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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 6 March 2016 *RCIA - Second Scrutiny* 

First Reading + 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13 Second Reading + Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel + John 9:1-41

#### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, March 7 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, March 8** 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR \*\*6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP - M Small Wednesday, March 9 8:00am+Gerald MEGRAW, RIP - C Morrison Thursday, March 10 8:00am+Leonarda/Stanislaw MASTELARZ, RIP - M Bogucki 6:30pm+TENEBRAE – Students form St. Paul's School Friday, March 11 12:10pm+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – M Lynch 7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS Saturday, March 12 (Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Larry ZBITNEW, RIP – Pauline Zbitnew 5:00pm+Maria GERMSEK, RIP – M Jankovich Sunday, March 13

<u>1<sup>st</sup> SHARELIFE SUNDAY Collection</u> 9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – L/M Joyce

#### Saint of the Week

God never takes back His love, though we are sinners. We may betray Him, but He never abandons us. -Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895 - 1979), Potential Feast Day March 6

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

#### A commonplace book.

I grew up with lending libraries and I have always been careful to return any book in the same condition that I borrowed it. It would never occur to me to turn down the corner of a page or to underline a sentence or to make a note in the margin, and I have a poor opinion of people who do such things. I confess that I have marked some important passages in my copies of the encyclicals of Pope John Paul II, but not without some lingering feelings of guilt.

Still, if a book is worth reading then it is going to have some passages that stand out and that deserve to be noted. Rather than defacing the book with a highlighter, what I do is copy those passages into a special notebook. This manner of making notes from one's reading used to be a common practice, like the keeping of scrapbooks. Such a notebook was called a "commonplace book."

One of the ways that I judge the value of a book is how many times I have to interrupt my reading to copy out a passage into my notebook. This system occasionally fails, as when I am reading Cardinal Newman — my notebook will have a page or two of notes and then "... the rest is also very good." Some other authors, although they have good things to say, have less flair for the quotable phrase.

My commonplace-book is actually five 200-page spiral notebooks. These are not simply a compendium of random quotations but rather a record of the evolution of my understanding of the world. Each entry is like a stepping stone along the path of my intellectual and spiritual development. These notebooks are a personal resource that I can pick up any time and read over again to refresh my memory. It is surprising how often something that I copied several years ago now reveals new insights.

I have spent a good part of my life in formal education, including graduate studies in Engineering, then five years of theology in the Seminary. But that was only a small part of my total education. My commonplace notebooks document the other part — progress in wisdom.

The Scriptures speak much about Wisdom:

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates.

The pursuit of wisdom is never-ending. Year by year we strive to understand more fully the truth of our human existence, learning more and more as we go along. Wisdom indeed is a gift of God. It is a gift for which we should earnestly pray, all the while profiting from the instruction of those to whom God has given this gift in greater measure.

We keep in mind also what St. Augustine said: "*Non intratur in veritatem nisi per caritatem* — We cannot enter into the truth except through love."

## Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's Church

#### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday's at 6pm before 7pm Mass Saturday's at 4pm before the 5pm Mass

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – March 24 <u>No Morning Mass</u> 7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

#### Good Friday – March 25

<u>No Noon Mass</u> 3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion 7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday – March 26

<u>No Morning Mass</u> 12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at Immaculate Conception Church **Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – March 26** {*The greatest celebration in the Church Year*}

# Please NOTE Mass Times <u>CHANGES</u>

Easter Sunday – March 27th \*\*8:00 a.m. + Immaculate Conception \*\*9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. + St. Paul's

#### Calendar of Parish Events

Mar 7 – Parish council Meeting at 7:00pm
Mar 8 – Faith Formation Video Night at 7:30pm
Mar 9 – Confirmation Class for Grade 7 at 7:00pm
Mar 10 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00pm
Mar 10 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
Mar 10 – Core Edge Meeting at 7:00pm
Mar 15 – 7:30pm Defend Life Meeting at 7:30pm
Mar 15 – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7:30pm
Mar 17 – Life in the Spirit Prayer Mtg. at 7:00pm
Mar 17 – Blood Donor Clinic 2:30-7:30pm

#### OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD PRAYER GROUP



The next prayer group evening will be Thursday, Mar 3rd & Mar 17th at 7:30-9pm. There will be a short Praise and Worship, followed by a teaching. All members of the 3 LSS groups are invited to join in the fellowship at prayer group meetings.

# SL ShareLife

#### Working wonders for people locally and around the world...

Pope Francis reminds us that this is the year of mercy. How do we extend the hands of Christ to others in our daily lives? For some, it may be caring for an elderly relative, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or helping to collect food or raise funds for charity. In our busy society, many of us do not have the time to actively participate, and as such we rely on the many agencies within our community to provide love, care and support to those in need. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our annual ShareLife appeal provides resources to over 40 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Collectively, through our support, we share in their success in making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to help your brothers and sisters in Christ, and make a contribution to our annual appeal. You will be helping to make a difference – indeed you will be working wonders!

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# HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT

Overnight Retreat

#### <u>March 24-25, 2016</u> 2pm March 24 until 4pm March 25<sup>th</sup>





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