

Dear friends in Christ, as many of you remember, a few months ago we completed our active fundraising for our parish's Family of Faith campaign. Our participation in this important program not only greatly helps our parish, it helps establish funds for the Archdiocese of Toronto to fund a number of initiatives outlined in the Pastoral Plan. Our parish campaigned experienced tremendous success. In total, **269 parishioners pledged a total of \$749,730.** This pledged amount greatly exceeded our parish goal of **\$470,000.** The outpouring of generosity and sacrifice by our parish families was outstanding and inspiring. On behalf of the Archdiocese, I would like to give my genuine and heartfelt thanks to all the families and individuals that helped make the campaign a success at OLA.

A campaign such as this one does not simply end when all the pledges are collected. Now is the time when we start to see the wonderful effects of our effort. Remember, not all of these funds go directly back to the diocese. The funds which we will receive from this campaign will be used to pay for the cost associated with the recent repairs made to our church roof—which cost us in excess of **\$450,795.08.** As of 28 February 2017, we have received **\$43,679** from the chancery; this is an amount which is based on the total amount of **\$185,515** collected so far in the campaign. These numbers remind us that our parish still has a long way to go before our pledge commitments are fulfilled. I ask you to kindly remember the spirit of the campaign and the prayerful consideration that compelled so many of us to make a sacrificial gift to secure a future for our Church and parish. Heartfelt thanks for your great generosity. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas.*

Cari Amici in Cristo, molti di voi ricordano, che pochi mesi fa abbiamo completato la Campagna raccolta fondi per la Famiglia di Fede nella nostra parrocchia. La nostra partecipazione a questo importante programma non solo aiuta notevolmente la nostra parrocchia, ma aiuta anche a stabilire i fondi per l'arcidiocesi di Toronto a finanziare una serie di iniziative delineate nel Piano Pastorale. La nostra parrocchia ha sperimentato un successo enorme. In totale, **269 parrocchiani hanno impegnato un totale di \$749,730.** Questo totale ha superato ampiamente l'obiettivo della nostra parrocchia di **\$470.000.** L'effusione di generosità e di sacrificio delle famiglie della nostra parrocchia è stato eccellente e stimolante. A nome dell'Arcidiocesi, vorrei ringraziare tutte le famiglie e tutte le persone che hanno aiutato a rendere la campagna a OLA un successo.

Una campagna come questa non finisce semplicemente quando i moduli con i fondi impegnati vengono raccolti. Ora è tempo di cominciare a raccogliere i meravigliosi frutti del nostro sforzo. Vi voglio ricordare che non tutti i fondi vanno direttamente alla diocesi. I fondi che riceveremo da questa campagna verrà utilizzato per pagare il costo associato alle riparazioni del tetto della nostra chiesa effettuati di recente. (es., quasi **\$450,795.08.** dollari).

Dal 28 Febbraio 2017, abbiamo ricevuto **\$43,679** dalla cancelleria; questo importo è basato sul totale di **\$185,515.** dollari raccolti finora dal \$749.370 dollari del totale impegnato. Questi numeri ci ricordano che la nostra parrocchia ha ancora molta strada da percorrere prima che i nostri impegni promessi vengano eseguiti. Vi chiedo cortesemente di ricordare lo spirito della campagna e la considerazione orante che ha spinto molti di noi a fare un dono sacrificiale per garantire un futuro alla nostra Chiesa e parrocchia. Grazie di cuore per la vostra generosità. Pace e bene, *Padre Thomas.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: March 27th

8:00am - †Maria & Miguel Pinto
7:00pm - †Lorna Garner

Tuesday: March 28th

8:00am - †Carolina Perri
7:00pm - †Rudolf Julian Williams

Wednesday: March 29th

8:00am - Thanksgiving - Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00pm - Thanksgiving Edgardo & Floresca Manansala

Thursday: March 30th

8:00am - † Ferdinand Mejilla
7:00pm - † Eugenio, Francesco, Erminia

Friday: March 31st

8:00am - Reparation for Sins and Moral Renewal of Canada
7:00pm - †Nestor Palen

Saturday: April 1st

8:30am - † George Korn
5:00pm - For the Community of OLA

Sunday: April 2nd

9:00am - † Tino Rossini
10:30am - †Domenico Pulice & Familia
12:00pm - †Ana Rybovicova
†Ana Jancurova

