



LENT

Living Lent Through the Liturgy

The third Preface of Lent is titled: "The Fruits of Abstinence." Abstinence is to restrain oneself from indulging in something, typically meat on Fridays:

"For you will that our self-denial should give you thanks, humble our sinful pride, contribute to the feeding of the poor, and so help us imitate you in your kindness."

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.



Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday: March 16th

8:00am - †Edwin Sequeira

Tuesday: March 17th

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

Wednesday: March 18th

8:00am - †Fred Arrarte Rodriguez

7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: March 19th

8:00am - †Pietro Di Donato

Friday: March 20th

8:00am - †Giuseppe Antonio Bava

7:00pm - †Vita Maria Panico

Saturday: March 21st

8:30am - †Joe and Luigi Venditti

5:00pm - In Thanksgiving ~ Saha Family

Sunday: March 22nd

9:00am - †Gaetano Giordano

10:30am - †Pietro Zanet

12:00pm - For the People of Our Parish



Our Lady of the Airways Parish Campaign

2017 Parish Campaign Achievement: \$60,581.55

2018 Parish Campaign Achievement: \$64,005.00

2019 Parish Campaign Achievement: \$68,272.00

2020 ShareLife Parish Goal: \$69,300.00

How has your gift to ShareLife made a difference?

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 140,000 people locally last year. Your gift:

- provided dignified support to 11,500 seniors
- enabled 20,000 to receive affordable mental health care through family services
 - facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto
- invested in the future of our Church by supporting 85 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

March 29th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Forgiveness: What is it and How to do it?

Saturday, March 28th from 9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Anna Racine



This interactive workshop identifies the stumbling blocks to forgiveness, and then provides positive, practical methods to work through the anger and resentment. Forgiveness is about letting go of the past, understanding and moving on. **Location:** Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls

Cost: \$65 **To Register:** call 905 356 4113 x4200 or

Email: reservations@carmelniagara.com



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Proposed Expansion of Euthanasia

On Monday, February 24, 2020, the federal government introduced Bill C-7, an Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying). The bill expands what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called *euthanasia/assisted suicide*. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses, including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Please get involved by sending a prepared letter to your Member of Parliament expressing your deep concern and opposition to the bill. The letter can be found at www.helptheliving.ca.

Additional information can also be found at: www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia.

We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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: \$4,744.15

Thank You For Your Generosity

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



I once did a day hike in a desert-like landscape on a hot day in July. By noon, I had no water left in my water bottle. I began to experience an increasingly painful thirst. My throat was parched. My whole body was crying for water while the desert sun kept beating down on me.

The desert can be an image for a period of suffering that we experience in our lives. We can feel so drained, so tired of pain, so distressed. We thirst for some relief, for a better time. We languish.

The Samaritan woman was thirsty. Not just for water but mainly for a better life. She meets Jesus who offers her hope. In fact, he makes a promise to her: "The one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." This sounds too good to be true. But Jesus insists by saying that he is offering her life in all its fullness. She believes in him and her life is transformed.

Jesus invites us today to follow him more closely. As the psalm says, "O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord." By listening to his infinitely merciful and caring voice, we can bring to him the parched and hurting parts of our lives and be transformed.

~ Emmanuel Martel, *Living with Christ*

La conversazione di Gesù con la Samaritana si svolge sul tema dell'"acqua viva". Quest'acqua è indispensabile alla vita, e non è sorprendente che, nelle regioni del Medio Oriente dove regna la siccità, essa sia semplicemente il simbolo della vita e, anche, della salvezza dell'uomo in un senso più generale.

Questa vita, questa salvezza, si possono ricevere solo aprendosi per accogliere il dono di Dio. È questa la convinzione dell'antico Israele come della giovane comunità cristiana. E l'autore dei Salmi parla così al suo Dio: "È in te la sorgente della vita" (Sal 036,10). Ecco la sua professione di fede: "Come la cerva anela ai corsi d'acqua, così l'anima mia anela a te, o Dio" (Sal 042,2). La salvezza che Dio porta viene espressa con l'immagine della sorgente che zampilla sotto l'entrata del tempio e diventa un grande fiume che trasforma in giardino il deserto della Giudea e fa del mar Morto un mare pieno di vita (Ez 47,1-12).

Gesù vuole offrire a noi uomini questa salvezza e questa vita. Per calmare definitivamente la nostra sete di vita e di salvezza. "Io, sono venuto perché abbiano la vita e l'abbiano in abbondanza" (Gv 10,10).



Eucharistic Miracles of the World

March 27th to Sunday, March 29th

(9am to 6pm)

The Vatican approved *Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit* will be coming to Etobicoke! The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

Location: St. Ambrose Catholic Church - 416-251-8282

Please contact parish office for more information.



Annual Mass of Saint Patrick

St. Michael's Cathedral - Toronto
Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00am

President: Fr. Edward J. Curtis,

Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Homilist: Msgr. Patrick O'Dea,

Pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish

BUNDLE UP! 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!



Vocations Corner...

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty."

Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose?

If God is calling you to serve Him as 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 27th**, 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.

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OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

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