

Living the Gospel

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 9	5 pm	† Margaret Newman, Joseph & Stephen <small>(Geraldine Newman)</small>
Sun Mar 10	8:30 am	† Biagio, Elena & Mariano Forte <small>(Civita Forte & Family)</small>
	10 am	In Thanksgiving <small>(Jun & Lynnore Moreno)</small>
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Mar 11	8 am	Souls in Purgatory
Tue Mar 12	8 am	† Albert Sagun <small>(The Family)</small>
Wed Mar 13	7pm	† Giuseppe Turino <small>(The Family)</small>
Thu Mar 14	8 am	† Concetta & Eugenio Tucciarone <small>(Civita Forte & Family)</small>
Fri Mar 15	8 am	† Donato, Concetta & Giuseppe Zita <small>(Lucy Zita)</small>
Sat Mar 16	5 pm	† Pat Chisholm <small>(Mem. B'day) (Joan & Family)</small>
Sun Mar 17	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello <small>(Husband Frank)</small>
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Marcel Lacroix <small>(Brenda Lacroix)</small>

Moses and the serpent

Jesus makes a strange analogy to explain the crucifixion. He refers to a metal statue that had been "crucified" by Moses. The incident is described in Numbers 21:4-9. The Hebrews were traveling through a region in the southern part of Jordan. It was infested with lizards that carried venom. This led to high fever and death. Moses had been a desert dweller for many years and knew that the bites were not always fatal. Panic caused the poison to spread. If the people would relax the fever and its cause would pass. So Moses had to find a way to calm his people. God inspired him to create a statue of the serpent as a sign that the almighty could control real lizards. Jesus may be using this illustration to show the psychological power of the crucifixion. His death on the cross was a reminder of God's ultimate power over sin and evil.

The Son of Man must be lifted up so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14-15

(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Sunday of Joy

A joyful outcry opens this 4th Sunday of Lent: "Rejoice Jerusalem, be glad for her" because the salvation is near, although the repeated betrayal, God does not abandon its people. The 4th Sunday of Lent marks the "center" of the penitential way in preparation for Easter.



Eucharistic Adoration
 First Friday of the month April 5, 2024
 Following the 8 am Mass
 Rosary at 7:30am.
 Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
 Saturday morning Saturday April 6, @ 8 am
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Feast of St. Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. Please join us Tuesday March 19th as we gather and venerate St. Joseph. Morning mass at 8 am and also in the evening @ 7 pm. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers, and patron saint of Poland as well as Canada and Italy.

First ShareLife Sunday – March 16-17

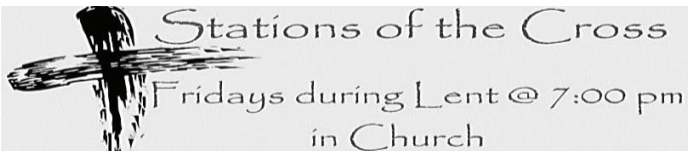
How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the coming week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign. Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Please pray for the sick of our Parish especially:
 ERNESTO PALACA, SANDI HATULAN,
 TERESITA GUANCO
 And for the souls of the deceased:
 ELIZABETH FITZPATRICK.

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Communion for the homebound upon request, anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or those undergoing surgery.
 Please call the parish office



Communion Fast still holds

Holy Communion is Jesus! The Church still requires that Catholics prepare to receive him by fasting ONE FULL HOUR. This fast includes all food and beverages. Let's think about it! Communion with Jesus is serious business.

Parishioners using envelope numbers
#232, #141, #332, #259, #338 & #491
 Please call the parish office
 @ 416-251-1109 and speak with the parish
 secretary. Thank you!

Movie Night
 Friday March 29th (Good Friday) @ 7:30 pm
 Join us in the parish hall; screening:
"The Passion of the Christ"

The St. Leo's Quilting Group

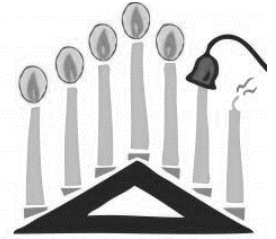
The Quilters meets every Monday from 10 am to 2 pm. They would love to have you join them. If you cannot stay for the entire time, you are welcome to come and stay for as many hours as you wish. If you do not know how to quilt but would like to learn, they will be glad to teach you. They also have beautiful baby quilts for sale that would make lovely gifts, the cost is \$70.00.

Lenten Week of Confessions Schedule 2024 Week of March 11 th – March 16 th		
Monday March 11 Confessions 7 – 10 am	Tuesday March 12 Confessions 7 – 10 am	Wednesday March 13 th Confessions 4 – 7 pm
Thursday March 14 th Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Friday March 15 th Confessions 7 – 10 am	Saturday March 16 th Confessions 4 – 5 pm 6 – 7 pm

*The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of
 March is reserved by
Anna Maria Cerullo
 For Special Intentions & Thanksgiving*

Tenebrae Service

The Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, will present Tenebrae in our church on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 7:30pm. Written in the middle of the last century by Monsignor John Edward Ronan - principal founder of Toronto's St. Michael's Choir School - the Tenebrae responsorial convey the sorrow of Holy Week in this solemn and noble music. Admission is free, free-will offerings may be made to ShareLife.



Annual Mass of St. Patrick
Saturday, March 16, 2024 @ 10 am
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Presider and Homilist
Cardinal Thomas Collins
All are welcome

The Source Holy Hour
Thursday, March 21st, 2024 7:00-9pm
840 Bathurst Street, Toronto

You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor). More information can be found on the [Sisters of Life website](#).

Music Concert Celebrating 400 years of St Joseph as Patron of Canada
Thursday, March 21, 2024 7-8 pm

Join Most Rev. Robert Kasun Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and the Heralds of the Gospel celebrating 400 years of the Consecration of Canada to St Joseph on Thursday, March 21 @7:00 PM at St Paul's Basilica located at 83 Power Street, Toronto

Good Friday Procession Toronto
Friday, March 29, 2024 3:00-5 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto, ON M6J 2B2

Following a tradition that goes back to 1962, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding the annual Good Friday Procession. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands and people representing different characters associated with the Passion of Christ.

Retrouvaille

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from April 5-7, 2024 in Mississauga.

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