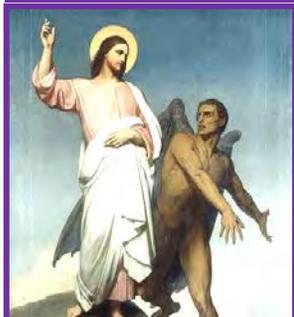




1st Sunday of Lent – C



What does it mean to be truly free? On this First Sunday of Lent, liberation from slavery to human masters is a sign of freedom from slavery to sin. Within a ritual of remembrance and thanksgiving, the Book of Deuteronomy tells of Israel's deliverance from oppression in Egypt. God led the chosen people to their own land; there they

could live in freedom. What God has done, God will do again. The psalm assures us that God protects those who have trust. Jesus himself was tempted to be a worldly messiah by relying on material things, worshipping power and prestige, tempting God by rashly taking risks. By his refusal, Jesus led the way for us to conquer temptation. God gives us the strength to say **no** to Satan's suggestions. We are free to choose God's way. Paul tells us what we must do to be saved: believe in the Lord Jesus and in the power of his resurrection. God sent Jesus to live in complete solidarity with us, to share our trials and our pain so that we can enjoy God's freedom and have a share in God's glory.

1st Sunday of Lent – Feb. 14, 2016

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call Fr. Victor at 416-757-2806 or email at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



Have a HAPPY FAMILY DAY tomorrow!



Enjoy the day with your loved ones.

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings. The next meeting is on **Feb 21, 28**. 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. These are the up-coming classes: **Feb 27, Mar 5**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is mandatory. **Thanks.**

R.C.I.A. program – sessions ...

Sessions continue every Saturday at 10.00 am in our church hall. The next sessions are on **Feb. 20, 21** (Rite of Election), **27 & 28** (in church for 1st Scrutiny @ 12.15). **Thanks.**

		February 15 – 21 2016
Mon 15 <i>Family Day</i>	9:00 am	Charles & Carmela Mallia [D]
Tues 16	8:00 am	Ryan Roach [D]
Wed 17	7:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thur 18	8:00 am	Agnes Gomes [D]
Fri 19	8:00 am	O'Neill & Cachia Families [D]
	7:00 pm	Steven D'Costa [I]
Sat 20	9:00 am	Art Ronson [D]
	4:30 pm	Vincent Morreale [D]
Sun 21 2nd Sunday of Lent <small>RCIA-Rite of election</small>	9:00 am	Guarasci Family – Deceased members
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	Ross Terzo [D] – Memorial Mass

A REMINDER ...

there is a 2nd collection next weekend – Feb 20/21 –

for the parish's Renovations Fund

Thank you in advance for your support.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Every Friday during Lent ...
8.00 am Morning Mass
6.30 pm Stations & Holy Mass
Every Saturday in Lent ...
9.00 am Morning Mass
9.45 am Reconciliation/Confessions
3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

ShareLife Campaign 2016

The **2016 ShareLife Campaign** starts toward the end of this month. The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered during all Masses in the weekend of **Mar 05/06** and the **first of three collections** in this year's campaign will be in the weekend of **Mar 12/13**. But any donations toward this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.



Visit www.sharelife.org for more information.

Christopher Leadership Courses

Find Your Voice and Learn Life Skills

Every Wednesday, from February 24, 2016 in Grace Church – 700 Kennedy Road, Scarb. Other locations are also available.



For information/registration, please call the Christopher Leadership Course toll free number at **1-800-418-8925** or **416-410-7776** or visit our website at www.clctorontoeast.com

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1st Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Feb 14
 As this is *Valentine's Day* we wish to extend warm greetings to couples and all lovers as we wish them a very **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** celebration to enjoy with their loved ones and families. This weekend we have **NO First Communion classes, NO Children's Liturgy** and **NO Lord's Flock** prayer meeting as this is the long FAMILY DAY holiday weekend.

