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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31st, 2019

*“The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.”*

Psalter I



Parents wishing to baptize their children at Holy Family are invited to approach either Fr. Larry, Fr. Joseph, or Deacon Robert after any of the Sunday masses to obtain a Baptism package.

PARENT CHILD MEETINGS FOR FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION

Parents are reminded to check the list posted in the parish hall and to attend the assigned meeting with their child. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

Thursday April 4 th	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Sunday April 7 th	2:00 – 4:00 pm

We ask that you arrange childcare for siblings, so that you and your child who is preparing for Holy Communion may participate fully.

YEAR ‘A’ READINGS

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate a scrutiny with those preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil.

FAITH NOURISHMENT: VITAMIN ‘F’

You are invited to attend Vitamin ‘F’ on Tuesday April 2nd, 2019. We will gather at 7:15 pm for refreshments and conclude by 9:00 pm.

Our topic will be **Preparing for Full Participating in the Easter Triduum**. Our participation in the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (Easter Sunday) are at the heart of our liturgical year. Spiritual preparation is essential.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “Fifth Sunday Rosary”

On Saturday March 30th, following the 5:00 pm mass, we will recite the rosary. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our intention will be for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

The gospel today tells the story of the man born blind and his encounter with Jesus. Jesus describes himself as the light of the world and he tells us that we are to be light for the world. On the day of our baptism we are reminded to keep the flame of faith burning brightly. This week pray for those who brought you to be baptized and for those who have nurtured you in faith.

We are encouraged to continue the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and giving. This week you are invited to pray for the different people you encounter. For example, you could pray for each cashier you encounter, the bus driver, the drivers who share the road with you and for all travellers.

You may fast from complaining or stating what is wrong in the world; and feast on sharing some good news about your day and others. You may choose to give your time to someone else, do an errand or chore for your husband/wife; clear the table and do the dishes after a meal without being asked; turn off the television, computer, or cellphone and read with your child, call a friend or family member just to say hello and ask them how they are – be sure to listen to them. **Remember to tie a ribbon on the branches for each Lenten practice you embrace.**

Preparing for Easter

Today, during the 10:00 am mass, we celebrate the second scrutiny with **Melanie and Julia**, our elect. As we journey through Lent, we are in solidarity with the Elect and reflect on how the interior of our hearts and lives need to be healed so all that is good and upright may be strengthened. We continue to support Melanie and Julia with our prayers.

Also, we remember in prayer **Jacqui and Chris**, who are baptized and preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, be confirmed and join us at the table of the Lord.

IMPORTANT! CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

The 8:30 am mass on Palm Sunday, April 14th and on Easter Sunday, April 21st will begin at **8:15 am**.



“It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world.

Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**”

Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity!**

**Our parish goal this year:
\$89,500.00**

DEEPENING OUR PRAYER DURING LENT

Maturing adults are invited to participate in a four-part series on **Deepening Our Prayer During Lent**. We will gather from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon on April 5th and 12th, 2019. Come and discover more about contemplative prayer. Participation at all four sessions is encouraged, but not required, join us when your schedule permits.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday April 5th, 2019
7:30 pm**

No Stations of the Cross

CELEBRATING THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

During the 5:00 pm mass on **April 6th** and during the 12:00 noon mass on **April 7th**, we will celebrate a separate liturgy of the word with children. All children between the ages of four and eight are invited to attend.

The leaders will guide the children in a celebration and reflection on the Word of God. If you would like to learn more about this liturgical ministry, or if you have any questions, please contact Catherine Ecker, parish catechist at: caecker@archtoronto.org

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2019 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications, 1-800-268-2637.

MOMS & TOTS

Moms, Dads and caregivers with babies and toddlers are invited every Wednesday morning, from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon for refreshments and fellowship. Please join Deacon Robert and his wife Gabrielle for fun, frivolity and a "cuppa". Bring the kids. We have a great selection of toys and delicious refreshments.



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**ROOTED
For kids in Grades
3, 4, 5
Next Rooted
Wednesday April 3rd, 2019
4:30 - 6:00 pm**

VOCATIONS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life, or priesthood.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997.

STEWARDSHIP

The blind man in today's Gospel was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle.

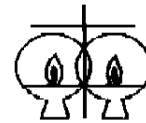
Which am I more like the man born blind, or the Pharisees?

ACTS RETREATS 2019

ACTS is an acronym for: Adoration-God's call, your acceptance and answer; Community-love and caring for each other; Theology-'studying' through scripture and our faith; Service-to God and His people.

Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life. The retreat is offered at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. For more information, call Rosemary Shoemaker, 647-640-6951.

Women's Retreat, May 2nd - 5th, 2019
Men's Retreat, May 30th - June 2nd, 2019



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 1st, 7:00 pm

†Silvio Cadamuro

Requested by his family

Tuesday April 2nd, 10:00 am

†Teresa & Laura Manzon

Requested by Jo Manzon

Wednesday April 3rd, 7:00 pm

†Francesco & Maria Infusino

Requested by Victoria Moretti

†Ugo Marotto

Requested by his family

Thursday April 4th, 10:00 am

†Maria Da Concicao Oliveira

Requested by Maria Larginho

Friday April 5th, 10:00 am

†Pierina Liut

Requested by Sister Nori

7:30 pm Adoration

Saturday April 6th

5:00 pm

Sunday April 7th

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

SANCTUARY LAMPS

(March 27th - April 2nd)

Special Intention

Mario Di Giovanni

**You are mighty in God
and He is mighty in you.
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