Upcoming Events

Wednesday: March 29th

9:00am - Holy Cross School Liturgy

Thursday: March 30th

7:30pm - Confirmation Class
7:45pm - RCIA Class

Friday: March 31st

6:15pm - Via Crucis
7:30pm - Station of the Cross

Saturday: April 1st

9:30am - First Communion Class

Sat/Sun: April 1st-2nd

1st ShareLife Collection

OLA Day of Confession



March 28th, 2017 - Church

8:30am - 9:30am (Public)
9:30am - 12:00pm
(Holy Cross - Students & Staff)
3:00pm - 6:30pm (Public)
7:30pm - 9:30pm (Public)

March 29th, 2017

Ascension of Lord HS & St. Raphael School
(Students and Staff)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last week Collection \$ 5,662.00

Thank You For your generosity

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The image of Jesus using his spittle to create a paste that He then applies to the eyes of a blind man is not the most pleasant of miracles. It's a very earthy gesture. It also is one that causes much consternation among the Pharisees and even the family and friends of the cured man.

Sometimes, the people around us, including our loved ones, are the first to put limits on our efforts to achieve or break away from circumstances that are less than favourable. It is not that they always want us to fail, or stay down, but they can feel threatened when we shake off the expectations placed upon us.

One of the key messages from this week's Gospel is that a man not only comes to 'see' that he is capable of being more than 'a blind man' but that Jesus is much more than 'just a man'. As he tells those who push him on the matter: 'Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'



La "luce" è uno dei simboli originali delle Sacre Scritture. Essa annuncia la salvezza di Dio. Non è senza motivo che la luce è stata la prima ad essere creata per mettere un termine alle tenebre del caos (Gen 1,3-5). Ecco la professione di fede dell'autore dei Salmi: "Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza, di chi avrò paura?" (Sal 28,1). E il profeta dice: "Alzati, Gerusalemme, rivestiti di luce, perché viene la tua luce, la gloria del Signore brilla sopra di te" (Is 60,1). Non bisogna quindi stupirsi se il Vangelo di san Giovanni riferisce a Gesù il simbolo della luce. Già il suo prologo dice della Parola divina, del Logos: "In lui era la vita, e la vita era la luce degli uomini; la luce splende nelle tenebre, ma le tenebre non l'hanno accolta" (Gv 1,4-5). La luce è ciò che rischiarava l'oscurità, ciò che libera dalla paura che ispirano le tenebre, ciò che dà un orientamento e permette di riconoscere la meta e la via. Senza luce, non c'è vita. Il racconto della guarigione del cieco è una "storia di segni" caratteristica di san Giovanni. Essa mette in evidenza che Gesù è "la luce del mondo" (v. 5, cf. 8, 12), che egli è la rivelazione in persona e la salvezza di Dio - offerte a tutti.

Lenten Food Collection: The St. Vincent DePaul Society wishes to thank the generous parishioners who faithfully, generously make donations to the food bin and the poor boxes. Please note that our supplies are running low and we need your assistance once again in restocking it for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Thank you again for your help and may God abundantly bless you and your families.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE UP!

We are collecting clothing at OLA Church on **March 25 & 26 2017**. A truck will pick up all the clothing on the said dates only. Please note: **NO baby furniture**. We will only accept clothing on the given dates. Please **DO NOT** drop any clothing in the church or near the garage at any time. **Thank you for your support!**

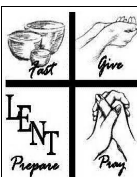
SL ShareLife

"YOU CAN WORK WONDERS"
LET'S BE READY

Let's be ready and be generous on Sharelife Sunday

RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesdays (7:30-7:50am & 6:30-6:50pm)
Every Saturday (8:00-8:20 am & 4:00-4:45pm)
Every First Fridays of the Month (7:30-7:50am & 6:30- 6:50pm) (or by appointment)



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS



We are now accepting donations for our Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and you may drop it in the basket during the offertory.

Vocation 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, Vocation Director,** Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997



All students in **grade 6, 7, and 8** are invited to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, April 7th** from 7pm - 9pm.

At Our Lady of the Airways Parish, down in the parish hall.

Registration Information:

Registration Fee \$25 : March - June Session
(EDGE t-shirt included with registration)

Registration forms are available in the church foyer.

All teens in **grade 9-12** are welcome!

Life Nights are designed to serve the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our teens through dynamic and prayerful presentations. Life Teen focuses on how to live the faith in today's culture and teens are sent forth with the challenge to live it.

Stay tuned for more information about **Life Teen Events** and volunteer **Service Hour Projects**.

For information, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com