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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 20

2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Psalm
89:1-4,26,28 Romans 4:13,16-
18,22 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24
5:30 pm Sabrina Araya+

Tuesday, March 21

Ezekiel 47: 1-9,12 Psalm 46: 1-
2,4-5,7-8 John 5: 1-16
5:30 pm Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, March 22

Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9,13-
14-17-18 John 5:16-30
5:30 pm Bruno & Adam Miani +

Thursday, March 23

Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-23
John 5:18-31-47
5:30 pm Int. of the Golden Girls

Friday, March 24

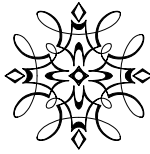
Wisdom 2:1,12-22 Psalm 34:16-
10,22 John 7:1-2,10, 25-30
5:30 pm John Sobie +

Saturday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Psalm 40:6-
10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-
38
5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, March 26

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
10:00 am Deceased Friars
12:00 pm The Parish Community

**St. Patrick & St. Joseph****FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK****St. Patrick**

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain. When he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend to sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and Pagans, but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, "The Confession". In the Confession, he wrote:

"The love of God and His fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was raised, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or the ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God, in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors, who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. March 17 is the Feast Day for St. Patrick, who was born in 387 and died in 461. He is the Patron Saint of Ireland. Feast Day: March 17th

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St. Joseph

We know that Irish celebrate March 17th in a big way, maybe the Canadians should celebrate St. Joseph's Day. After all he is the Patron Saint of Canada and the Universal Church.

What do we know about St. Joseph? He was the husband of Mary and the foster father to Jesus. We know this through the bible. Joseph was a hard-working carpenter, despite his humble work, as well we learned from the gospel that Joseph was a descendant of David.

Joseph was a man of faith and obedient to whatever God asked of him. When told to travel to protect his family, he did so each time without question. We know that he loved Jesus, he showed that in his care for his foster son. He worried about His safety after all he had been entrusted to care for Him. When He went missing, Joseph went back to the temple, where he found Him after three days of searching.

Did you know that there are actually two feast days, in honour of St. Joseph? March 19 St. Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1st St Joseph the Worker.

Let us pray to St. Joseph to watch over Canada and the Universal Church, on this his day!

Rosanne

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick:

The Deceased:

Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope and printing your name and information on the outside.

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day."

Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Development & Peace St. Joan of Arc

Invites you to join us for Solidarity Sunday and our Monthly Fair trade in the hall after the 5:30PM and 10AM next weekend., March 25th and 26th. The theme for D&P in Canada this year is **Create Hope, Stand for the Land.** We hope that you have had the opportunity to read D&P's mini magazine that highlights the land struggles for the people of Honduras and Colombia. You are invited to go to the devp.org website to learn more about these issues.

A Reminder

Parishioners are invited to share their Lenten intentions, thoughts and prayers anonymously, by writing them down on the 'intention slips' provided at the back at the church. Everyone is welcome to place their filled in, tightly folded intentions in the dry baptismal font on the altar throughout Lent. Enter them as often as you'd like.

Holy Saturday, these intentions will form the kindling for the blessing of the fire outside the church, the rising smoke symbolically carrying our intentions to heaven.

Prayer to St. Joseph March 19 - Patron Saint of Canada

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you with Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

10:00 am SUNDAY LITURGY

We continue to live stream the 10:00 am Mass on our Website.

This Week

Monday, March 20

7:00 pm D & P

Future Dates to Remember

Monday, March 27

7:00 pm CWL General meeting

Saturday, April 1

4:00 pm SVdP

A Special Prayer Initiative in View of the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' Pontificate

An invitation is open to the faithful worldwide to pray at least one "Hail Mary", for the Holy Father's 10th anniversary of his petrine ministry. As part of the initiative, a special online map will feature virtual lighted candles, representing the prayers of the faithful who will have registered. The map will be presented to the Holy Father as a gift and in support for his ministry.

Anyone who wishes to participate may register using the following link (you can choose your language preference at the right upper corner):

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

St. Michael's Cathedral -Friday
March 17th. St. Patrick's Day Mass at 10:00 am.



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