



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – C**



What is our potential as humans? Nothing less than a transforming relationship of love with God! When the Holy One comes close to us, we become a new people. Abraham believed in God's word, and for his faith was promised the future. Faith brings us into the presence of the living God; to seek his face should be our resolve this Lent. In the gospel of Luke, the transfiguration is closely

linked with the agony in the garden, when Jesus will again converse with God in the presence of his three friends. Here on this mountain a change comes over the Lord in the course of prayer. In this state of glory he speaks of the suffering he will face in Jerusalem before he passes over to the Father. We are allowed to glimpse Jesus' intimate union with God; because of this he will be able to adhere to God's will during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane and while hanging on the cross. As it was for Jesus, the obedient road toward the cross is our road to realizing the full glory of our humanity. St. Paul promises that such glory is our destiny.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Feb. 21, 2016**

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for information.



**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

**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 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. 21** (Rite of Election), **27 & 28** (in church for 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny @ 12.15). **Thanks.**

Remember to regularly visit our website ...  
[www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca)

		<b>February 22 – 28 2016</b>
Mon 22	8:00 am	Marta Pingol+Benjie Alcantara[D]
Tues 23	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Wed 24	7:00 pm	Antonio Reda [D] – 25 <sup>th</sup> death ann.
Thur 25	8:00 am	Matti Hilden [D]
Fri 26	8:00 am	Rose Pasquale [I]
	7:00 pm	Pedro & Erlinda Echavarre[D]
Sat 27	9:00 am	Margaret Flanagan [D]
	4:30 pm	Ciriaco Enrico De Girolamo[D]
Sun 28 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <i>RCIA-1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny</i>	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Deborah Mangal [D]
	12:15 pm	Tony LeBlanc [D]

**This weekend ...**

there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the parish's **Renovations Fund**. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**THE RITE OF ELECTION AND THE SCRUTINIES FOR R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES**

This Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – the candidates in this year's RCIA program participate in the **Rite of Election**. This is a celebration during which all candidates are formally initiated in the Catholic community that welcomes them. They are now expected to continue their journey toward Baptism and full communion in a more committed manner and closer to the community that is welcoming them.

The three **Scrutinies**, in front of the community, take place during the 12.15 pm Mass on three consecutive Sundays: the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent. Each of the catechumens is invited to the Initial Rites within Mass as they continue to allow the Spirit of God to work in them and bring them to a deeper meaning of the faith they are about to embrace. The Christian community is there to offer them support and encouragement.

The **Scrutinies** will take place on Sundays **February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** and all are welcome to attend as we continue to ask God to free them from the influence of sin and all that is evil on their journey toward full communion in the Catholic Church. We kindly ask you all to remember them and their families in your prayers and offer your fasting for their intentions.





**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** – Sunday, Feb 21  
 In all of the weekend's Masses there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the **Parish's Renovations Fund**. The **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes are back this Sunday at the usual times. The **Lord's Flock** will have a prayer meeting today at 2:00 pm in the church hall. Candidates in our RCIA program will participate in the **Rite of Election** – presided by Bishop Vincent

Nguyen, at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Pickering – starting at 2:00 pm. Please remember all our candidates and their families in your prayers.

**Baptism Preparation meeting** – Monday, Feb 22

Parents and godparents are invited to a preparation meeting, at 7:00 pm in the church. Our next baptism celebration is on Saturday at 10:30 am.

**Fatima devotions** – Wednesday, Feb 24

The regular Fatima devotions start 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 26

At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass at 7:00 pm will include the **3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy** by Fr. Dominic Borg OCD. *Priests will be available for reconciliation.*

**Weekend activities** – Saturday, Feb 27

The regular **RCIA** session is at 10:00 am. The next **Confirmation** class is at 2:30 pm in the church hall. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm as usual.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** – Sunday, Feb 28

The **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual times. The RCIA – **1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny** takes place today within the 12:15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** will have a prayer meeting today at 2:00 pm in the church hall.



### 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](http://www.sharelife.org) for more information.

### 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](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org)

**Tickets?** call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360

or email: [info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org](mailto:info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org)



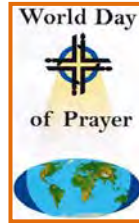
### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Renewal Ministries

**Week of Confessions**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Mar. 7-12, 2016**

**BACK OFF DEVIL**  
**I BELONG TO JESUS!**

See details on website or b-boards

**On Sat. Mar. 5 at 2pm 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**

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

A reminder! We have a DVD with visuals and audio [music and prayers] for praying the Stations of the Cross – 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. Copies are available at the office for \$5.00 per copy; ideal to be shared or given away as gifts.

### The Jubilee of Mercy –

#### Parish Pilgrimage to the DOOR OF MERCY



On the eve of **Divine Mercy Sunday** – to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy – our parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to St. Paul's Basilica and pass through the Holy Door. It will be a prayerful pilgrimage, to be able to obtain the **Jubilee Indulgence**.

Pope Francis wrote: To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them.

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