



A Liturgical Question Concerning Lent...

Why is the public celebration of the sacraments in Lent characterized by a certain restraint?

Msgr. Peter Elliot in his book, Ceremonies of the Liturgy Year, provides the following response:

"The distinctive English word 'Lent' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for 'spring', which appropriately coincides with the great forty-day fast.... A certain austerity should thus characterize the setting of Lenten liturgy. Flowers are not used to adorn the altar from Ash Wednesday until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil, except for Laetare Sundays, solemnities and feast days. It would be best to exclude them entirely from the church, even at popular shrines, during the whole penitential season. The Gloria are sung or said on solemnities or feasts, but not on Sundays of Lent. 'Alleluia' is never sung or said on any day until the Easter Vigil, and hymns that include this praise should be excluded...."

In these forty days, Mother Church vests herself simply in violet. Her sacred halls are bare, and much of her gracious music is muted. Flowers at the altars and shrines are set aside, and, at the end of the season, the lamps will be extinguished, the bells will fall silent and her altars will be stripped.... Lent thus reminds us that the great graces are given by God, not when our senses perceive them or when our hearts are full of consolations, but in the silence and the stillness of 'the night'."

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: April 1st

8:00am - †Joann Ramcharan

Tuesday: April 2nd

7:00pm - †Nicola, Lucia, e per i Membri
Defunti della Famiglia Iozzo

Wednesday: April 3rd

8:00am - For the Grace of Healing ~
Vipin
7:00pm - †Lorenza Iorio

Thursday: April 4th

8:00am - †David Ooril

Friday: April 5th

8:00am - †Mary Manuelpillai
7:00pm - †Enrichetta Monaco
(1st Anniversary of Death)

Saturday: April 6th

8:30am - †Lina Ariganello
(1 Month Anniversary of Death)
5:00pm - †Herminia Tavares

Sunday: April 7th

9:00am - For the People of the Parish
10:30am - †Giuseppe Capicotto
12:00pm - †Audrey Downes



Our Lady of the Airways Parish Lenten Retreat

Thursday, April 4th at 7:00pm

"Turn to me with all your heart..." (Joel 2:12)

Please join us for an evening of reflection and Adoration.

Location: Our Lady of the Airways Parish

Theme: In the Desert with Jesus... a Journey of Conversion (*metanoia*)

Speaker: Fr. Thomas Lim

All are welcome to attend.

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* (bilingue) il venerdì alle 18:30.



Let us pray!

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

WEEK OF CONFESSIONS

Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available during Lent.

Please consult the Archdiocese website for the location and confessional times.

Confessions at Our Lady of the Airways Parish will be on Thursday, April 11th:

8:30am - 11:30am; 3:00pm - 6:00pm; 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Confessions will also be available at our neighbouring parishes as follows:

St. Andrew Parish - April 3rd: 9:00am to 10:00am & 4:00pm to 7:00pm

St. Benedict Parish - April 3rd: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish - April 3rd: 9:00am to 8:00pm

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish - April 10th:
10:00am to 2:00pm; 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

St. Anthony of Padua Parish - April 15th: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

St. Patrick Parish - April 17th: 5:00pm to 8:00pm



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: \$5,162.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



"Like the father and son in today's parable, our heavenly Father has no end of love and mercy for us. How do we, as Christian stewards, show the Lord our gratitude for these tremendous gifts.

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal son, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given. (*Our Sunday Visitor*)

"O Padre, che per mezzo del tuo Figlio operi mirabilmente la nostra redenzione": è con questa preghiera che apriamo la liturgia di questa domenica. Il Vangelo ci annuncia una misericordia che è già avvenuta e ci invita a riceverla in fretta: "Vi supplichiamo in nome di Cristo: lasciatevi riconciliare con Dio", dice san Paolo (2Cor 5,20).

Il padre non impedisce al suo secondogenito di allontanarsi da lui. Egli rispetta la sua libertà, che il figlio impiegherà per vivere una vita grigia e degradata. Ma mai si stanca di aspettare, fino al momento in cui potrà riabbracciarlo di nuovo, a casa. Di fronte all'amore del padre, il peccato del figlio risalta maggiormente. La sofferenza e le privazioni sopportate dal figlio minore sono la conseguenza del suo desiderio di indipendenza e di autonomia, e di abbandono del padre. La nostalgia di una comunione perduta risveglia in lui un altro desiderio: riprendere il cammino del focolare familiare.

Questo desiderio del cuore, suscitato dalla grazia, è l'inizio della conversione che noi chiediamo di continuo a Dio. Siamo sempre sicuri dell'accoglienza del padre.

La figura del fratello maggiore ci ricorda che non ci comportiamo veramente da figli e figlie se non proviamo gli stessi sentimenti del padre. Il perdono passa per il riconoscimento del bisogno di essere costantemente accolti dal Padre. Solo così la Pasqua diventa per il cristiano una festa del perdono ricevuto e di vera fratellanza."



Today is ShareLife Sunday!

2019 Parish Goal: \$65,000.00

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they are invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please give generously. Thank You!

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OUR LADY OF THE AIRWAYS PRAYER GROUP

The OLA Prayer Group invites you to an hour of prayer and meditation on:
"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"
April 8th: 6:45pm to 8pm
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 registration information contact: **Arcangelo Limanni**
at alimanni@cfstoronto.com or (416) 921-1163 x 2225.



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, 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.

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)



Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Section One:

The Meaning of Stewardship

Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is organized into four sections, with the first being *The Meaning of Stewardship in the Christian Life*.

This section explores the reality that we are invited by God to be good stewards of His gifts. "If we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them graciously to serve others, and in doing so give glory to God."

To read the full pastoral letter, download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, visit the Archdiocese of Toronto at: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship.