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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10, 2019



March 12th – March 16th

Tues. 8:30 am - Father Frank Abbass †

Wed. 8:30 am - Special Intentions

Thurs. Noon - Fausto Ignagni †

Fri. 8:30 am - Elias & Marie Behlok †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Dr. Andrew Frieri †

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there."

As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasize "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

Many people view Lent negatively – as a time of deprivation and denial. Today's Gospel reminds us instead that Lent is a time to become more solidly grounded in our faith. No matter what the devil said or offered, Jesus remained firmly rooted in God's word. The lure of comfort and wealth and power was not match for what Jesus knew to be ultimately true as revealed in Scripture.

The hardest challenge in life is to believe that every moment, whether joyful or difficult, is an occasion to deepen our relationship with God and one another. It is not enough to accept or tolerate reality. We are called to love reality in all its glory and messiness. Making more time for prayer and Scripture, fasting from things in our lives that keep us from giving ourselves in service to others: far from depriving us, these are the tools we can use to ensure that we are firmly rooted in the things of God.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be strengthened to follow in the footsteps of the One who unflinchingly stood up to evil and ultimately triumphed.

READINGS FOR – March 17th

1st Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36



Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.



The Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow the path of Christ commencing this Friday at 7:00 pm.

The Rosary

"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary." The Rosary will be recited at 4:10 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily Mass.



We are very excited to announce that two very talented youths from our parish are recipients of the 2019 CWL Youth Awards. We extend well deserved congratulations to Elizabeth Sinclair, winner of the Jean McCann Youth Service Award (Regional Level), she will be moving forward to Diocesan Level, and Domenick Mann who placed second in the Regional Level for Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest. Well done!! We are very proud of you!!

CONFESSIONS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Bi-Annual Day of Reconciliation which will be held on Wednesday, April 3 from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



PATRICIAN MEETING

The Legion of Mary will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m in the church hall. Topic – "Oberammergau" The Passion Play. Please come and join us.



Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary

Friday, March 15, 2019 7:00 pm to

Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:30 pm

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 15 (7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 17 (1:30 p.m.) 2019, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



**Flower Collection for Easter
March 23rd and 24th Masses
Donations will help brighten up the
church!**

Friday, March 22, 2019 After the Stations of the Cross "Amazing Grace"



The inspiring story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Based on the true life story of William Wilberforce, a leader of the British abolition movement, the film chronicles his epic struggle to pass a law to end the slave trade. John Newton reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn *Amazing Grace*, urges him to see the cause through.

LENTEN COURSE

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players St. Augustine and St. Benedict

A reminder to all who registered, the course begins **Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Ministry with Maturing Adults Spirituality in the Second Half of Life Winter Program

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life.

Friday, March 15 – "Dealing with Loss"

Friday, March 29 – "Advance Care Planning"

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone 905-881-1534



"FEED MY LAMBS"

Next weekend is the monthly collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. Your efforts to feed the hungry are greatly appreciated and we thank you.



Soon we will be launching our 2019 ShareLife Campaign. ShareLife is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages! Today, we reflect on Living the Gospel in countless ways. You might not realize the impact of your donation to ShareLife. Your generosity supports over 40 agencies that help thousands of people in your community and beyond. As the 2019 Parish Campaign approaches, we thank you for your faithful support!

**ShareLife Sunday
March 31, 2019**

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