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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

## BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

by appointment.

## NOVENA - ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year

in advance of desired date.

## VOCATIONS

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Elementary Schools

Blessed Trinity School ..... 416-393-5289

St. Agnes School ..... 416-393-5345

### Secondary Schools

St. Joseph's Morrow Park ..... 416-393-5516

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



**Monday, March 14** 8:00 am  
Special Intention

**Tuesday, March 15** 8:00 am  
Reay Bevis (Deceased)  
*Requested by Anna & Ray De Pape*

**Wednesday, March 16** 8:00 am  
Shau Fen Lai (Deceased)  
*Requested by the family*

**Thursday, March 17** 8:00 am  
Allan Walsh (Deceased)  
*Requested by Patricia De Chiara*

**Friday, March 18** 8:00 am  
Josephine Tsiang (Deceased)  
*Requested by her sister Madeleine*

*Cindy Gobin Tam (Deceased)* 7:30 pm  
*Requested by Theresa Marchie & family*

**Saturday, March 19** 9:00 am  
**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH,**  
**Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
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Special Intention



### SEASON OF LENT

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

### Friday evenings March 11 – April 15

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

### Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 13 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Thursday, April 14 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Saturday, April 16 9:30 am – 11:30 am



### Catholic Women's League

**Day of Recollection** – Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Blessed Trinity.  
Tickets are \$18.00 and include a catered lunch. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend. All women of the parish are cordially invited and encouraged to bring a friend. For further information please call Ileen Kennedy at 416-221-2786 or Camila Nowakowski at 905-763-7670.

### Annual Cancer Society Daffodil Day

**Friday, April 1 and Saturday April 2**

Volunteers are needed. If you can spare **ONE HOUR**, it would be much appreciated. Student volunteers can be credited with 'volunteer community hours'. Please call Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590.



### Knights of Columbus

**General Meeting:** Mon, March 21, 7:30 pm

**Executive Meeting:** Mon, April 4, 7:30 pm

**St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance:** Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Tickets will be \$45 per person and will be sold after the Masses.



### Theresians Annual Bake Sale

The Theresians will hold their Annual Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend of **March 12/13**. On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> there will also be a Café where you can relax and enjoy a beverage and baked goods. All proceeds will go to the various outreach projects that the Theresians support during the year.

### YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

The next Young Adults meeting will be on **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph's Room. Each meeting will include a short talk followed by Eucharistic Adoration. There will be **no regular Young Adults meeting on March 13th**. All young adults ages 18 to 40 are welcome.

**Jesuit Dinner** – The Fifth Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 13, 2011** at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. This year, besides recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians - Br. Gerald Horan, Fr. Frank Obrigewitsch, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and Fr. Joseph Schner, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Social Outreach Programs is being honoured with the "Magis Award" for their outstanding work and dedication. Tickets are available by calling 416-481-9154 or 3-mailing [jdo@jesuits.ca](mailto:jdo@jesuits.ca).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

– Married couples: You deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter weekend. **The next session is March 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### The Cardinal Ambrozic Lecture in Bioethics

**March 24, 2011** – 7:00 pm, University of St. Michael's College, Carr Hall, 100 St. Joseph Street, Toronto. Bishop William McGrattan will speak on the topic of **Catholic Spirituality and Health Care**. All are welcome. For more information please call 416-926-2335.

### Vocations

– Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 or [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)



## LENTEN THEME FOR 2011

This year our Lenten focus will be on the Holy Eucharist. There are many aspects to be reflected on. In our various devotions and homilies, Father

Eric and I shall be referring frequently on this great mystery of our faith, The homilies during Lent, while respecting the readings of the day, will turn to a reflection and deeper understanding of the Blessed Sacrament. We encourage everyone to spend extra time before the tabernacle. Coming to Mass early to pray, remaining after Mass in thanksgiving, coming to the Church whenever possible – all are recommended during this special time of grace.



## NOVENA ASKING INTERCESSION OF ST. JOSEPH

***Beginning Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
until Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the  
Solemnity of St. Joseph, we shall  
have novena prayers at the end of***

Mass. We shall also be speaking about the various saints and Blesseds of Quebec, along with the Oratory in Montreal which is honouring St. Joseph in bringing the holiness of these saints for our consideration. All should make a special effort to participate in Masses on the feast day of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### ● **SELF-CORRECTION** ●

“There is no shortage of critics who publicly point out how other people fail in their moral and religious duties. Many people are quick to reveal and judge the faults of others. This is particularly true of those who do not regard themselves as churchgoing Christians but consider themselves experts on how Christians are to behave, and see it as their duty as well as their pleasure to point out how individual Christians have fallen short of the standard. Even sectarian Christians distribute literature that attacks members of other churches for their shortcomings.

While a certain amount of criticism is understandable or justified – particularly of people who would never mend their ways unless they are made public – prominent fathers of the early undivided church stressed self-correction, i.e. examining one’s own life for sins and failings, and then taking measures to correct them. This means more than just examining one’s conscience or accusing oneself in the confessional; it includes knowing oneself and one’s weaknesses and searching for ways to avoid sinning again. Self-correction and true repentance, Origen Adamatius taught his students, confers a benefit

on one’s soul. A Christian does justice to his/her spiritual life, not by gazing outward or busying oneself with the sins and activities of other people, but by turning inward and rendering true and frank evaluations of one’s own life and behavior. The Christian must endeavour to know her/himself, and be so at home with oneself that they know their moral strengths and weaknesses and near occasions of sin. Origen taught that this was a practical application of the principle “know yourself”, which he considered to be the highest practical achievement of Greek philosophers, who were still widely quoted and followed in his day, before Christianity became the majority religion. To succeed in the Christian life, Origen taught, one must hold up a mirror to oneself and see one’s failings and weaknesses in it, and hopefully see a reflection of God as well. Origen was an important preacher and professor at prominent Christian educational institutions in the first half of the second century A.D. The first was at Alexandria in Egypt. Later he founded one of his own in Palestine, where he imparted higher spiritual knowledge to advanced students, such as that summarized in the last paragraph.

For the benefit of Christians besides his students, Origen wrote the first known text of Systematic Christian theology. In it he said that in order to receive more blessings from God a Christian must first come to a knowledge of her/himself and learn what are his/her character flaws and defects. To do this completely, a Christian may even need to find someone in the church who is especially qualified in the oversight and reconciliation of the soul with God, such as a spiritual director who can make up both for the Christian’s deficiencies and for the Christian’s failure to spot his/her own shortcomings.

Origen compared self-correction, or taking care of the health of one’s soul, to taking care of the health of the body. If a Christian is not aware of a sickness or weakness, s/he does not know s/he is sick and will not seek a physician. Put another way, if a Christian is not first aware of his/her sinfulness and spiritual defects and does not admit them to him/herself, the Christian will not repent and thus will not be forgiven. The Christian may even incorrectly believe s/he is always free from sin and in no need of any correction or repentance. This leads to spiritual pride and failure to acknowledge that only God is the source of righteousness and blessings. The Christian will thus not repent, and thereby fall into spiritual ruin. Without the discipline of self-correction such a person loses the humility and simplicity God requires. Origen encouraged constant self-correction and mending one’s ways by unceasing vigilance over one’s soul and behavior. He openly stated that this involves struggles, and contests with the Devil, acquiring spiritually healthy habits, dogged perseverance in Christian life and virtues and correcting sins as soon as they are detected. This was all to be centred on one’s own soul, without attention to the failings of other people. Nor did Origen grant any room for comparing oneself to other Christians in order to rationalize that s/he was not as sinful as they.”

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