



### A Lenten Prayer

Loving and Eternal Father,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,  
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being  
of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and,  
in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle  
my love for and faith in you. Amen.

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, please come and journey with us as we pray the  
*Stations of the Cross* (bilingual) on Friday evenings at 6:30pm.

### La Via Crucis

Durante la Quaresima, vieni e partecipa alla *via crucis*  
(bilingual) il venerdì alle 18:30.



### Theology on Tap - The Value of Silence

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap,  
an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics,  
with munchies provided. Come and bring a friend.

**Where:** Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. East, Mississauga  
**When:** Monday, March 11th ~ 7:00 to 9:00 pm



### "Apologetics: When to tow the line and when to let go

Join the Western Regional Young Adult Ministry Spiritus Vitae for an  
evening to deepen your faith alongside a vibrant community of young  
adults (ages 19-35). Through Apologetics, we as Christians can  
overcome intellectual barriers that keep ourselves and others from fully embracing  
the faith. We will have a talk by Vlad Mamaradlo, intimate group discussions, and  
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the worship band IV24. This will end with  
socializing and snacks in the parish hall. Come, stay and meet other young adults!

**Where:** St. Benedict Parish (Etobicoke)

**When:** Wed., March, 20th at 7:00pm **Contact:** [katrina@ocytoronto.org](mailto:katrina@ocytoronto.org)

### Come and See Weekend ~ March 15th - 17th

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a  
deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a  
better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer,  
reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as  
a priest. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

**Register online:** [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

**Time:** Friday, March 15th (7:00pm) to Sunday, March 17th (1:30pm)

**Location:** St. Augustine's Seminary

**For more info:** Contact the Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997.

**Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### Vocations Corner...

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of  
prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit  
into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you think God is calling  
you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux**,  
Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997.

**Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) **Web:** [vocationstoronto.ca](http://vocationstoronto.ca)

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday: March 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †Carmen Aquilina

#### Tuesday: March 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm - †Filomena Fabrizio;  
†Giovanni Magliaro;  
†Mario Mandarino  
(3rd Anniversary of Death)

#### Wednesday: March 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †John and Elvira Braganza  
7:00pm - †Consuelo Puzon;  
†Giuliano Santi  
(1 Month Anniversary of Death)

#### Thursday: March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - †Maria Rosario Fernandes

#### Friday: March 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am - In Thanksgiving ~  
Christopher & Suzie Miranda  
7:00pm - †Luigi and Maria Giuseppa  
Savignano

#### Saturday: March 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
5:00pm - †Bernadene and Catharine  
Pietersz

#### Sunday: March 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00am - †Eugene Antoinette Ricard  
10:30am - For the People of the Parish  
12:00pm - †Jose and Maria Marques

### Eucharistic Adoration



Our parish has Eucharistic  
Adoration in the church  
every Friday from 8:30am  
to 7pm. Can you spare a  
few moments from your  
busy schedule to come  
and spend some time before Jesus  
in prayer and adoration?

### Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$7,401.00

Building Fund: \$4,565.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



When we were re-landscaping our yard a few years ago, we decided to get rid of a juniper tree, thinking it would be a simple process. Wrong! We dug, we chopped, we pulled. Nothing! It was so firmly rooted we ended up pulling it out with a truck.

I think of that juniper today when reflecting on Jesus' temptations in the desert. No matter what the devil said or offered, Jesus remained firmly rooted in God's word. The lure of comfort and wealth and power was no match for what Jesus knew to be ultimately true as revealed in Scripture.

