



LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th

The Lenten rules for fasting and abstinence in Canada are: Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

There will be several Masses offered, all with distribution of ashes.

Ash Wednesday Masses:

8:00am (English); 12:00pm (Bilingual); 7:00pm (English)

Le regole quaresimali per il digiuno e l'astinenza in Canada sono: Ogni persona di 14 anni o più deve astenersi dalla carne (e dagli articoli fatti con la carne) il Mercoledì delle Ceneri, il Venerdì Santo e tutti i venerdì della Quaresima. Ogni persona di età compresa tra 18 e 59 (inizio del 60 ° anno) deve digiunare il Mercoledì delle Ceneri e il Venerdì Santo.

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

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



Monday: February 24th

8:00am - †Antao Carrasco

Tuesday: February 25th

7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: February 26th

8:00am - †Lazarus Philip and Bemvinda Mascarenhas
12:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Matthew Kurichayth; †Thankamma Johney; †Martin Cal

Thursday: February 27th

8:00am - †Roland & Florence Mongeon

Friday: February 28th

8:00am - †Domenico Iacovino
7:00pm - †Vincenzo Chicaroni

Saturday: February 29th

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Sunday: March 1st

9:00am - †Mario Evangelista
10:30am - †Rosa Cirillo
12:00pm - In Thanksgiving ~ Albin & Family

“Fasting is the support of our soul: it gives us wings to ascend on high.”
~ St. John Chrysostom



Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins: Men & Women of the Old Testament

Sunday, March 1st - *The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-21)*

We learn about God from the stories of how people encounter God, and make him present in their life. During Lectio Divina this year, we will prayerfully meditate on passages about men and women in the Old Testament who illustrate the human condition, with its temptations to sin, and its opportunity for the grace of repentance and salvation.

One Sunday evening each month all are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

We begin with music by the Cathedral Vespers Choir at 6:45pm, Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7pm, and Lectio Divina from 7:30pm to 8:15pm.

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program:

Lenten Retreat: Lay Mission

Saturday, March 21st - 9:30am to 3:00pm

All are welcome to St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program's Lenten Retreat: "The Laity's Mission in the New Evangelization" with presenter Fr. Charles Anang.

- Conference 1 - mission of the laity to evangelize the world
 - Conference 2 - the gift of St. Escrivá's charism for sanctifying oneself
 - Conference 3 - the foundation for the Holy Spirit's renewal of the Church
- Holy Mass at St. Augustine's Seminary chapel and Confession are included with registration. Feel free to invite friends and family to join us on this day!

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch) **Contact:** St. Augustine's Seminary
Phone: 416-261-7207 **Email:** layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org



Lenten Listening Retreat - Regis College (Toronto) February 26th at 6:30pm

Faith Connections, Regis College, and the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association invite young adults (age 18-39) to experience the gift of Spiritual Accompaniment this Lent. The retreat will begin with a group gathering at Regis College on Ash Wednesday. In the following six weeks, you will be invited to spend 15 minutes in daily prayer and meet with a spiritual companion in your area three times for one hour.

Registration Required: \$25 **Contact:** Faith Connections **Phone:** 416-467-2645
Email: faithconnections@csj-to.ca **Web:** <http://www.faithconnections.ca>

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: \$5,463.05

Thank You For Your Generosity



Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus the Lord tells Moses, "be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Similarly, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to "be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard?

Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it.

Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that "all Christ's faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives-and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will" (Lumen Gentium, 41).

Essentially, Lumen Gentium teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. This is the crux of what it means to be a steward. So we can strive for holiness through our path of stewardship.

Let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God's grace, towards holiness.

~ Office of Formation for Discipleship,
Archdiocese of Toronto

Gesù Cristo, Dio-con-noi e umanità nuova, insegna ai suoi discepoli il comandamento dell'amore, la nuova legge del Vangelo che sostituisce per sempre la legge pagana del vecchio uomo: "Amerai il tuo prossimo e odierai il tuo nemico".

Il nostro spirito trema sentendo le esigenze di questo nuovo comandamento. Non è forse più facile aggredire chi ci aggredisce e amare chi ci ama?

Forse è a questo che ci spingerebbero i nostri sensi, è questa la voce dell'anima umiliata non ancora raggiunta dalla luce del Dio di Gesù Cristo, del solo vero Dio. Ecco perché l'amore di carità è un precetto insolito, che apre ad un nuovo orizzonte antropologico la civiltà antica e ogni civiltà umana possibile.

Visto da questo orizzonte, l'uomo, ogni uomo, appare creato a immagine e somiglianza di Dio e non più formato secondo una natura disuguale e arbitraria, come invece credevano i pagani.

Liberato dai suoi peccati grazie all'azione redentrice di Cristo e rinnovato dall'azione dello Spirito, l'uomo, ogni uomo, è il tempio in cui risplende lo Spirito di Dio. Dio ama l'uomo per se stesso, a tal punto che consegna alla morte suo Figlio.

Dal momento che Dio ci ama in questo modo e ci ha fatti partecipi del suo amore, noi non possiamo che perdonare il nostro prossimo e aiutarlo perché viva e si sviluppi.

BUNDLE UP!

For the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We are collecting donations of clothing at
Our Lady of the Airways Church on:
March 21st/22nd Weekend.

A truck will pick up all the clothing on the said dates only. Please note: **NO baby furniture.**

Please **DO NOT** drop any clothing in the church or near the garage at any time.

For more information visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca

Thank you for your support!



Office of Catholic Youth - re:gen

The *re:gen* mission of the Archdiocese of Toronto is currently hiring young adults to become chastity or campus missionaries for 15 months starting in June 2020 until August 2021. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Genicia Dabu at regen@ocytoronto.org. You can count on our prayers as you discern joining our team!

To learn more about *re:gen*, visit their website at

www.ocytoronto.org/regen.

Vocations Corner...

*"Be perfect, therefore,
as your heavenly Father is perfect."*



Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca



Are you in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 5 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, March 13th**, 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?

Teens in need of volunteer hours for High School graduation are asked to email OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com to get on the list for **Parish Service Projects and Youth Events** which will require volunteers.

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)