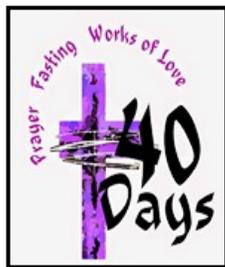




1st SUNDAY OF LENT - B

We have made a covenant of love and loyalty with God. Have we kept it? Lent's forty days are given us to recall our relationship with the one who made us and loves us beyond all telling. The first reading tells how, after the flood, God established the rainbow as sign of his overarching love. But a covenant is made between two parties; in the psalm we pray to be true to our pledge even as God is true to us. Peter's letter, part of a baptismal homily, links Jesus' death and resurrection with Noah's faith and our baptismal washing, when we pledged faith to God. Baptism does not work automatically; we must keep our promises with God's help. Jesus himself serves as our pattern. After his baptism by John, Jesus spent forty days in the desert under the strong impulse of the Spirit. There he was tempted; there he confronted evil and conquered it, as we must. Baptism does not remove us from struggle and temptation; the Holy Spirit, who inspires the baptized, draws us to sorrow for sin and to a deepened faith in the Good News of God's rule.



1st Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2015
Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or call Fr. Victor at 416-757-2806 or email him at ofatima@rogers.com for further information.

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 29**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9.30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. *Thanks.*



Next Confirmation classes are on ...



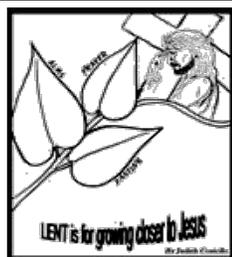
Classes start at 2.30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings schedule. These are the up-coming classes: **Feb 21, 28 Mar 7, 28**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is mandatory. *Thanks.*

Every Friday during Lent ...

8.00 am Morning Mass
6.30 pm Stations & Holy Mass

Every Saturday in Lent ...

9.00 am Morning Mass
3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



		Feb 23 – Mar 01 2014
Mon 23	8:00 am	Marta Pingol [D]
Tues 24	8:00 am	Antonio Reda [D]
Wed 25	7:00 pm	Mariana & Manuel Simas [D]
Thur 26	8:00 am	David Douglas [D]
Fri 27	8:00 am	Yolanda Lopez [D] – 40 th day
	7:00 pm	DeMelo, Silvestre & Silveira Fam.[D]
Sat 28	9:00 am	Niall Keane [I] – for healing
	4:30 pm	Deborah Mangal [D]
Sun 01 2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	Maria Simas [D]
	10:30 am	Oscar Pereira [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish & James Boyd [D]

A REMINDER ...

there is a **second collection this weekend** – Feb 21/22 – for the parish's

Renovation Fund

Thank you in advance for your support.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



ShareLife Campaign 2015

The **2015 ShareLife Campaign** starts this weekend. The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered this weekend during all Masses and we will have the **first of three collections** of the campaign next weekend, **Feb 28/Mar 01**. 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

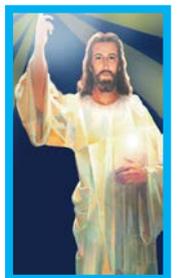
LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2015

Saturday, March 7 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Bldg., 255 Front Street West, Toronto from 9.00 am – 5.30 pm

Info? www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Tickets? call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510

or write to: Catholic Renewal Ministries, Box CRM7, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 7H6



FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, March 07, 2015 at 9:00am

Catholic Cemeteries and the estate planning team will share information about: An estate planning kit and free refreshments will be provided.

Location: Christ the King Cemetery-7770 Steeles Avenue E, Markham, ON – RSVP:

Frank Jannetta at 416.733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@ccat.on.ca





This Sunday – Sunday, Feb 22
 The **Children’s Liturgy, First Holy Communion class** and **Lord’s Flock** prayer meetings **resume today**. In the afternoon, at Holy Redeemer Parish in Pickering, **Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at the Rite of Election** for all **RCIA candidates** at 2.00 pm. Later in the evening [at 5.00 pm] the OCDS Secretariat is host a special gathering

for all members in our church hall. They will be addressed by **Fr. John Grennan OCD** – assistant of the Order’s Superior General and his delegate to English-speaking countries.

Fatima devotions – *Wednesday, Feb 25*

The regular Fatima devotions resume as of today. The Rosary is prayed at 6.30 pm followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. On Thursday [tomorrow] our priests will be attending a *Lenten Day of Recollection* at Manresa with other priests and our local bishop.

Lent devotions – *Friday, Feb 27*

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.

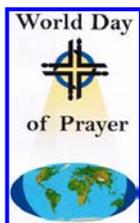
Weekend activities – *Saturday, Feb 28*

The **RCIA** meeting is at 10.00 am as usual **in the church hall**. The **Confirmation class** is at 2.30 pm as usual. In all of the weekend Masses there is **a second collection** for the church’s **Renovations Fund**. Thank you for your support. This year’s **ShareLife Appeal** will be delivered at all Masses this weekend.

Sunday’s liturgy ... 2nd Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 01

The **Children’s Liturgy & First Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual times. The **Lord’s Flock** will have a prayer meeting today at 2.00 pm as usual.

On Sat. March 7 at 1.30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church
3170 St Clair Ave. E. [east of Victoria Park]



This year’s theme is *“Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?”* and was written by the World Day Committee of The Bahamas.

World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement of Christian women of many traditions who each year, since 1922, come together on the first Friday or Saturday of March to observe a common day of prayer. This service offers us a moment to reflect upon and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to share in the community of Christians around the world, and to commit to working for social justice.

Join us in this service with members of Victoria Park United, St. Bede’s Anglican, Clairlea Presbyterian Churches, along with Christians around the world. A guest speaker will deliver a keynote address.

For more information please phone Eleanor Stephen-Ritchie at 416-759-1990



Pray the WAY OF THE CROSS at home ... daily!

A reminder! We have a DVD, masterly compiled and edited by Mr. A. Vella, very useful for shut-ins or seniors [and anybody for that matter] who are unable to come to church on Fridays to pray the **Stations of the Cross**.

It uses the prayers prayed in the church and portrays the artistic Stations [statuettes] that are our pride and joy. The background music is original, solemn and inspires devotion.

One can follow it on our website – www.fatimashrine.ca – or obtain copies available at the office for \$7.00 per copy; ideal to be shared or given away as gifts.



Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins re: Supreme Court of Canada decision on assisted suicide – Part 1

February 10, 2015

“For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.”

Psalm 31

In our days, as in the days of the psalmist, so many years ago, people can suffer grievously during their journey through this “valley of tears,” and may even be tempted to request assisted suicide. The Supreme Court has now allowed that, and at first glance, it may seem to be the compassionate thing to do.

There is certainly no need to take extreme measures to extend the length of life. When people are dying, we should surround them with love as they enter into their final experience on this earth, and relieve as best we can any suffering they endure. We need as a society to make effective palliative care more available. But there is a profound difference between compassionately journeying with someone who is dying, or who is suffering when not in danger of death, and killing that person, or helping that person to commit suicide. No one has a right to do that, and it is simply wrong for the state to allow or to encourage that.

Suicide is already a sadly common tragedy in our society, as persons facing what at the moment they feel to be intolerable suffering of some kind, decide to end their life. We all need to reach out compassionately to anyone contemplating suicide, and to offer whatever help we can to alleviate their pain, be it physical or psychological, so they can appreciate the value of their life, and know they are loved. But for anyone actually to assist them not to escape but to commit suicide is wrong. It is a perversion of the vocation of physicians to have them engaged in helping people to kill themselves. Physicians are called to be servants of healing, not agents of death.