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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

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

by appointment.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



Monday, March 21 8:00 am
Special Intention

Tuesday, March 22 8:00 am
Anthony Koh (Deceased)
Requested by Theresa Lo

Wednesday, March 23 8:00 am
Harold Lapointe (Deceased)
Requested by Beverly Hann

Thursday, March 24 8:00 am
Anna Maria van den Hogen (Deceased)
Requested by daughter Marga

Friday, March 25 8:00 am
**SOLEMNITY OF ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD**
Special Intention – The unborn Child

Patricia Dowse (Deceased) 7:30 pm
Requested by Bernadette Vuong

Saturday, March 26 9:00 am
George & Clara Superville (Deceased)
Requested by the Superville family



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

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

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YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS The next Young Adults meeting will be on **Sunday, March 27th** from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph's Room. Each meeting will include a short talk followed by Eucharistic Adoration. All young adults ages 18 to 40 are welcome.



North York Retired Men's Club

MEN'S CLUB The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 22nd at 2:00 pm** in the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Peter Fotopoulos (CIBC) on the topic of "**Investment Strategies in a recovering Economy.**" All retired men and spouses are cordially invited to attend.



Our frozen pans of **Chili** for the **Good Shepherd Refuge** are due in the parish hall by **next Sunday**. The deadline is always the last Sunday of the month, after the last Mass (7:00 pm). We thank all our loyal chili cooks, and invite anyone who is willing to help us feed the hungry to pick up a pan and recipe from the parish office.

Pilgrimage of the Holy Land - Join the first Toronto based Jewish-Christian-Muslim pilgrimage of the Holy Land – **September 4-10, 2011** - lead by: Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, Father Damian MacPherson, SA and Imam Hai Patel. Visit places of Christian pilgrimage such as Mt. of the Beatitudes and the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth; Jewish sites such as the Western Wall (Kotel) and Yad Vashem; Muslim sites such as Al Aqsa Mosque & Nebi Musa. Also, visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and the Etzion area for face-to-face meetings with Muslims, Christians and Jews who hold these places to be sacred. For more information visit www.archtoronto.org and download the flyer under the latest information or call Fr. Damian MacPherson, SA at 416-934-3400 ext. 344.

Jesuit Dinner – The Fifth Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 13, 2011** at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. Tickets are available by calling 416-481-9154 or e-mailing jdo@jesuits.ca.

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 - Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountain top experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca
Website: www.vocationstoronto.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.

• SELF-CORRECTION •

“To succeed in the Christian life, one must hold up a mirror to oneself and see one’s failings and weaknesses in it”

“Constant practice of the virtues was one of Origen’s Adamantius (an important preacher and professor at prominent Christian educational institutions in the first half of the second century A.D.) remedies to prevent falling into poor spiritual health. In the same way that a surveyor or physician does not lose their professional skill and knowledge if they keep up their study practice of it, so the Christian who daily practices the Faith and maintains good spiritual habits through vigilance and self-correction will continue to act and think according to God’s will. Just as professional skills do not desert an inactive surveyor or physician overnight but are lost gradually over a long period of neglect, so also virtue in a Christian diminishes little by little unless the Christian returns to an honest appraisal of him/herself, corrects her/himself, repents and lives a better life.

In the same way that professional or spiritual abilities after a period of neglect are not regained immediately, but only bit by bit through time, a Christian does not become a virtuous person again merely by trying for a few days. Eliminating deeds and weakness of the flesh and bad habits is a gradual process. Bad spiritual habits grow increasingly weaker in those who are first starting out, but are reduced more rapidly as the repentant Christian fervently corrects her/himself and acquires better habits and is filled more completely with the Holy Spirit. Origen’s highest recommendation, however, was to avoid being neglectful when in a state of grace but to occasionally take stock of oneself and exert efforts to retain it, just as a conscientious physician or surveyor should be constantly studying their profession and keeping up their abilities.

In the A.D. 190s Origen’s own teacher also considered spiritual self-improvement to involve a gradual process. Although a person is steeped in sins, wrote Clement of Alexandria, it is possible to correct one’s mistakes by increasing love and true repentance. Although it is possible for a repentant sinner who has led a dissolute life to overcome a long history of sin, the process requires great care. In the same way that a body that has been affected with a protracted disease needs special attention and special diet, so a Christian soul cannot eliminate sinful tendencies all at once but requires constant care, the help of God and the church, prayer, and sincere repentance. For this purpose Clement advised submitting oneself to a spiritual director. Such a director might at times seem harsh or angry but this all contributes to sincere repentance. Under such an arrangement the Christian in effect freely opens him/herself to criticisms and suggestions by the director. This is completely voluntary on the part of the person criticized, an extension of self-correction. It is a world away from self-appointed busybodies looking high and low for conduct to criticize in others. Unlike them, spiritual directors have knowledge of the subject, know what they talk about, and have the best interest of the soul at heart.

Instead of waiting to be criticized and being the involuntary subject of unbidden negative comments about one’s behavior and character, the Christian should first criticize her/himself and mend one’s ways, before one’s moral failings become a source of public comment. If we cannot discover our own failings, Christians should resort to a spiritual director.

Lastly, we must remember Christ’s own words in Matthew 7.3-5 and Luke 6.41-42 that a Christian should concentrate on eliminating his/her own faults and trespasses before looking to find fault in others.”

David W.T. Brattston

Blessed Trinity Prayer Vigil Day for Life



Sunday April 3rd has been reserved as our parish day at the 40 Days for Life Vigil at Lawrence and Dufferin. This is not an anti-abortion protest but a day of silent prayer and witness for life. We are asking parishioners to sign up for a one hour time slot from 8 AM until 8 PM on that day.

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