



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - A

We all long for a full life, for unbroken happiness. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus is as important to our happiness as water is to life. In Jesus' encounter with a sinner and heretic we discover the story of our own conversion from sin. The hardness of our hearts makes us as slow as the Samaritan woman to admit that material things do not satisfy, and as rebellious as the Israelites in the desert before we come to trust in the Lord. But our unhappiness allows us to experience God's love all the more. Once we ask Jesus for life and admit our sin, we find not shame but liberation to be our best selves. Nor can we contain our joy. We become apostles, as the woman shared her knowledge of Christ. Recognizing Jesus to be saviour brings new life. Ours is not the only thirst. It was Jesus' thirst which brought about the encounter in Samaria, and it is his thirst for a bountiful harvest, his desire to give living water, the indwelling Spirit, which brings us the gift of unending happiness.



3rd Sunday of Lent – March 23, 2014

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to the priestly or consecrated life, 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.

Thanks BUNDLE UP time is over!



Our St. Vincent de Paul chapter would like to thank all parishioners for participating, in a big way, in last weekend's BUNDLE UP. Please, **do not leave** more bags outside the society's premises inside the church entrance. We have no room where to keep them; our storage is full. **Grateful for your help!**



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.*

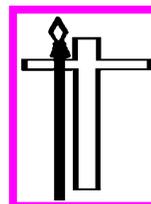


Keeping a Holy Lent		March 24 - 30 2014
Mon 24	8:00 am	Justin Meunier (D)
Tues 25	8:00 am	Rene Dumas (D)
	The Annunciation 7:00 pm	Natasha Carla Abogado (D)
Wed 26	8:00 am	Sebastiampillai Family (D)
Thur 27	8:00 am	Ruperto Fraginal (D) – Birthday
Fri 28	8:00 am	Cecile Dumas (I)
	7:00 pm	Ma. Victoria Leano (D)
Sat 29	9:00 am	Marcos Catano (D)
	4:30 pm	Sarah Hynes (D)
Sun 30 4 th Sunday of Lent RCIA 2 nd Scrutinies	9:00 am	Giuseppe [Joe] Viscomi (D)
	10:30 am	Joan Sueling+Chris Singhroy
	12:15 pm	For the People of the Parish



STATIONS OF THE CROSS during LENT

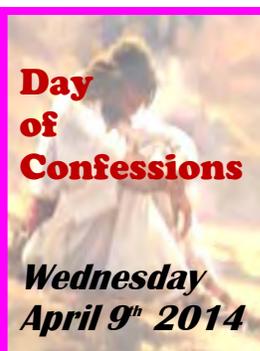
During the Lenten season all are invited to gather in church, as a parish community, to pray the **Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30 pm.** Then **Holy Mass** is celebrated. Join us in prayer as we journey with the suffering Jesus who by his passion, death and resurrection has given us new life.



The **2014 ShareLife Campaign** starts this weekend of **March**. In all the Masses we have the traditional **Appeal**. Then next weekend, **March 29/30**, we have the **first of three collections** in this year's campaign.

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**



This 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. This year's **ShareLife Appeal** will be presented at all of the weekend's Masses. The Lord's Flock prayer meeting is at 2 pm.

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord – Tuesday, Mar 25
 Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual. Evening devotions start at 6.30 and include the Rosary and holy Mass.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Mar 26
 Regular Fatima devotions: the Rosary is prayed at 6.30 pm followed by the celebration of holy Mass. There is no morning Mass and the church remains closed.

Lent devotions – Friday, Mar 28
 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 29
 There is a regular **RCIA meeting** at 10.00 am. The **Confirmation class** meets again today. The first of 3 collections in this year's SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN will be taken today at all Masses.

Sunday's liturgy ... 4th Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 30
Children's Liturgy & First Communion classes continue today. The RCIA 2nd *Scrutinies* are celebrated today during the 12.15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** prayer meeting today is at 2.00 pm and there is a baptism celebration in the church at 2.00 pm.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

This Tuesday, March 25 we celebrate the Solemnity of **The Annunciation of the Lord**. Evening devotions, including Mass, start at 6.30 pm. Morning Mass will be at 8 o'clock as usual.



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 unable to join us in church on Fridays

for the **Stations of the Cross**.

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

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.torontoretrouville.com



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!

A Lenten Reflection

Lenten fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch this Lent. Below are some suggestions you may want to consider.

- Fast from anger and hatred.**
Give your family an extra dose of love each day.
- Fast from judging others.**
Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
- Fast from discouragement.**
Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a perfect plan for your life (Jer. 29:11).
- Fast from complaining.**
When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.
- Fast from resentment or bitterness.**
Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
- Fast from spending too much money.**
Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give these savings to the poor.



THE LEGION OF MARY

The annual **ACIES** of the Legion of Mary will be held at **ST. LAWRENCE, MARTYR CHURCH** today, Saturday, March 22nd, at 2.00 pm. Active and auxiliary members are invited to attend this solemn consecration of Legionaries to our Blessed Mother.



MASS OF CHRISM

Our Archbishop – His Emm. Thomas Cardinal Collins – will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with all the priests of the archdiocese on Tuesday, April 15 at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11.00 am.

The Holy Oils – blessed during this Mass – will be afterwards distributed to all the parishes to be used in the celebration of the sacraments as from Easter.

Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.

