



### **A Liturgical Question Concerning Lent...**

What are some of the other liturgical practices observed during the Lenten Season?

According to the General Instructions of the Roman Missal, "it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sundays (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts" (GIRM 301).

The Church also has an ancient practice of covering statues and crucifixes with purple cloth during this penitential season. The rubric in the Sacramentary states that "The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides." Although crosses and statues are veiled before the First Vespers or Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday in Lent, the Stations of the Cross and images in stained glass windows are never veiled. Msgr. Elliot explains the rationale behind this ancient practice by stating, "The custom of veiling crosses and images in these last two weeks of Lent has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption."

Finally, the Church requires the emptying of the holy water fonts during the days of the Sacred Triduum. The removal of holy water during these most solemn days within the Church's calendar is in preparation of the blessing of the water at the Easter Vigil, and it corresponds to those days on which the Eucharist is not celebrated (e.g., Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Monday: April 8th**

8:00am - James Thomas and  
Adriana Burnside  
(Wedding Anniversary)

#### **Tuesday: April 9th**

7:00pm - †Joseph Ben Rodrigo;  
†Giovanni Fanizza;  
†Babu Michael

#### **Wednesday: April 10th**

8:00am - †Giovanni Mele  
7:00pm - †Rose Djolanga;  
†Edmundo Almeida;  
†Doris Casapinta

#### **Thursday: April 11th**

8:00am - †Peter, Clea and Stephen  
D'Souza

#### **Friday: April 12th**

8:00am - For the Special Intentions of  
Kim and Shawn  
7:00pm - †Giuliano Santi

#### **Saturday: April 13th**

8:30am - In Thanksgiving ~  
Sherry Ann Gaskin-Bonaparte  
5:00pm - †Rosalia Bumanglag

#### **Sunday: April 14th**

9:00am - †Herminia Tavares  
10:30am - For the People of the Parish  
12:00pm - †Rosalia Bumanglag

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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.

### **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.



### **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:*

**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: \$ 4,552.00

Share Life Collection: \$12,905.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



"The gesture and response of Jesus make his enemies go away, they are conquered. The Pharisees and the Scribes go away full of shame, one after the other, beginning with the eldest....Jesus does not allow anyone to use the Law of God to condemn the brother or the sister when the person who condemns is himself/herself a sinner. This episode, better than any other teaching, reveals that Jesus is the light which makes truth shine. He opens up what exists in the secret of persons, in the intimate depth of each one of us. In the light of his word, those who seemed to be the defenders of the law reveal themselves being full of sin and they themselves recognize it, and they leave, beginning by the eldest. And the woman considered to be guilty and deserving of death, remains standing up before God, absolved, redeemed and with her dignity recovered."

(Lectio Divina, The Order of Carmelites)

E' vicino il momento in cui Cristo farà la rivelazione più radicale - e la più incomprensibile per l'uomo - della sua potenza: morire sulla croce. È uno "scandalo per gli Ebrei, follia per i popoli pagani" (1Cor 1,23). Già prima Gesù aveva parlato ai suoi discepoli della croce, che li stupì e confuse. Quello che osservavano, nel comportamento sociale, è che l'uomo utilizza la debolezza degli altri per affermare il proprio potere. Ma Gesù diceva loro: "I re delle nazioni... e coloro che hanno il potere su di esse si fanno chiamare benefattori. Per voi però non sia così" (Lc 22,25). E i farisei che pretendono di usare una povera donna, colta in flagrante delitto di adulterio, per compromettere Gesù, gli danno in effetti l'occasione di insegnare con un esempio i suoi nuovi metodi.

In primo luogo Gesù mette in evidenza l'ipocrisia dei farisei: "Chi di voi è senza peccato scagli per primo la pietra. Dopo, toglie loro qualsiasi argomentazione. Mette in evidenza la loro ignoranza colpevole della legge che insegna che Dio, essendo potente sovrano, giudica con moderazione e governa con indulgenza, perché egli opera tutto ciò che vuole (Sal 115,3). Infine - e questo è il punto più importante del Vangelo -, Gesù insegna alle folle che non esiste più grande manifestazione di potere che il perdono. La morte stessa non ha un così grande potere. In effetti, solo il potere di Cristo, che muore crocifisso per amore, è capace di dare la vita. E soltanto il potere che serve a dare la vita è vero potere.



### Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

#### Section Two:

#### The Spirituality of Deep Stewardship

The second section of Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is focused on The Spirituality of Deep Stewardship. This section explores the concept that deep stewardship is not fundraising. "We can only be satisfied with deep stewardship, which means a profound inner conversion as individuals and as a community in which we become committed to living generously in every way, as the Gospel calls us to do."

To read the full pastoral letter, to download resources and learn more about deep stewardship, please visit [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM



#### *Holy Week Schedule*

#### HOLY THURSDAY

*April 18<sup>th</sup>*

**7:00pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet**

*(Trilingual - English, Italian, & Tamil)*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 Midnight**

#### GOOD FRIDAY

*April 19<sup>th</sup>*

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

**10:30am ~ Italian      3:00pm ~ English**

**12:30pm ~ English      9:00pm ~ Tamil**

**6:30pm ~ Stations of the Cross with Taizé Prayer**

*Please join us for an evening of song, scripture and reflection.*

#### HOLY SATURDAY

*April 20<sup>th</sup>*

**8:00pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass**

*(Trilingual - English, Italian, & Tamil)*

#### EASTER SUNDAY

*April 21<sup>st</sup>*

**9:00am ~ English      12:00pm ~ English**

**10:30am ~ Italian      7:00pm ~ Tamil**



*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](mailto: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, May 11th** from 2pm - 4pm.

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