



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - A

Last week's gospel, which showed Jesus fasting in the desert and subject to temptation, revealed to us his full humanity. Today his identity as God's Son is declared. With three close friends he has climbed the mountain, traditional meeting place with God, and been caught up in glory. Peter interrupts Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah, who represents the Law and the Prophets; he wants to cling to this ecstatic experience. Then the presence of God – symbolized by a bright cloud – overwhelms the disciples. They learn to reverence God's holiness. Only Jesus' touch quiets their awe-filled fear. He will come down from the mountain of the transfiguration to take the road toward the cross, strengthened by this religious experience for the Calvary that lies ahead. Abram, too, had to abandon everything he held dear to answer God's call. Hardship is part of Christian living, but the letter to Timothy assures us that God's power will carry us through. We need only to trust in God's love for us.



2nd Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2014

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo at 416-968-0997 or on vocations@vocations.ca or call Fr. Victor at 416-757-2806 or email olfatima@rogers.com for information.

It's BUNDLE UP time today!



We accept Winter Coats, Boots, Children's Wear, Baby Clothes, Ladies' Wear, Men's Clothing, Toys, Bedding, Shoes, Drapes, Accessories, Household goods.

NO mattresses or appliances accepted!

This weekend, March 15/16 - all day Sat. & Sun. - the St. Vincent de Paul truck is parked in the school's alley ... Thanks



First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Mar. 23 & Apr. 6, 13 27**. Candidates in public schools have a formal class at 9.30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. *Thanks.*

Next Confirmation classes are on ...

Classes take place in the church hall on Saturday at 2.30 pm. Attendance is **mandatory** for all meetings listed in the class schedule given out to with the application forms. Up-coming scheduled classes are on: **Mar. 22, 29 & Apr. 5**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church, is also mandatory. *Thanks.*



 <i>Keeping a Holy Lent</i>		March 17 - 23 2014
Mon 17	8:00 am	Margaret & Frank Quinn (D)
Tues 18	8:00 am	Josephine Ortega (I) – <i>Birthday</i>
Wed 19 St. Joseph	8:00 am	Margarita & Seferino Dogado (D)
	7:00 pm	Godofredo Tillo+Josefino Solidum(D)
Thur 20	8:00 am	Carlos Rodriguez (D)
Fri 21	8:00 am	Olive Faldas (D)
	7:00 pm	Maryanne Hogan (D)
Sat 22	9:00 am	Agnes Hatton (I) – <i>for healing</i>
	4:30 pm	Carlos Rodriguez (D)
Sun 23 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>RCIA 1st Scrutinies</i>	9:00 am	Elio Ricci Pallaria (D)
	10:30 am	Deborah Mangal (D)
	12:15 pm	For the People of the Parish



THE RITE OF ELECTION AND THE SCRUTINIES FOR R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES

SCHEDULE Last Sunday, March 9 – 1st Sunday of Lent – the candidates in this year's RCIA program participated in the **Rite of Election** – a celebration during which all candidates are formally initiated in the Catholic community and welcomed. They are now expected to continue their journey toward Baptism and full communion in a more committed manner, closer to the community that is receiving them.

The three **Scrutinies**, in front of the community, take place during the 12.15 pm Mass on three consecutive Sundays: the 3rd, the 4th and the 5th of Lent. Each of the catechumens is invited to the Initial Rites within Mass as they continue to allow the Spirit of God to work in them and bring them to a deeper meaning of the faith they are about to embrace. The Christian community present, offers them support and encouragement.

The **Scrutinies** will take place on Sundays **March 23rd, 30th and April 6th** and all are welcome to attend as we continue to ask God to free them from the influence of sin and all that is evil on their journey toward full communion in the Catholic Church. Keep them and their families in your prayers and offer your fasting for their intentions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married couples, you deserve a weekend to cherish being together and to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better!

A worldwide **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** offers this opportunity. **Upcoming weekend date – March 21-23**. For more info and registration call Cora & Mike (905-896-2958) or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca



HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

A Live-in Weekend followed by post sessions to help heal troubled Marriages

Upcoming Weekend: April 25 - 27, 2014

For confidential inquiries or to register call: 416-281-6007 or www.torontoretrouvaille.com



This Sunday – Sunday, Mar 16
 This weekend: **No Children's Liturgy** or **First Communion** class. The **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting today is at 2.00 pm as usual.
OCDS community mtg – Tuesday, Mar 18
 The monthly meeting of the **Secular Carmel** community is today in the church hall at 7.00 pm.

Feast of St Joseph & Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Mar 19
 Mass in honor of St. Joseph – Patron of Canada – is at 8.00 am. The Rosary is prayed at 6.30 pm followed by the celebration of Solemn Mass for the feast of St. Joseph.

First day of spring ... Lent devotions – Friday, Mar 21
 Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual. At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass follows at 7.00 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to participate.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 22
 There is a regular **RCIA meeting** at 10.00 am. **Confirmation class** resume today. There is a Baptism Preparation meeting at 10.30 am in the chapel. Next baptism is on Sunday, March 30 @ 2 pm.

Sunday's liturgy ... 3rd Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 23
Children's Liturgy & First Communion classes resume today. The RCIA 1st Scrutinies are celebrated today during the 12.15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting today is at 2.00 pm.

This Lent pray the WAY OF THE CROSS at home ... every day!

A newly produced DVD, in time for this Lenten season, is useful for the shut-ins or seniors and all others who are unable to come to church on Fridays to pray the **Stations of the Cross**.



Compiled and edited by Mr. A. Vella, this DVD uses the prayer texts used in the church and portrays the artistic Stations [statuettes] that are our pride and joy. The background music is original, solemn and inspires devotion.

Copies, ideal as Lenten gifts, are available from the office at \$7.00 per copy.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass

All are invited to the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Mass** at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, on **Monday, March 17** at 10.00 am. Cardinal Collins will preside with the participation of the Alumni Choir, St. Michael's Choir School. All are welcome.



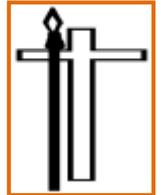
ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF B.V.M. AND PATRON OF CANADA



On Wednesday, March 19, **Solemn Feast day of Saint Joseph**, Patron of Canada, there is morning Mass at **8.00 am**. Evening devotions start at **6.30 pm**. Solemn Mass follows at **7.00 pm**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS during LENT
 During the Lenten season all are invited to gather in church, as a parish community, to pray the **Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30 pm**. Then **Holy Mass** is celebrated. Join us in prayer as we journey with the suffering Jesus who by his passion, death and resurrection has given us new life.



This Lent remember CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION

Remember to practice and live what you learn this Lent. As you continue your good Lenten practices, we suggest that what you save by fasting and other penances – any small change will do – give it as part of your alms-giving toward a charity that defends life.

Yes every penny counts!

The **2014 ShareLife Campaign** starts in the last weekend of **March**. The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered during all Masses of next weekend before that is **March 22/23**. The following weekend, **March 29/30**, we have the **first of three collections** of the campaign. But your donations for this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.



Visit www.sharelife.org, for more information.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS

Day of Confessions

Wednesday April 9th 2014

BACK OFF DEVIL I BELONG TO JESUS!

8.00 – 9.00 am
4.30 – 6.30 pm

