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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Life Teen Mass—6:30pm
Spanish Mass—4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays—7:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays—8:30am
Saturdays: 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact us one month or more in advance.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us one year in advance for adequate preparation.

HOLY COMMUNION for SHUT-INS and SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have communion brought to them or would like the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful, contact us.

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CULTURAL GROUPS

Divino Espirito Santo
Nossa Senhora De Fatima
Santissima Trindade

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME !

You are invited to register by completing the form at the Parish Office or in the gathering space at the back of the Church. Offering Envelopes are available.

LIVING LENT

Purpose of Lent Today: Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives. Jesus invited us to follow him by carrying our cross with him each day. (Luke 9:23) He indicated that his followers would fast and do penance after he returned to heaven. (Luke 5:33-35) We are to go hungry and thirsty for the sake of justice (Matthew 5:6) and to do our praying, fasting and almsgiving without showing off. (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-17)

From the earliest centuries, Jesus' followers have tried to follow these commands. Since it was on a Friday that Jesus freely died to save us from our sins, the faithful made a special effort to do some form of penance on this day: going without food for most of the day, spending extra time in prayer, doing good works, refraining from eating meat. Like St. Paul, they wanted to offer their penances for Christ's body, the Church. (Colossians 1:24)

Over the centuries, these forms of penance have varied, and sometimes have been neglected. Today, we are being invited once more to obey our Saviour: we are to do penance for our sins and those of others, for the people of God, for peace in the world, and for the building up of God's kingdom on earth. So to make Lent an effective time of renewal for the great celebration of Easter, let us commit ourselves to the practices of Lent.

Praying: Jesus and his apostles tell us to pray always, to be constant in prayer. Traditional times for Christians to pray are morning, evening and mealtimes. Personal prayer is a necessary preparation for our sharing in the Church's public worship, the liturgy. In our love, we join Jesus and all God's people in praying for ourselves, for our family and friends, for our leaders, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

Fasting: Fasting means cutting down on the amount and richness of our food and drink. Done as a penance for sin, it helps us to pray better: an empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. The money we save on food should be given to others in alms. The law of fasting obliges adults until they are 60 years old.

Abstinence: This form of penance needs to be seen as a near cousin of fasting. We may give up meat especially on Fridays, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross. Our abstinence is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing time or money to a work of charity) or other acts of piety.

Giving Alms: We give alms to help God's poor and to support the good works of the Church and other positive agencies. Again our help is being given to Christ in his brothers and sisters. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta when asked how much to give "give until you can feel it". We do not give in order to show off or keep up with others; instead we give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

Excerpts from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

ShareLife

2017 Parish Campaign Celebrates 41 Years!

ShareLife is more than an annual appeal – it is the way we bring the hands of Christ to those in need! One of the Core directions of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love and our support for ShareLife helps to bring this to life. Each year thousands of people turn to a ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized. When we support ShareLife, we are making more than a financial-contribution we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese! The Lenten ShareLife Parish Campaign raises support for our family of Catholic agencies and provides services to the many people they reach each year. This year our ShareLife 2017 Parish goal is \$53,000.00.

LENTEN PREPARATION



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday March 1, 2017



Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come join us every Friday during the season of Lent and pray with us the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Mass. Come journey with Christ and prepare yourself for the Triduum.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

This year's Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on **Monday March 20, 21 and 22nd at 7:00pm** at Holy Martyrs with Rev. Fr. Robert Arsenault of Companions of the Cross. Please plan to join us!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Our **Parish Lenten Reconciliation** will be held on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 7:00pm. Multilingual priests will be available to hear confessions.

Archdiocesan Lenten Day of Confession will be held on Friday March 31, 2017 between 12-2pm and again at 4:00-6:30pm.

PANCAKE TUESDAY



The Knights of Columbus invites everyone to a pancake/sausage supper on **Shrove Tuesday February 28th from 5-7pm** in the parish hall prior to the start of Lent. The cost is only \$5.00/person and all proceeds raised will go to the church building fund.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance

Saturday March 18, 2017 from 6pm-1am \$30.00/person Cash Bar Silent Auction & Prizes Proceeds to go to youth attending World Youth Day in Panama. Tickets are being sold after each Mass and are available at the Parish office.



PARISH MOVIE NIGHT - FREE

In Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima 100 Year Anniversary Movie:

The Miracle of our Lady of Fatima

On **Saturday March 25, 2017 at 6:30pm Sharp to 8:00pm** we will be hosting a movie night in honor of our Lady of Fatima called "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima." ALL ARE WELCOME! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for a \$2.00 donation to help offset the cost of future Parish Movie Nights. Come see what our Holy Mother revealed to the three children and to the rest of the world.

