

YEAR OF MERCY – LENTEN JOURNEY- WEEK 5

Lent - A Time To Ponder Deeply

Scripture: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. *Leviticus 19:2*

Speaking to his weekly general audience in St. Peter's square just one day after launching his global Jubilee year of mercy, the pontiff said that "only a merciful church shines." The Holy Father stated further that in our era of deep changes, the church is called to offer its particular contribution, making visible the signs of the presence and closeness of God.

It is true this Jubilee year is a special time called by the Catholic Church to receive blessings and pardon from God and remission of sins. He stated that "the necessary work of renewal of the Church's institutions and structures is a means that must bring us to make alive and enlivened the experience of God's Mercy that alone can guarantee a church that is a city upon a hill that cannot remain hidden." *National Catholic Register*

He called the Jubilee a "privileged moment" in which the church "may learn to choose only that which God loves most - forgiving His children, having mercy on them, in order that they may, in turn, forgive their brothers and sisters, shining as torches of God's Mercy in the world." He is calling the Ecclesial Church to be a lighthouse for all God's children extending mercy, forgiveness, love and welcoming.

Remember the whole church is called to Conversion and Holiness.

We are the Living Church.

It is by living our lives and offering our own Christian witness in our everyday occupations that we are called to become holy: each of us in the condition and state of life in which we find ourselves. Every state-religious, married, single leads us to sanctity, if lived in communion with the Lord and in the service of one's neighbor.

Prayer refrain: I open the Door of my Heart to you.

- Banish my fear, O Lord. Be my light and my strength...**R**
- Help me, O God, to live with you in a new way...**R**
- Precious Savior, you gave yourself for others. Guide me in my service to others...**R**
- Help me O Lord to come to you for forgiveness and mercy...**R**
- Renew my trust in you my God...**R**
- Gracious God, please turn my mourning into dancing...**R**
- Loving Jesus I offer you my suffering as my prayer today...**R**
- Help us Lord in the Catholic Women's league to be witnesses of forgiveness and mercy...**R**

Every prayer of petition becomes a prayer of thanksgiving and praise as well, precisely because it is a prayer of Hope. We put our lives in the hands of God. There we are safe and loved.

My God within me I adore you.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13, 2016



"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

-John 8:7-

Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs;

*counsel the doubtful
instruct the ignorant
admonish sinners
comfort the afflicted
forgive offenses
bear wrongs patiently
pray for the living and the dead*

Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs;

*feed the hungry
give drink to the thirsty
clothe the naked
shelter the homeless
visit the sick
visit the imprisoned
bury the dead*

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Mar. 14	9:00 am	†Luis Adrian Dayot
Tues. Mar. 15	9:00 am	†Mary Seitz
Wed. Mar. 16	9:00 am	†Edward Nolan
Thurs. Mar. 17	9:00 am	†Alfred Theodore Lobo
Fri. Mar. 18	9:00 am	†Lilia Ponce Enrile
Sat. Mar. 19	9:00 am	†Helen Comartin †Gavin D'Souza †Murray Wilcox †Sr. Mary Gallagher †James McGraw †Robert Sims †Eileen Scullion Brothers, Sisters and Benefactors of OFM
Sat. Mar. 19	5:00 pm	†Josie Tumaming
Sun. Mar. 20	8:30 am	Parishioners
	10:00 am	†Michael Maclean
	12:00 pm	†Cecilia Leung

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp:	Wes Ong
Vigil Lamp:	†Francisco Jimenez
For the Sick:	Deacon Sal Badali, Jim Small, Lois Walsh, Leonel & Judith Alvarez, Geraldine Daly
For the Deceased:	Andrew Gendron, Kevin Lancey

Pastoral care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact: **Moira McKeown at 416-445-8494**

Private Prayer: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 14

6:30 pm	Sparks Events/Bonaventure Room
7:00 pm	Brownies Events/Francis Room
7:00 pm	St. Clare Inn Meeting/Boardroom
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice/Church

Tuesday, March 15

10:00 am	Spiritual Growth in the Second Half Of Life/Francis Room
7:30 pm	Bible Study Group/Oak Room

Wednesday, March 16

6:30 pm	GRASP Group/Oak Room
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room
7:00 pm	Lenten Series-Having Mercy/Main Hall
7:30 pm	Family Choir Practice/Church

Saturday, March 19

9:30 am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room
9:30 am	Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room
9:30 am	CWL Lenten Retreat/Main Hall

LITURGY

Stations of the Cross

9:30 am Every Friday in Lent after the morning mass ending March 18.

Day of Confessions, March 15

9:30 am to 10:30 am
12:00 nn to 1:00 pm
7:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 24

No Morning Mass
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 25

12 noon and 3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 26

No Morning Mass
11:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27

8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon- Celebration of the Eucharist.

The Triduum

As a church we enter into the most Holiest of weeks as we recall the tremendous sacrifice Christ paid for us. The Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, can be seen as one continuous liturgy.

