

Lent



A Lenten Reflection

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...
What is it that stands between us and God?
Between us and our brothers and sisters?
Between us and life, the life of the Spirit?
Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out,
without a moment's hesitation." - Catherine Doherty

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 25th

8:00am - †Loreta Baldasara

Tuesday: March 26th

7:00pm - †Lucia Lamberti;
†Per i Membri Defunti della
Famiglia Amodio;
†Carmela Angela and
Salvatore Gandolfo

Wednesday: March 27th

8:00am - †Maria and Miguel Pinto
7:00pm - †Giuseppe and Ancona
Papasodaro

Thursday: March 28th

8:00am - †Rudolph Williams

Friday: March 29th

8:00am - In Reparation of Sins and for
the Moral Renewal of Canada
7:00pm - †Camillo Esposito

Saturday: March 30th

8:30am - †Shu Zhen Lin
5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

Sunday: March 31st

9:00am - †Bernice Fernando
10:30am - †Giuseppe Possoco
12:00pm - †Mario and Pina Petrucci



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Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

In his recent pastoral letter on the theme of stewardship,
Cardinal Thomas Collins wrote,

*"A steward is a servant entrusted for a time
with the goods of the Master.*

*The steward uses but does not own these goods, and must
eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which
they have been cared for and made fruitful."*

We invite you to read the Cardinal's entire Pastoral Letter
on Stewardship, which can be found on the
Archdiocesan website at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving,
knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you.
In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God.
Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly.
I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, Whether it be at home,
at work, or at school - to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.
Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me
and the fervour to fulfill my good intentions.
I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith,
to reflect my love for you and my neighbour.
Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me.
Amen.



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?



March 31st is ShareLife Sunday!

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization.
But, if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge im-
pact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week,
please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making
a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Please give generously. Thank You!

Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$5,842.00
Easter Flowers: \$2,474.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



"May your life be fruitful." Years ago, these words were solemnly and sincerely spoken to me. In our own way, each of us receives this same blessing.

During Lent, we are invited to reflect on the fruitfulness of our lives. Every one of us is created to do more than take up space in the garden.

Jesus, in telling the parable of the barren fig tree teaches us something important. As gardener, he takes an active role in our lives, promising to rework and renew the soil. Gardeners know these unglamorous tasks are essential for producing abundant fruit.

Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives. The wise gardener, he knows when and how to amend the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become ever more fruitful.

Our "yes" to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. Twice in this Gospel, Jesus emphasizes his lack of concern over who is a worse sinner or a worse offender. He simply looks for our willingness to be renewed.

At every Eucharist, we renew our "yes." We pray, acknowledging our need for our Lord: "only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

May our lives be fruitful.

(Brenda Merk Hildebrand, Living with Christ)

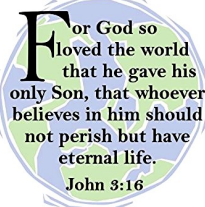
L'uomo non è stato creato per rovinarsi la vita. Non si può neanche immaginare che, fornito di ragione, egli lo desideri. E tuttavia tutto sembra svolgersi in modo che ciò avvenga, a tale punto che si arriva a dubitare dei propri desideri di pienezza e perfino a negare la loro possibilità.

Un fatto nuovo è accaduto nella storia, che "molti profeti e re hanno voluto vedere e non hanno visto, e udire e non hanno udito". Una Presenza inevitabile, provocatoria, di un'autorità fino ad allora sconosciuta, che ha il potere di risvegliare nel cuore dell'uomo i suoi desideri più veri; un Uomo che si riconosce facilmente come la Via, la Verità e la Vita per raggiungere la propria completezza. Il momento è quindi decisivo, grave.

Quest'uomo chiama tutti quelli che sono con lui a definire la propria vita davanti a lui. Ma c'è un'ultima e misteriosa resistenza dell'uomo proprio davanti a colui di cui ha più bisogno.

Bisogna quindi ingaggiare una battaglia definitiva perché l'uomo ritrovi il gusto della libertà. E Cristo lotterà fino alla morte, per dare "una dolce speranza e per concedere dopo i peccati la possibilità di pentirsi" (cf. Sap 12,19).

Ma non tentiamo di ingannarci. Ci troviamo nelle ultime ore decisive. Cristo può, in un ultimo momento di pazienza, prolungare il termine, come fa per il fico della parabola, ma non lo prolungherà in eterno!



OUR LADY OF THE AIRWAYS PRAYER GROUP

The OLA Prayer Group invites you to an hour of prayer and meditation on: "The Five Wounds of Jesus" **Monday, March 25th: 6:45pm to 8pm** (in the Church)

All are welcome to attend.

New Beginnings Presents...

*If you are struggling...
...you do not have to do this alone.*



New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through death of a loved one. Together... we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith.

Where: Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish
Bereavement - Support Group

Date: Thursday, April 4th (7:00pm - 9:00pm)

For more information and to register, please contact:
Arcangelo Limanni at alimanni@cfstoronto.com or
(416) 921-1163 x 2225



Vocations Corner...

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name.

Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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



Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, April 12th**, 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 join us for our next

LIFE TEEN - Hangout & Community Service
on **Saturday, April 6th** from 2pm - 4pm.

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OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

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