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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 19, 2023



#### March 21<sup>st</sup> - March 25<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Michael Sze Sp. Intention

Wed. 8:30 am - Msgr. John Weber Sp. Intention

Thurs. Noon – Doug Kester ∜ Fri. 8:30 am – Gary Szeto ∜ Sat. 4:30 pm – Henry Liang ∜

#### READINGS FOR – March 26<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.8-11 Gospel: John 11.1-45





#### The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, join us as we follow the path of Christ.



#### Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

## **ShareLife Sunday is March 26**



#### **CWL MONTHLY MEETING**

The CWL will be holding their first meeting of the year on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to

attend to share in all the ways CWL contributes and enriches our church and community.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

## "He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored."

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light - true light, that defeats the blindness of sin.

Samuel has been commissioned by God to choose a successor to Saul. Like us, Samuel frequently judges by appearance, while God judges by the heart. Samuel's selection of



David and Jesus' healing the blind man in today's gospel speak to us of God's choices. Jesus sees in the blind man someone with great potential who moves from a world of darkness to collaborate with Jesus. He will be the one to display the work of God and reveal Jesus to others.

The readings call us to move from our blindness to the revelation of God in Jesus. To believe is to come to the light, while to disbelieve is to be spiritually blind and walk in the darkness. Paul reminds us that when we are committed to Christ, we become children of the light. When Jesus opens our eyes, we see him in all things. The blind man received not only the gift of sight but also the gift of faith. May we like him experience this Lent as a true conversion of heart.



#### **JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**

The point of giving things up isn't to be reminded of how much we miss them, but rather to be awakened to how much we miss God and long for his life-giving Spirit. This means, of course, that Lent isn't only about giving up things. It's also about adding things, God-things.

- Having given up junk food for a healthy diet, what will you do with the energy you gain?
- Having given up reading magazines, what will you read now?
- Having given up Facebook, to whom will you devote meaningful conversation?
- Having given up lunch, how will you rely on God for the strength of "food from heaven"?
- Having given up TV as a default activity, how will you use that time to cultivate quality family time?
- Having given up isolation, how will you immerse yourself in community?
- Having given up shopping, will you see those who need clothing in your city?
- Having sacrificed whatever form of selfishness you indulge; how will you meet the needs of others?



The practice of giving something up for Lent is a way of entering into the wilderness with Jesus. Don't worry about whether your sacrifice is a good one. It's not a contest. Just make your aim to know Christ more fully, and trust him to lead you. Seek to replace that thing with devotion to Christ—his Word and his mission. God may lead

you to give up and take up more as you go. That's good. Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus.

#### **CASSEROLE COLLECTION**

#### **FEED MY LAMBS**

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 19th. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the



poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

### Blessed Trinity Parish Prayer Healing Mass Wednesday, March 22, 2023 07:00 PM - 08:45 PM 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto

Blessed Trinity invites you to a Prayer Healing Mass led by Fr. Sam Samuel, VC. Everyone is welcome.

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## THE LEGION OF MARY

#### **LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY**

The Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Consecration to Our Lady for all active and auxiliary members on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 3501 Finch Ave. East (at Birchmount).

## Good Friday Procession

Friday, April 07, 2023 03:00 PM - 04:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi Parish 72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto



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. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the procession. To volunteer, register online at stfrancis.ca.

PHONE: 416-536-8195

## "Mass Alive. Yes, Mass Really Alive!"

Monday, March 27, 2023 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection open to men and women. When we Catholics want to pray together, we go to Mass. But the Mass can become so routine, it can become boring. What happens at Mass that could make us choose to want to go again and again? Come and reflect on how the Mass could stay fresh, relevant, and nourishing for us. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with program.

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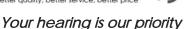


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