Reminder: Alpha starts Thursday March 2, 2017 at 6:30pm in Parish Hall. To RSVP contact Ray at 905-251-8151

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat Feb 25	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Feb 26	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Feb 27	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Tues Feb 28	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 9:30am Adoration Chapel - *6:00pm Benediction - <i>Starting at 5:00 KofC – Pancake Supper</i>
Wed Mar 1	- 8:30am Ash Wednesday Mass - 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thur Mar 2	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 6:30pm - <i>Alpha</i>
Fri Mar 3	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm Daily Mass – followed by HOLY HOUR
Sat Mar 4	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Mar 5	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass
Mon Mar 6	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Tues Mar 7	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 9:30am Adoration Chapel - *6:00pm Benediction
Wed Mar 8	- 7:00pm Daily Mass
Thur Mar 9	- 8:30am Daily Mass - 6:30pm - <i>Alpha</i>
Fri Mar 10	- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm Daily Mass
Sat Mar 11	- 9:30am Daily Mass - 5:00pm Anticipatory Sunday Mass
Sun Mar 12	- 8:30am Sunday Mass - 10:00am Sunday Mass - 11:30am Sunday Mass - 1:00pm Baptism - 4:45pm Spanish Mass - 6:30pm Sunday Mass

***Please Note: Benediction Time Change and Mass Time Change**



We invite our youth (grades 6-8) to join us on Mondays at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall for Edge Night!
February 27 – The Best Selling Book
March 6 – Crosswords

Tax Receipts have been mailed out Tuesday February 15, 2017. With our most sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

A payment of \$5000.00 has been made toward our mortgage. We are currently at \$985,000.00 Thank you for your support and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 25th 5:00pm

+ **All Souls** by Carolina Santana
+ **Tony McEvenue** by McEvenue Family
+ **Ignazio Polizzi** by Wife
+ **Bruno Serato** by Daniel & Bruna Bertolo & Family
+ **Ciro Naso** by Anna Naso & Family
+ **Benvinda Fernandes & Albina Sarafim** by Helena Marques & Families
+ **Tobias Rego** by Wife & Children
* **Spec. Int. to Sacred Heart of Jesus & All Souls** by Isilda Calisto & Family

Sunday February 26th

8:30am +ProPopulo
10:00am +Maria Helena Oliveira by Maria & Fernando Miranda
11:30am +Michele & Caterina Puma by Family
6:30pm +Joao (Manata) Conceicao by Family

Monday February 27th

+ **Tobias Rego** by Sister
+ **Silvina Vieira & Isaura Melo** by Julia, Isabel & Families
+ **Aurora Peixoto & Lisa Freire** by Julia, Isabel & Families
+ **Joao & Emilia Laranjeiro** by Family
+ **Maria Donascimento Pereira** by Grandchildren
+ **Jose Pereira Dias** by Grandchildren
+ **William & Anna Yaszczyszyn** by Taucar Family
+ **Paul Luis** by Cheryl Bobesich

Tuesday February 28th

+ **Carlos Medeiros** by Jose & Lucy Viveiros

Wednesday March 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday March 2nd

+ **Antonio Janeiro** by Wife & Children

Friday March 3rd

+ **Ken Burke** by Giel & Els Jonkhout

Saturday March 4th 9:30am

+ **Salvatore Lizzi** by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Saturday March 4th 5:00pm

+ **Stan & Mary Chafe & All Souls** by Vilma LaRoche & Family
+ **Antonio Alberto Rocha** by Lurdes Rocha & Children
+ **Margaret Langley** by Rev. David Langley
+ **Giuseppe & Francesca Sciafani** by Tony & Franca Sciafani
+ **John Ferreira** by Bernardete Ferreira
+ **Maria & Eugenio Arruda** by Lucy, Lui & John
+ **Maria Albina & Natividade Miranda** by Silverio & Purfy Marques
+ **Tobias Rego** by Wife & Children

Sunday March 5th

8:30am +Anabel Crisostimo by Maria & Fernando Miranda
10:00am +Lino Andrade by Joe & Lucy Andrade
11:30am +Margaret Langley by Rev. David Langley
6:30pm +ProPopulo

“May God Grant Them Eternal Peace”

FIRST FIVE SATURDAY ROSARY DEVOTION

2nd Saturday March 4, 2017 at 4:00pm

Upcoming Dates of Devotion: April 1, May 6, and June 3, at 4:00pm



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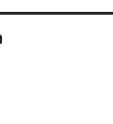
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