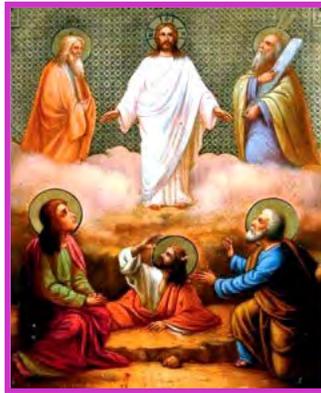




2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - B

Today we see two sides of Christian life, transfiguration and self-sacrificing love. The first reading, from an era when human sacrifice was thought to satisfy an angry deity, presents Isaac as forerunner of Jesus, God's obedient servant. Abraham is type of that Father who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us. The prayer of Isaac, Jesus, and everyone who trusts in God even to death is heard in the psalm. Every Lent we contemplate the transfiguration, when Jesus took his three close friends to a remote place. There his appearance was gloriously changed. His disciples were awestruck at this glimpse of God, which was a foretaste of the resurrection. During Lent each of us is invited to accompany the Lord to the privileged rendezvous of prayer, there to converse with the Father. This transfiguration experience will deepen our friendship with that beloved Son who never ceases to pray for us, so that one day we can share that glory which Jesus receives from the Father.



2nd Sunday of Lent – Mar 01, 2015
If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you, call **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@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: **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 28 and Mar 21, 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 ...

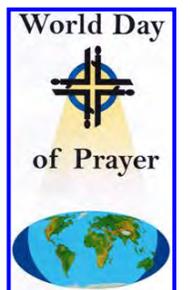
9.00 am Morning Mass
3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



		March 02 - 08 2015
Mon 02	8:00 am	Florencia Pacia [D]
Tues 03	8:00 am	Antiro & Maria Francia Regasa [D]
Wed 04 <i>Day of Confessions</i>	7:00 pm	Maria Hiung [D]
Thur 05	8:00 am	Phyllis Schembri [D]
Fri 06 <i>First Friday</i>	8:00 am	Stefan Saganski [D]
	12:30 pm	Holy Souls
	7:00 pm	Manuel Furtado [D]
Sat 07 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 am	John Jong [D]
	1:30 pm	<i>Prayer Service: World Day of Prayer</i>
	4:30 pm	Pasquale Lamanna [D]
Sun 08 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>1st Scrutinies</i>	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Elide Malatesta [D]
	12:15 pm	Giovanni Spagnoli [D]

ShareLife Campaign 2015
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Thank you for your generosity

This Saturday 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.

All are welcome to participate





This Sunday – Sunday, Mar 01
 The **Children’s Liturgy & First Holy Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual times. In all of the weekend Masses we have a **second collection** – the first in this year’s **SharLife Campaign**. The **Lord’s Flock** will have a prayer meeting today at 2.00 pm as usual. The

Schools’ Reconciliation – Monday - Thursday, Mar 02-05
 Priests will be available, in church, for reconciliation for students from **Our Lady of Fatima School** on Monday & Tuesday from 9.15 am. On Wednesday Grade 2 students celebrate their 1st reconciliation. **St. Joachim’s School** have their reconciliation this Thursday morning. Candidates in **‘public schools’** have their 1st reconciliation in the church at 5.30 pm.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS & Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Mar 04
 We will have confessions in church **from 9.00 to 11.00 am** along with 1st reconciliation for the school’s grade 2. Another session is planned for **5.00 to 6.30 pm**, followed by the regular Fatima devotions and holy Mass.

First Friday & Lenten devotions – Friday, Mar 06
 The **morning Mass is at 8 o’clock**, followed by Exposition, the Divine Mercy chaplet and adoration through the morning. At 12.00 noon we pray the chaplet again, Benediction and Holy Mass. At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass as part of our Lenten devotions.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 07
 The **RCIA** meeting is at 10.00 am as usual in the church hall. **NO Confirmation class** today. The prayer service for the **World Day of Prayer** begins in our church at 1.30 am. **Daylight Savings Time begins tonight!**

Sunday’s liturgy ... 3rd Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 08
 The **Children’s Liturgy & First Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual times. 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.

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.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2015
Next 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



Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins re: Supreme Court of Canada decision on assisted suicide – Part 2

February 10, 2015

Assisted suicide is the deceptively attractive face of euthanasia. The most compelling cases grip our attention and sway the debate, and so the Court opens the door to assisted suicide, all the while seeming to do less than it actually has done by surrounding its action with a set of limiting conditions, seeking to guarantee informed consent, as if that were the key issue. But the state is authorizing the killing of an innocent person, whatever controls are in place, and even those limitations can over time be swept away, leading to the more widespread practice of euthanasia. We have only to look at some European countries to see what lies ahead. We Canadians patriotically believe our country is special, but it is not so special as to be immune to the dynamics of increasing access to medical killing, as individualist rationales make persuasive the argument for that in more and more cases.

The court, recognizing that many physicians, faithful to their healing vocation, will not assist people to kill themselves, makes some very slight room for freedom of conscience. It trusts local Colleges of Physicians and other such groups to deal appropriately with the conscience issue.

This trust is misplaced. Currently the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is proposing a draft conscience policy which states that physicians who refuse to perform a procedure to which they morally object must arrange that the procedure gets done by someone else. In other words, they are compelled to become accomplices. I urge the College not to go through with this unjust policy, and I urge Ontarians, especially physicians, to speak up against it. First the politicians; now the physicians: the assault on freedom of conscience steadily advances in our country.

We all are on the way to death and should gain wisdom from contemplating that inescapable fact, so that we use each present moment to prepare for the moment of our death by living well. We should provide all who are suffering with the best medical assistance we can offer, especially in palliative care for those who are coming to the end of life. Most importantly, we should accompany each person with love, especially those without friends or family. But any society that authorizes killing people through assisted suicide and euthanasia has lost its moral compass.

Day of Confessions
Wednesday March 4th 2015
9.00 – 11.00 am
5.00 – 6.30 pm

BACK OFF DEVIL I BELONG TO JESUS!