



3rd Sunday of Lent – C



How tempting it is to speculate about other people's relationships to God and to forget our own. When two catastrophes were reported to Jesus, he made them the occasion for calling his listeners once again to repent. Jesus refused to conclude that disasters are God's judgment

against the victims. Rather, misfortunes provoke us to reform our lives. Now is the time for decision; thanks to God's patience, we still have time to ask forgiveness. In the parable of the fig tree, which is a call to reform an unproductive life, God postpones carrying out the judgment already made until the gardener, like Christ, makes one more attempt. But we must not presume on God's patience indefinitely. Lent's invitation to reform must be taken seriously. The Holy One is as ready to save us his children now as when he revealed his name to Moses on Mount Horeb. St. Paul warns about unfaithfulness; we who are members of Christ through Baptism and who are nourished with the spiritual food of the Eucharist must not presume on God's mercy.

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The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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 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 meetings are on **Mar 06, 20**. Then we have the Easter break. 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: **Mar 5, Apr 2**. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is a must even when there is no class. **Thanks.**

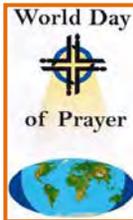
R.C.I.A. program – sessions ...

Sessions continue every Saturday at 10.00 am in our church hall. The next sessions are on **Feb. 28** (in church for 1st Scrutiny @ 12.15) **Mar 5, 6** (in church for 2nd Scrutiny), **12, 13, 19. Thanks.**

Remember to regularly visit our website ...
www.fatimashrine.ca

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| | | Feb. 29 – Mar. 06 2016 |
| Mon 29 | 8:00 am | Sulay Family [I] – Thanksgiving |
| Tues 01 | 8:00 am | Oscar Pereia [D] |
| Wed 02 | 7:00 pm | Nicole Rotundo [D] |
| Thur 03 | 8:00 am | Flor Vendiola [D] |
| Fri 04 <i>First Friday</i> | 8:00 am | Ann Pritchard [D] |
| | 12:30 pm | Holy Souls |
| | 7:00 pm | Angela Martino [D] - Memorial |
| Sat 05 <i>First Saturday</i> | 9:00 am | Margaret Flanagan [D] |
| | 4:30 pm | Vittorio & Eva Paoella [D] |
| Sun 06 4th Sunday of Lent <i>RCIA-2nd Scrutiny</i> | 9:00 am | Rosabel Panieso [D] |
| | 10:30 am | John Grove [D] |
| | 12:15 pm | People of the Parish |

**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

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

**Week
of
Confessions**

**Mon - Fri
Mar. 7-12, 2016**



See details on website or b-boards



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This Sunday we have **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes at the usual times. Candidates in our RCIA program participate in the 1st *Scrutiny* in the 12:15 pm Mass. Please include all our candidates and their families in your prayers. The **Lord's Flock** has its weekly prayer meeting today at 2.00 pm in the church hall.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Mar 02

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.**

School Reconciliation – Thursday, Mar 03

The Lenten reconciliation for St. Joachim School students, including the 1st Reconciliation for the grade 2's, will take place today at the school from 9:15 am.

First Friday + Lenten Devotions – Friday, Mar 04

Mass at 8:00 am initiates First Friday devotions. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration during the morning hours. At 12:00 noon we pray the D M chaplet followed by Benediction and Holy Mass. At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass at 7:00 pm will include the 1st **Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy** by Fr. Russ Sampson SFM. *Priests will be available for reconciliation.*

Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 05

The regular **RCIA** session is at 10:00 am. Another **Confirmation** class is at 2:30 pm in the church hall. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm as usual. The prayer service for the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** starts at 2:00 pm in the Victoria Park United Church on Stamford Square [off Victoria Park]. All are welcome to attend. In all of the weekend Masses we have the **SHARELIFE APPEAL** as we launch this year's campaign.

4th Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 06

The **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual times. The RCIA – 2nd *Scrutiny* takes place today during 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.

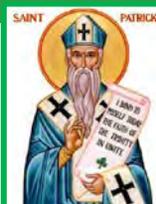
The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered during all Masses in the weekend of **Mar 05/06** and the **first of three collections** in this year's campaign will be in the weekend of **Mar 12/13**.

But any donations toward this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.

Visit www.sharelife.org for more information

Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass

All are invited to the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Mass** at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto. Mass and Celebration start at 10:00 am. After Mass, there will be an informal reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.



It's BUNDLE UP time!

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!

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked in front of the Rectory in the parking lot the weekend of March 19/20 ...

Thank you in advance

ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF B.V.M. and Patron of Canada

On Saturday, March 19th, **Solemn Feast day of Saint Joseph**, Patron of Canada, we have morning Mass at **9:00 am**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The 4:30 pm Mass is the anticipated Sunday Mass introducing **HOLY WEEK**; it will include the blessing and the procession of palms of the Lord's Solemn Entry into Jerusalem, in the liturgy of **PALM SUNDAY**.



Saint Joseph, pray for us

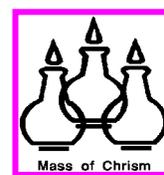
The Jubilee of Mercy – Parish Pilgrimage to the DOOR OF MERCY

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**.



What is a **HOLY DOOR**? It is a special door in a cathedral, basilica or other parish of special significance that becomes a pilgrimage site during the Jubilee Year. Walking through the Holy Door during the Jubilee Year is one of the conditions to obtain a **Jubilee Indulgence**. The main and most prominent one is located at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The three other Papal Basilicas in Rome [St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside-the-Walls] also have Holy Doors, and the Basilicas of the Holy Land are likewise traditionally designated as Jubilee Churches. In the rest of the world, the Jubilee Churches will be the diocesan cathedral or any other locations where the local Ordinary [Bishop] decides to open a Door of Mercy.

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MASS OF CHRISM

Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with all the priests of the archdiocese on **Tuesday, March 22** 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.

Lenten KOLBE EUCHARISTIC MINI-RETREAT

On Saturday, March 6th, Fr. John Sullivan S.J. is the guest speaker and will speak on **By Your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free**. This Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat will be held at St. Brigid's Church from **2.00 to 4.30 pm**.

For information go to www.kolbeapostolate.com