Many people view Lent negatively - as a time of deprivation and denial. Today's Gospel reminds us instead that Lent is a time to become more solidly grounded in our faith. Making more time for prayer and Scripture, fasting from things in our lives that keep us from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God, giving of ourselves in service to others: far from depriving us, these are the tools we can use to ensure that we are firmly rooted in the things of God.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be strengthened to follow in the footsteps of the One who unflinchingly stood up to evil and ultimately triumphed over it. (*Teresa Whalen, Living with Christ*)

La Quaresima si apre con il racconto delle tentazioni di Gesù. Poste alla soglia del suo ministero pubblico, esse sono in qualche modo l'anticipazione delle numerose contraddizioni che Gesù dovrà subire nel suo itinerario, fino all'ultima violenza della morte. In esse è rivelata l'autenticità dell'umanità di Cristo, che, in completa solidarietà con l'uomo, subisce tutte le tentazioni tramite le quali il Nemico cerca di distoglierlo dalla sua completa sottomissione al Padre. "Cristo tentato dal demonio! Ma in Cristo sei tu che sei tentato" (sant'Agostino).

In esse viene anticipata la vittoria finale di Cristo nella risurrezione. Cristo inaugura un cammino - che è l'itinerario di ogni essere umano - dove nessuno potrà impedire che il disegno di Dio si manifesti per tutti gli uomini: la sua volontà di riscattarlo, cioè di recuperare per l'uomo la sovranità della sua vita in un libero riconoscimento della sua dipendenza da Dio.

È nell'obbedienza a Dio che risiede la libertà dell'uomo. L'abbandono nelle mani del Padre - "Io vivo per il Padre" - è la fonte dell'unica e vera libertà, che consiste nel rifiutare di venire trattati in modo diverso da quello che siamo. Il potere di Dio la rende possibile.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Sat., March 16th ~ 10:30am to 12:30pm**  
**Merciful Redeemer Parish, Mississauga**



Come see the newest Atrium in the Archdiocese and hear Denis McNamara speak on living stones, the Book of Revelation and church architecture as an image of the mystical body of Christ. Denis McNamara is Associate Professor of Sacramental Aesthetics and Academic Director at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake and author of numerous books and articles on art and architecture. **For information please contact:**

Anna Boyogoda at: [aboyagoda@archtoronto.org](mailto:aboyagoda@archtoronto.org)

**To Register:** <https://cgs-lent-2019.eventbrite.ca>

## St. Augustine's Seminary Presents:



A Lenten Retreat titled,  
**"Mary in the Heart of the Church"**

**Presenter:** Father Charles Anang

**Date:** Saturday, March 30th (9:30am to 3:00pm)

**Cost:** \$50 (includes lunch)

The retreat will include Mass in the seminary chapel. To reserve a space, please visit: [www.staugustine.on.ca](http://www.staugustine.on.ca) or call 416-261-7207 x235

Email: [layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org](mailto:layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org).



## CCRC Day of Transformation:

### Lent, a Season of Renewal

The (CCRC) Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto invite you to join them for a day of praise and worship, celebration of the Eucharist and anointed talks by Sr. Hazel D'Souza. Free Admission.

**Date:** Saturday, March 23rd (9:30am to 2:00pm)

**Contact:** CCRC Toronto @ 416-315-5783

**Email:** [CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com)

## Lenten Retreat Reflections ~ St. Philip Neri Parish (Toronto)

St. Philip Neri Parish invites you to attend a reflection during their Lenten Retreat. All are welcomed to attend.

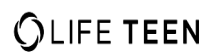
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** (9:30am to 12pm) in English  
**Reflection Theme:** "He set his face to go to Jerusalem"

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** (9:30am to 12pm) in English  
**Reflection Theme:** "The Franciscan San Damiano Cross"  
**Guest Speaker:** Br. Ignatius Feaver, OFM Cap

**April 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>** (7:00pm to 9:00pm) in Italian  
**Three Day Reflection:** "Fear not sanctity"  
**Guest Speaker:** Don Francesco Armenti



**EDGE YOUTH CORNER**



*Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?*

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, March 22nd**, from 7pm - 9pm.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: [OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com](mailto:OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com)

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

*Are you looking for service hour opportunities?*

Please stay tuned for info about our next  
**LIFE TEEN ...**

**Hangout & Community Service Saturday.**

**Follow us on Instagram:** [ourladyairwaysyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ourladyairwaysyouth)

## OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

**Follow us on Twitter:** @Airways\_YA