Family Day Holiday – Monday, Feb 15

Have a happy holiday this Monday!
Morning Mass is at 9.00 am
Church & Office are closed for the day

Monthly OCDS community meeting – Tuesday, Feb 16
 The *Lucia dos Santos* community of Secular Carmelites, meet for their monthly gathering at 7.00 pm in our church hall.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Feb 17
 The regular Fatima devotions resume as of today. The Rosary is prayed at 6.30 pm followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. **Prayer and Mass intentions include all the requests made in the intentions list and envelopes reserved at the shrine.**

Friday Lenten Devotions – Friday, Feb 19
 At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass at 7.00 pm will include the **2nd Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy** by Fr. Dominic Borg OCD. *Priests will be available for reconciliation.*

Weekend activities – Saturday, Feb 20
 There is a **RCIA** session at 10.00 am but there is **NO Confirmation** class in the afternoon. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm as usual. In all of the weekend's Masses there is a 2nd Collection for the **Parish's Renovations Fund.**

2nd Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Feb 21
 The **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes resume this Sunday at the usual times. The **Lord's Flock** will have a prayer meeting today at 2.00 pm in the church hall.

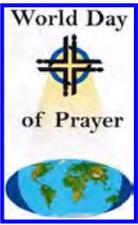
LIFT JESUS HIGHER 2016 RALLY

Saturday, March 5 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 905-833-0360 or email: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org



24th Annual Catholic Renewal Ministries

On Sat. March 5 at 2:00 pm at Victoria Park United Church
 Stamford Square, 1 block north of St. Clair, east of Victoria Park



This year's theme is *"Receive Children. Receive Me."* and was written by the World Day Committee of Cuba.

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 *Our Lady of Fatima Catholic, St. Bede Anglican, Clairlea Presbyterian* Churches and other Christians from around the world.

A guest speaker will deliver a keynote address.

For more information please phone the office at 416-757-2806

The Jubilee of Mercy – Previous Jubilee Years



The jubilee year 1775 was proclaimed by Pope Clement XIV. Since he died on Sept. 22, 1774, the celebrations took place under Pope Pius VI. This is the pope who established the first diocese (Baltimore) in the United States on Nov. 26, 1784. This same pope lived through the French Revolution and was taken prisoner by the French Republican troops on Feb. 20, 1798, dying in exile at Valence on Aug. 29, 1799.

This pontificate was followed by an interregnum of over six months (August 1799-March 1800), until the election of Pope Pius VII in Venice. There was no jubilee year to mark 1800.

Pope Leo XII proclaimed the jubilee year 1825. More than half a million pilgrims went to Rome. There was no jubilee year in 1850, as Pope Pius IX was in exile (November 1848-April 1850). However, he was able to declare the jubilee year 1875, though there was no ceremony of the opening of the holy door because at the time Rome was occupied by the Italian troops of King Victor Emanuel II.

Pope Pius IX gave the United States its first cardinal, John McCloskey of New York. He is also, to date, the longest-reigning pope (1846-1878) in the history of the Catholic Church. He is also the last pope to reign as sovereign of the Papal States.

Pope Leo XIII welcomed the 20th century by declaring the jubilee year 1900. Pope Pius XI proclaimed the Jubilee Year 1925. He declared the extraordinary jubilee year 1933 to mark the 1900th anniversary of redemption.

Pope Pius XII declared the jubilee year 1950. It was during this year, on Nov. 1, that he proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven.

Pope Paul VI declared the jubilee year 1975. Pope John Paul II declared the extraordinary Jubilee Year 1983 to mark the 1950th anniversary of redemption, as well as the jubilee year 2000, known as the Great Jubilee.

By MSGR. LAURENCE SPITERI ... concluded

Come and See Weekend February 26-28

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend at our Archdiocesan Seminary for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Call Fr. Chris: 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY

The community's monthly meeting is this Tuesday, **February 16**, in the church hall and it starts at 7.00 pm. Non-members are welcome to attend as observers and join us in prayer.



Queen Beauty of Mount Carmel – Pray for us

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

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