On **Holy Thursday** we recall the Lord's institution of the Eucharist and His mandate for us to "wash feet." At the end of the mass we will have a solemn procession from the church to the Parish Hall. As we make our way, we sing the ancient hymn associated with this day. Afterwards, the Blessed Sacrament will be moved to the Francis Room until midnight. Just as Jesus asked the disciples to "watch and pray" the Church has used these few hours as a time of prayer and reflection.

On **Good Friday** we remember Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross. During the service we will come forward and venerate the cross as we wish; with a kiss, a bow, or signing yourself with a cross. As you approach the cross we ask that there be four abreast.

At the **Easter Vigil** we will gather outside in the courtyard for the blessing of the Easter fire. Please use both entrances to enter the church. Once inside we begin the reading of our past which culminates in the account of the Resurrection. Those to be baptized will process to the waters of new life.

Please join us for all of these moving and spiritual moments.

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

March 6 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$9,586

Flowers for Easter: \$2,020

Donate Now: \$449

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175

ShareLife Sunday - March 13, 2016

"Agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfilment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, yet have access to the social services and care they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Please prayerfully consider today how you can support ShareLife," -Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Today is ShareLife Sunday, *March 13, 2016*
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"As disciples of Christ, how can we not be concerned for the good of the weakest?" -Pope Francis

Donation guidelines for our upcoming Bundle Weekend, *April 16/17, 2016.*

What NOT to Give	What to GIVE
Appliances	Accessories
Books	Bedding, drapes & textiles
Baby furniture items	Boots and shoes
Furnitures (small dressers are accepted)	Clothing and coats- Any & all
Mattresses	Small household goods
	Toys

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday mornings 10:00 am, Francis Room March 15 & 22.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life.
Facilitator: Sister Mary Rose Marrin, CSJ

Community-Building Lunch

March 29, 12 noon, Main Hall

Ministry with Maturing Adults participants are holding a community-building lunch. The guest speaker is Mary Perry-White, Maturing Adult Minister at St. Mary's Parish, Barrie ON. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after the Masses on March 12-13. All are welcome.

Lenten Series - "Having Mercy"

Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 pm, Main Hall March 16, 23

Find a pathway to understand and live Mercy more fully. The sessions will be filled with rich examples, Scriptures and sharing. All are welcome. For information contact Greg Beath.

Lenten Retreat-Sponsored by the CWL

March 19, Saturday, 9:30 am to 12 noon, Main Hall
All parishioners are invited to a Lenten retreat led by Friar Conrad Fernandes, from St. Francis Parish. Fr. Fernandes is doing his Franciscan Novitiate in Boston and completing his studies of ordination in Rome. Come and be motivated for Lent by this friar.



St. Clare Inn's Annual Fundraiser is back. *Saturday April 16th at the Donalda Club.* Stroll the streets of Paris, take your picture with the Eiffel Tower, snack on great Parisian fare & bid at the live silent auction...all for a great cause! This year will be hosted by CTV Toronto's Michelle Dube. Tickets are \$80/each. Call 416-690-0330 or go online @ www.stclareinn.org.

Doors of Mercy

The Knights of Columbus are planning a pilgrimage to St. Paul's Basilica in celebration of the Doors of Mercy on *Saturday, April 2, 2016.* Bus departs St. Bonaventure Parish at 8:30 am, Mass at the Basilica at 9:15 am. Tickets & bookings from the Knights of Columbus or call the Ministry centre 416-447-5571. See their posters at the back of the church.

A Pilgrimage To Lourdes In Our Parish

Friday, April 8th, 7 pm in the Church
North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90 minute VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France. During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water and you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. Invite your family, children and friends Our Lady extends her invitation to all! "Would you do me the favour to come here..." Word of Our Lady to St. Bernadette and now to you.

Assisted Suicide-Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them!

CanadiansforConscience.ca

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than *April 1st 2016.*

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

April 15-17, 2016, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! A weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. For more information and application, go to www.wvme.org or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at Gerard.marge@rogers.com or 905-792-1925

Inspirational Talks By New Beginnings

All are invited to attend two upcoming Inspirational Talks which will be held at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. Toronto 4th floor at 6:30 pm
Monday, March 14, 2016 - "Journey Through Life: The Pilgrim's Way"
Monday, April 18, 2016 - "Living with Loneliness"

The New Beginnings Spring Retreat

"Nurturing Seeds of Hope in all the Seasons of Life"
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Bonaventure Church, Francis Room
Join us in experiencing and exploring how God's loving kindness and mercy flow in and through us and all creation. Please register by calling 416-921-1163 x2235 or e-mail to mbenincasa@csftoronto.com

St. Bonaventure Baseball

We are in need of adult volunteers to serve as coaches and conveners. For more information, contact: marieferguson@rogers.com

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month's casseroles is Sunday, *March 27, 2016.*



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