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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ 26 March 2017

*They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."*

John 9:13-15

**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 27**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, March 28**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Ann MARSHALL, RIP – L Beckstead

**Wednesday, March 29**

8:00am+Rose GAGNON, RIP – D Jebb

1:00pm TENEBRAE – Holy Family School

**Thursday, March 30**

8:00am+Helen LYNCH, RIP – J/W De BACKER

**Friday, March 31**

12:10pm+Benno MATTES, RIP – J/R Farrugia

**Saturday, April 1**

*(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Marcelline GONSALVES, RIP – M Whelton

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, April 2**

9:00am+Mary WALSH, RIP – P/C Vanderpost

10:30am+Liberato/Pasqua VALAENTINI- T/D Coffin

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

*On making the most of this season of grace.*

Jesus said: "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." What is that *abundant* life? It is life in the Holy Spirit. As I never tire of saying (quoting St. Irenaeus): "Just as the soul gives life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul; and we are only truly alive when we are alive in the Holy Spirit." It is all about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our souls; it is all about grace. In this life, this is the only thing that truly matters.

If we are to experience abundant life, we need to open our hearts to be filled with all the graces that God so generously wants to give us. The six weeks of Lent are an *extraordinary* season of grace. If we enter into the spirit of this season, we will experience a real transformation in our lives. On the other hand, if we treat Lent as if it were no different than any other ordinary time of the year, then we cannot expect anything out of the ordinary to happen.

We are now past the half-way point of Lent, but there are still three weeks left. We still have twenty-one days to take advantage of the graces of this season.

If you have not been to the Sacrament of Confession, then go to Confession. In the Old Testament, the days before Passover were the days of unleavened bread, when the people had to get rid of all their old yeast, in preparation for a fresh start. We do the same by casting out the old yeast of sin by making a good sacramental Confession.

Mass on Sundays is essential. The Eucharist is the "first and indispensable source of the Christian life." The Eucharist was instituted by Christ for our spiritual sustenance. The Church makes participation at Sunday Mass a solemn obligation because the Eucharist is absolutely essential for our spiritual well-being. If you can, attend a weekday Mass as well.

If you have not yet participated in the Stations of the Cross, you have two more chances. I can't imagine Lent without the Stations. When you think of that day, two thousand years ago, when Jesus walked that long road from the Praetorium to Calvary, carrying his cross, collapsing under the weight of it, would we not wish to be there to console him? When we pray the Stations of the Cross we unite our souls with the soul of the suffering Christ.

Carry on with the prayers, fasting and alms-giving that are part of your Lenten observance. Keep in mind our ShareLife collections in the coming weeks. ShareLife is one of the most efficient ways to help those in need.

If you are not regularly praying the Rosary, start now. There has not been a Saint in the last thousand years who has not prayed the Rosary and promoted it. Pope John Paul II called it a school of prayer. During Lent, the Sorrowful Mysteries are appropriate. Also consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the remainder of Lent on through to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. Let us open our hearts to receive God's grace.

**Saint of the Week:**

The Church is that one wherein the true word of God is preached, which Christ left to His Apostles, which the same Church hath always observed, the doctors preached, and Martyrs and confessors witnessed. This is the Church I believe to be true. - *Saint Margaret Clitherow (1555-1586), Martyr, Feast Day March 26*

**Last Week's Collection:**

Sunday, Offering \$ 4,058.65

ShareLife to-date \$ 1,960.00

MARCH 26, 2017

## Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

Saturday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m.  
At Immaculate Conception Church



## The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross  
Friday's at 7:00 p.m. ~ March 3rd – April 14<sup>th</sup>

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## EDGE Night

**Friday, March 31 ~ 7:00 – 9:00pm**

## Treasured/Dude/Stations

A night to celebrate the way God sees us  
as boys and girls.

## Join the “Call for Conscience” – February 6 – March 31, 2017

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit: [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to join learn more, join the “Call for Conscience” and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

**Sat 25 Mar** is the **Feast of the Annunciation**. It is a 1st Class Feast and we have been given permission by the Pastor of Holy Spirit parish in Barrie (650 Essa Rd) to celebrate the **Traditional Latin Mass** in that parish. This is a wonderful opportunity and I hope you will be able to celebrate this great Feast of the BVM **beginning at 12.30 this Saturday**.

## Lent & Easter Schedule

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

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

## EASTER TRIDUUM

### Holy Thursday – April 13

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m. + Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m

### Good Friday – April 14

No Noon Mass

3:00 p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion  
7:00 pm + Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday – April 15

No Morning Mass

12:00 noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at  
Immaculate Conception Church

### Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm – April 15

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### Easter Sunday – April 16

\*\*\*8:00 a.m. (new) + Immaculate Conception

\*\*9:00 a.m. (new) St. Paul's Church

10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church



“Living the Gospel” locally and around the world...

How do we “Live the Gospel” toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is 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. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to “Live the Gospel” by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife

**PARISH GOAL \$50,000**

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