

1. “Let us be concerned for each other”: responsibility towards our brothers and sisters.

This first aspect is an invitation to be “concerned”: the Greek verb used here is *katanoen*, which means to scrutinize, to be attentive, to observe carefully and take stock of something. We come across this word in the Gospel when Jesus invites the disciples to “think of” the ravens that, without striving, are at the centre of the solicitous and caring Divine Providence (cf. *Lk 12:24*), and to “observe” the plank in our own eye before looking at the splinter in that of our brother (cf. *Lk 6:41*). In another verse of the *Letter to the Hebrews*, we find the encouragement to “turn your minds to Jesus” (3:1), the Apostle and High Priest of our faith. So the verb which introduces our exhortation tells us to look at others, first of all at Jesus, to be concerned for one another, and not to remain isolated and indifferent to the fate of our brothers and sisters.

All too often, however, our attitude is just the opposite: an indifference and disinterest born of selfishness and masked as a respect for “privacy”. Today too, the Lord’s voice summons all of us to be concerned for one another. Even today God asks us to be “guardians” of our brothers and sisters (*Gen 4:9*), to establish relationships based on mutual consideration and attentiveness to the *well-being*, the *integral well-being* of others. The great commandment of love for one another demands that we acknowledge our responsibility

towards those who, like ourselves, are creatures and children of God. Being brothers and sisters in humanity and, in many cases, also in the faith, should help us to recognize in others a true *alter ego*, infinitely loved by the Lord. If we cultivate this way of seeing others as our brothers and sisters, solidarity, justice, mercy and compassion will naturally well up in our hearts. The servant of God Pope Paul VI stated that the world today is suffering above all from a lack of brotherhood: “Human society is sorely ill. The cause is not so much the depletion of natural resources, nor their monopolistic control by a privileged few; it is rather the weakening of brotherly ties between individuals and nations” (*Populorum Progressio*, 66).

Concern for others entails desiring what is good for them from every point of view: physical, moral and spiritual. Contemporary culture seems to have lost the sense of good and evil, yet there is a real need to reaffirm that good does exist and will prevail, because God is “generous and acts generously” (Ps 119:68). The good is whatever gives, protects and promotes life, brotherhood and communion. Responsibility towards others thus means desiring and working for the good of others, in the hope that they too will become receptive to goodness and its demands. Concern for others means being aware of their needs. Sacred Scripture warns us of the danger that our hearts can become hardened by a sort of “spiritual anesthesia” which numbs us to the suffering of others. The Evangelist Luke relates two of Jesus’ parables by way of example. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite “pass by”, indifferent to the presence of the man stripped and beaten by the robbers (cf. *Lk 10:30-32*). In that of Dives and Lazarus, the rich man is heedless of the poverty of Lazarus, who is starving to death at his very door (cf. *Lk 16:19*). Both parables show examples of the opposite of “being concerned”, of looking upon others with love and compassion. What hinders this humane and loving gaze towards our brothers and sisters? Often it is the possession of material riches and a sense of sufficiency, but it can also be the tendency to put our own interests and problems above all else. We should never be incapable of “showing mercy” towards those who suffer. Our hearts should never be so wrapped up in our affairs and problems that they fail to hear the cry of the poor. Humbleness of heart and the personal experience of suffering can awaken within us a sense of compassion and empathy. “The upright understands the cause of the weak, the wicked has not the wit to understand it” (Prov 29.7). We can then understand the beatitude of “those who mourn” (Mt 5:5), those who in effect are capable of looking beyond themselves and feeling compassion for the suffering of others. Reaching out to others and opening our hearts to their needs can become an opportunity for salvation and blessedness.....”

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