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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:
Maryanne Chard
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir
Antoine Pellerin

Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

> Sunday 10:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Monday to Thursday afternoons 1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Monday & Wednesday Morning Closed Friday closed

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 222, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick: To arrange for a visit Call the office ext. 221

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

> Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry 2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace www.devp.org 3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

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Merrymakers 3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Prayer Group

Wednesdays after mass

Parish Council Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)
During 10:00 AM Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February22

1 Peter 5:1-4 Psalm 23
Matthew 16:13-19
5:30 pm For an end to Covid-19

Tuesday, February 23

Wednesday, February 24

Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51 Luke 11:29-32 5:30 pm Deceased Friars

Thursday, February 25

Ester 14:1,3-5,12-14 Psalm 138

Matthew 7:7-12
5:30 pm Int. of the General Council

Friday, February 26

Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130
Matthew 5:20-26
5:30 pm The sick of the Parish

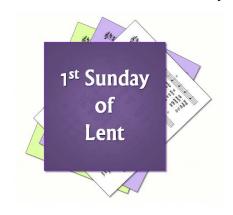
Saturday, February 27

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119 Matthew 5:43-48
5:30 pm For an end to Covid-19

Sunday, February 28

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15018 Psalm 116:10,15-9 Romans 8:31-35,37 Mark 9:2-10

10:00 am The Parish Community





The Friar's Nook

Well, we begin another Lent within lockdown, so I don't see a lot of people here at the church [none] but Lent still goes on. In fact maybe it's even a better idea that it continues like this because people tend to come to church more during Lent and yet God is everywhere. Maybe it's less about being at church and more about being church to the world! Lent is also a time for fasting prayer and almsgiving. I'd like to share with you what Pope Francis recommends for a Lenten fast.

Fast from hurting words... and say kind words.
Fast from sadness... and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger... and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism... and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries... and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints... and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures... and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness... and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness... and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges... and be reconciled. Fast from words... and be silent.

He is truly a wise man! And he cloaks our Lenten fast in the directive of the Gospel "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." Matthew 5. What Jesus speaks of, and what Pope Francis alludes to is the righteousness of God, not ourselves. Self-righteousness leads us away from God, but His righteousness leads us in the path of life. Remember how the scribes and Pharisees were so concerned about their own righteousness that they completely lost sight of God. Jesus frequently warned his disciples to not be like them.

Yet not only do I find self-righteousness popping up at times in my own life, I encounter it quite often in the church. And by this I don't mean simply the hierarchy but those people who complain to me that we don't "receive communion right in this church" or about who we let attend church here. I have stated our parish motto here frequently "All are welcome" and I believe in it. It challenges us to lay aside our own preferences, our own righteousness, and open our hearts to the call of God from whom we steal the line "All are welcome." I have been asked by some, in sincerity of heart, what do we mean by "all are welcome". I simply reiterate that "all means all"! This means people of different colours, of different ethnicities, of different sexualities, of different relationship statuses, or anything that is other than ourselves because we are all children of God.

If you find these words difficult to hear and accept then maybe you need to refer back to the words of t Pope Francis above that you may make a good Lent, even if we can't be together, that we might grow together, as a family and when the day comes and the lockdowns are over we will be together as one community, diverse, rich, happy and holy and that we might show the love of God to the world [or at least our little corner of Toronto].

Have a good Lent, Fr. Bob

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Gary Hartnett, Doreen Wright, Danie Olmedo and Frank Grech **The Deceased**; Mervis Wortynec and Buddy O'Hara

Laudato Si' Anniversary Year 24th May 2020 – 24th May 2021

Pope Francis invites our participation in the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year "in order to take care of our common home and our most fragile brothers and sisters". This Lent, Creation Care Ministry invites you to learn about this initiative by visiting our website at www.bit.ly/sjaccm where you will also find prayer & reflections as well as a link to watch the new Canadian Laudato Si' +5 video. Find at least one new way to put 'ecological conversion in action'.

This Lent, Let's Share Love!

It gives us great pleasure to send you this special newsletter, the first of a series that will arrive in your bulletin every week during the Lenten period. Our Share Lent campaign, inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, will invite you to discover a different facet of Development and Peace each week.

https://www.devp.org/en/lentcalendar-2021

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

Curious about religious life? Join the Daughters of St. Paul in Toronto for a virtual "Come and See" on Sunday, February 21 (the First Sunday of Lent) from 3:30 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. Begin your Lenten journey with an evening of reflection, livestreamed Eucharistic Adoration, evening prayer and a casual Q&A about vocational discernment and religious life. Open to single women aged 18-33. For questions or to register, contact Sr. Amanda at: toronto@paulinemedia.com. The Daughters of St. Paul are an international congregation of women religious founded in 1915 by Blessed James Alberione, with the mission to give Christ to the world in the spirit of St. Paul, through every possible form of communications. For more information about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul, visit: vocations.daughtersofstpaul.com. http://bit.ly/ComeAndSeePosterhttp://bit.ly/ComeAndSeeSchedule

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Spiritual Life Series

Mondays, February 22, March 8, March 22, April 2 and April 26 – 7 to 8:30 p.m. A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION All are welcome to join a new spiritual life series based on the book The Story of a Soul by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The new series will begin on Monday, February 22 and will be presented in several bi-weekly segments by Fr. Peter Turrone, pastor of the Newman Centre. There will be time for group discussion. Participants will need to purchase the Study Edition of Story of a Soul by Fr. Mark Foley for the class. REGISTER:

https://thestoryofasoul.eventbrite.ca CONTACT: lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com WEBSITE:

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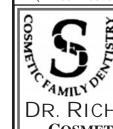
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