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WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am  
SATURDAY: 9 am  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am  
RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4 pm  
SUNDAY LITURGY  
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

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Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm  
Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm  
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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF  
THE LORD  
MARCH 20, 2016**



**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. Mar. 21	9:00 am	†Michael Mocak
Tues. Mar. 22	9:00 am	†Joanne Daly
Wed. Mar. 23	9:00 am	†Aileen Moore
Thurs. Mar. 24	9:00 am	No Mass
	7:00 pm	Vocations
Fri. Mar. 25	9:00 am	No Mass
Sat. Mar. 26	9:00 am	No Mass
Sat. Mar. 26	5:00 pm	No Mass
	7:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun. Mar. 27	8:30 am	†Elio DiGregorio
	10:00 am	†Carmencita Arevalo
	12:00 pm	†Jo Giuffre

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Sanctuary Lamp: A. Rodrigues & Family  
Vigil Lamp: Personal Intentions  
For the Sick: Deacon Sal Badali, Jim Small, Lois Walsh, Leonel & Judith Alvarez, Geraldine Daly  
For the Deceased: Bridget McLarnon

**Join our Parish:** pick-up a registration form at the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):** for adults considering becoming a Catholic, and those who were baptized but did not receive any other sacraments.

**Baptism:** one Sunday every other month. Request forms are on the website and at the Ministry Centre.

**Marriage:** the bride or groom must be a registered member of our parish. Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married.

**Anointing of the Sick:** the sacrament can be received after any Mass or by appointment.

**Wheelchair Accessible Washroom:** At the back of the church on the south side.

**Gluten Free Hosts:** Come to the sacristy before mass to arrange.

**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 21**

6:30 pm Secular Franciscans Meeting/Francis Room  
6:30 pm Sparks Events/Bonaventure Room  
7:00 pm Brownies Events/Main Hall  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church

**Tuesday, March 22**

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

**Wednesday, March 23**

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 26**

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room  
9:30 am Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room

**LITURGY**

JESUS CHRIST became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. (*Philippians 2. 8-10*)

**Lenten Series - "Having Mercy" - March 23**

Wednesday evening 7 - 8 pm, Main Hall  
Find a pathway to understand and live Mercy more fully. All are welcome.

**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.

**Easter Monday, March 28**

No Morning Mass  
The Ministry Centre is closed

## STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

### March 13 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$9,046

Flowers for Easter: \$260 ShareLife: \$8,055

Donate Now: \$449

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175

### Second Collections

March 25 - Good Friday/Holy Land Offering

March 27 - Easter Offering

### Next ShareLife Sunday - April 17, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Jesus washes the feet of the Apostles. Are we ready to serve others like this?" Pope Francis

Your loyal and generous support to our poor boxes and clothing drive (April 16/17) allows us to serve our friends in need. Thank you.

### Secular Franciscan Meeting

There will be a Secular Franciscan meeting Monday, March 21 at 6:30 pm, Francis room.

### Ministry with Maturing Adults

Tuesday morning 10:00 am, Francis Room March 22, 2016

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

### Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

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

### 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 this weekend and up to March 22<sup>nd</sup> only. All are welcome.

### Doors of Mercy

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy for Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bus will leave St. Bonaventure Parking at 8:30 am and proceed to St. Paul's Basilica and St. Patrick's Church respectively. Tickets are \$10.00 each available after week-end Masses and at the Parish Centre. Price includes transportation and light lunch. A donation of food item will be collected at boarding to support the local food bank.



St. Clare Inn's Annual Fundraiser is back. Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stclareinn.org).

### A Pilgrimage To Lourdes In Our Parish

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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](http://www.wvme.org) or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at [Gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:Gerard.marge@rogers.com) or 905-792-1925

### Inspirational Talk By New Beginnings

Monday, April 18, 6:30 pm

"Living with Loneliness" at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. Toronto, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

### 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

Experience and explore how God's loving kindness and mercy flow in and through us and all creation. Please register by calling 416-921-1163 x2235 or [mhenincasa@csftoronto.com](mailto:mhenincasa@csftoronto.com)

## YEAR OF MERCY- LENTEN JOURNEY- WEEK 6

Reflection: Since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. This Passion/Palm Sunday we will gather together to herald with the whole church the beginning of the celebration of Our Lord's Paschal Ministry, his Passion and Resurrection. With all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made, by his grace, partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in His Resurrection and His Life.

Suffering naturally leads to questioning

Why do I suffer? Why do others suffer? How can suffering be overcome? Is there any meaning to suffering? These are difficult and sometimes very frustrating questions. In his apostolic letter Salvifici Doloris (On the Christian meaning of Human Suffering) Pope Paul II reminds us that suffering is part of human existence from birth to death and he counsels us that Love is the richest source of the meaning of suffering which always remains a mystery. He says that reducing suffering to a single solution does not do justice to its complexities.

Suffering of Christ redeems suffering itself and opens up the possibility that the sufferer can share in the redemptive work of Christ. St. Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 1:18 "For the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Suffering encompasses every aspect of our being, physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual.

If we open the Door to our hearts and invite God into our suffering situations, and those of our families and communities, and unite these sufferings to those of Christ, we are actually offering them to God as our prayer. In turn, God transforms our suffering and ourselves as he unleashes love in our hearts allowing us to embrace our own afflictions and reach out to each other. He invites us to live from our souls as people of compassion, love and mercy. Now our suffering is a participation in the Mystery of Christ, who does not explain the abstract reasons for suffering, but says "Follow Me! Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering on the CROSS." (On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering, Feb. 11, 1984,26) During this weeks of Lent let us praise and thank God for his redemptive Suffering. Let us be present at our parish services asking God to help us grow in love and mercy towards ourselves and others. Let us take advantage of quiet moments when we can just be in silence allowing God an opportunity to touch our hearts and souls.

Prayer: Refrain: Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in You.

- We are yours, dear Lord, please heal our brokenness...R
- For our families, our parishes and our community members and the burdens they carry...R
- For all priests and bishops and the Holy Father who have been given the task of leading the church...R
- For those who seem to have abandoned all hope and are in need of your love and mercy...R
- For the grace to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and begin anew...R
- For responsible governments called to rule in peace, mercy and justice...R

My God within me, I adore You

(Patricia Moore, Spiritual Development committee member Ontario Provincial Council)



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