



**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - B**

The time has come, John's gospel says, for Jesus to be glorified, revealed to the world. Paradoxically, this glory will be gained through suffering. Jesus will be exalted when he is nailed to a cross. As with a grain of wheat, his death will be the beginning of life. We too must be willing to sacrifice everything if we want to follow Jesus. Such a decision is not easy, as it was not easy for Christ. John alludes to the agony in the garden, while the letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus' prayer. Like ourselves, Jesus was made perfect through obedience, consecrated and made holy through suffering. This is how he expressed his loving solidarity with each of us. How much that gift of love cost – for the cross is not an abstract truth. In fear, pain and obedience Jesus sealed with his own blood the new covenant God had promised his people through Jeremiah. Hearts will change once we know God intimately, and God will forgive and forget our sin. The sign of God's new covenant of love is Jesus stretched out on the cross.



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mar 22, 2015*

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor Mallia** at 416-757-2806 or email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto: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 these Sundays: **Mar 29 & Apr 12, 19, 26**. 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: **Mar 21, 28 & Apr 11** [retreat], **18, 25**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is also mandatory. *Thanks.*

**Every Friday during Lent ...**

- 8.00 am Morning Mass
- 6.30 pm Stations & Holy Mass

**Every Saturday in Lent ...**

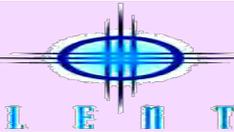
- 9.00 am Morning Mass
- 3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
- 4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



**ShareLife Campaign 2015**

Your donations for this campaign are always welcome at any time of the year. Visit [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org), for more information. **The next collection is April 11/12**  
*Thank you for your generosity*



		<b>March 23 - 29 2015</b>
Mon 23	8:00 am	<b>Erlinda Salasac Perez [D]</b>
Tues 24	8:00 am	<b>Robert Hendry [D]</b>
Wed 25	7:00 pm	<b>Lo Nyuk Jin [D]</b>
<i>The Annunciation</i>		
Thur 26	8:00 am	<b>Zeeshan [I] - Healing</b>
Fri 27	8:00 am	<b>Roland Sia [D]</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Sebastiampillay Family [D]</b>
Sat 28	9:00 am	<b>Maria Wong Shi + Erlinda Go Te</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Deborah Mangal [D]</b>
Sun 29	9:00 am	<b>Victoria Leano [D]</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Elide A. Malatesta [D]</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<i>Passion &amp; Palm Sunday Holy Week</i>		

**BUNDLE UP time this weekend!**



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 21/22, all day Sat & Sun.*

*Please leave bundles in trailer outside the rectory*

**MASS OF CHRISM**

Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with all the priests of the archdiocese on Tuesday, March 31 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.*



Mass of Chrism



**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

This Wednesday, March 25 – Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord – evening devotions start at 6.30 pm and include the Rosary and holy Mass at 7.00 pm.

**There is no morning Mass.**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS ...**





**This Sunday – Sunday, Mar 22**

There are **NO Children’s Liturgy & First Communion classes** due to the schools’ March Break. They will resume next weekend for Palm Sunday procession. The **RCIA 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny** is celebrated today during the 12.15 pm Mass. The **Lord’s Flock** prayer meeting is at 2.00 pm as usual.

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – Wednesday, Mar 25**

**Devotions begin at 6.30 pm** and include the holy Rosary, other prayers and holy Mass. All are encouraged to attend.

**Friday Lenten devotions – Friday, Mar 27**

**Morning Mass is at 8 o’clock.** At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross followed by holy Mass at 7.00 pm.

**Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 28**

This final **RCIA** session starts at 10.00 am **in the church.** We will go over the Easter Vigil rite in preparation for the big day. There is a **Confirmation class** as usual at 2.30 pm. **The 4.30 pm Mass will include the blessing and distribution of palms.**

**Sunday’s liturgy ... Passion & Palm Sunday – Sunday, Mar 29**

**First Holy Communion** students have a class at 9.30 am, and then they take part with the *Children’s Liturgy* group in the Palm Sunday procession at 10.30 am. The **Lord’s Flock** prayer meeting is at 2.00 pm. This Sunday marks the start of **HOLY WEEK.** The **Lord’s Flock** prayer meeting today is at 2.00 pm as usual.

**Good Friday Collection: Needs of the Holy Land**

The mission of the ‘Commissariat of the Holy Land’ is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites we as Catholics hold so dear. In the words of His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI *“The Church of the Holy Land, which so often experienced the dark mystery of Golgotha, must never cease to be an intrepid herald of the luminous message of hope which this empty tomb proclaims.”* For us too, we can bring this message of hope and light to others!

We can also be pilgrims of peace!

Please support those that live this challenge on our behalf.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING HOLY WEEK**

**Stations of the Cross** are prayed every evening from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week at 6.30 pm before the evening Mass.

On **GOOD FRIDAY** the Stations will be prayed at 7.00 pm.

**During these holy days we are all encouraged to reflect and meditate on Christ’s journey of healing, forgiveness, mercy and love.**

The novena for the feast of the **DIVINE MERCY** begins on *Good Friday*, April 3. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12.

The feast of **THE DIVINE MERCY** in our church starts at 2.15 pm and includes the Chaplet, adoration, Holy Mass and Benediction.



**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you**



**PLEASE NOTE!**

**Family of Faith Campaign**

Parishioners who want to send in outstanding donations or pledge forms for our parish’s *Family of Faith* campaign are encouraged to send their information directly to the campaign office. Pre-addressed envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of the church.

*Any parishioner with questions or concerns about their donations or pledges, are encouraged to contact the Donations Processing Centre directly at 416-934-3400 ext. 536 or by email to [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org)*

**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2015**

**Novena 1 – Fri April 24 at 6.00 pm**

Novena 2 – Mon May 25 at 6.00 pm

Novena 3 – Wed June 24 at 5.30 pm

Novena 4 – Mon July 06 at 6.00 pm

Novena 5 – Wed August 26 at 5.30 pm

Novena 6 – Fri September 25 at 6.00 pm

Novena 7 – Fri October 23 at 6.00 pm

Novena 8 – Wed November 25 at 5.30 pm

Novena 9 – Fri December 26 at 10.00 am



**The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6.00 pm**

*I was so pleased at your turn out at the first Scrutiny at Mass to day. I felt compelled to write the following to God on your behalf. Keep up the good work—God Bless.*

**CATECHUMEN**

I’m glad to be a catechumen,  
In the Catholic Church,  
To learn the life of Jesus Christ,  
Within the faith I search.

To give more meaning to my life,  
To fill the nagging void,  
Embrace his ever loving calm,  
With peace and not annoyed.

To learn to give and so receive,  
To walk the path the poor have trod.  
To give our all and then some more,  
in humble praise to God.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST,  
His gift to all mankind,  
will fill my body soul and mind,  
at JOYFUL EASTER TIME.

By the grace of God.....Dennis Hayes.....08-Mar-2015