



A Lenten Reflection

"As Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus' thirst...
'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent?
Our indifference, our hardness of heart.
What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now,
in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness.
He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."
- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: March 18th

8:00am - †Pietro Di Donato

Tuesday: March 19th

7:00pm - For the Grace of Healing ~
St. Padre Pio

Wednesday: March 20th

8:00am - †Patricia Doreen Mendies
7:00pm - †Carmela Calabrese;
†Cesira and Domenico
Savo Sardo

Thursday: March 21st

8:00am - In Thanksgiving ~
Franka Pagliuso

Friday: March 22nd

8:00am - †Raul Pinto
7:00pm - †Carmo Furna

Saturday: March 23rd

8:30am - †Joe and Luigi Venditti;
†Ilganayagam Sebastian
5:00pm - †John Henry and Albertina
Fernandes

Sunday: March 24th

9:00am - †Maria Luigia Simionato
and Carlo Cagnin
10:30am - †Salvatore Sorbera
12:00pm - For the People of the Parish



March 31st is ShareLife Sunday!

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers...

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it." *Please give generously. Thank You!*

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 at 416-315-5783 **Email:** 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 30th (9:30am to 12pm) in English

Reflection Theme: "The Franciscan San Damiano Cross"

Guest Speaker: Br. Ignatius Feaver, OFM Cap

April 8th to 10th (7:00pm to 9:00pm) in Italian

Three Day Reflection: "Fear not sanctity"

Guest Speaker: Don Francesco Armenti



Lenten Retreat ~ Blessed Trinity Parish (Toronto)

Mon., March 25 to Wed., March 27 - 7:00pm (Mass with extended homily)

Thurs., March 28 - 7:00pm (Mass with homily); 7:30pm (Reconciliation)

Blessed Trinity Parish and St. Edward's Parish present a joint Lenten Retreat with Deacon Robert Kinghorn. Come and discover how to renew your relationship with Jesus, restore your friendship with those who have been alienated and enrich your spiritual journey through these days of Lent.

For information contact: Blessed Trinity Parish Office at 416-226-0262



Let us pray!

For the sick members of
our parish and for those
who love and minister to them.

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: \$4,735.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



The journey towards strengthening our faith can be disconcerting. Take Abraham, for example. He put his trust in forging a covenant with God to father his people. He demonstrated an unshakable conviction in believing God's incredible promise. Abraham and the disciples in today's readings are our examples. The gift of faith becomes their guiding light from darkness that leads them closer to God.

In today's Gospel, the apostles Peter, John and James witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. His appearance changes while he prays on the mountain and meets Elijah and Moses.

To cap it off, God directly commands the apostles to listen to Jesus, his Son and Chosen One. These extraordinary events confirm what Jesus had revealed to his faithful followers about his death and resurrection, and his identity as the Son of God.

These readings can strengthen our own faith. Like his disciples, we are asked to trust Jesus and follow him in our spiritual journey. The readings show the possibility of experiencing God through sacred moments. As ordinary followers, we can find God in prayer, readings and our everyday lives.

As our light and salvation, Jesus will give us the courage, hope and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.

(Christ! Dabu, Living with Christ)

Nella Trasfigurazione, Gesù è indicato come la vera speranza dell'uomo e come l'apogeo dell'Antico Testamento. Luca parla dell'"esodo" di Gesù, che contiene allo stesso tempo morte e risurrezione.

I tre apostoli, vinti dal sonno, che rappresenta l'incapacità dell'uomo di penetrare nel Mistero, sono risvegliati da Gesù, cioè dalla grazia, e vedono la sua gloria. La nube, simbolo dell'immensità di Dio e della sua presenza, li copre tutti. I tre apostoli ascoltano le parole del Padre che definiscono il Figlio come l'eletto: "Questi è il Figlio mio, l'eletto, ascoltatelo". Non c'è altro commento. Essi reagiscono con timore e stupore. Vorrebbero attaccarsi a questo momento, evitare l'attimo seguente della discesa dalla montagna e il suo fardello di abitudine, di oscurità, di passione.

La Gloria, Mosè ed Elia, scompaiono. Non rimane "che Gesù solo", sola verità, sola vita e sola via di salvezza nella trama quotidiana della storia umana.

Questa visione non li solleva dal peso della vita di tutti i giorni, spesso spogliata dello splendore del Tabor, e neanche li dispenserà dall'atto di fede al momento della prova, quando i vestiti bianchi e il viso trasfigurato di Gesù saranno strappati e umiliati.

Ma il ricordo di questa visione li aiuterà a capire, come spiega il Prefazio della Messa di oggi, "che attraverso la passione possiamo giungere al trionfo della risurrezione".



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

Vocations Corner...



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and heart to following God's Will for our lives.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact :

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: vocationstoronto.ca



EDGE

YOUTH CORNER

LIFE TEEN

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

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](https://twitter.com/Airways_YA)