



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – C



We are all God's prodigal children who have wandered far from our Father's home. How our redeemer longs to welcome us home, where we can experience for ourselves God's great goodness. The Old Testament reading tells of the first celebration of the Passover feast in the Promised Land. The gospel parable of the forgiving father teaches us about the immeasurable tenderness of God. When the wayward son returns, his father runs out to meet him, calling for a celebration even before the son has finished his act of contrition. No longer is he counted as dead or lost! The elder brother, displeased at his father's forgiving love, is like the self-righteous person who is outraged that God's welcome is extended to every sinner who repents. Like the wayward son, we have been reconciled with God through Christ. The new creation St. Paul speaks of is all God's work; Jesus became like us in order that we might become like him. How much God loves us! We celebrate our reconciliation and our newness of life in this Eucharist.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 06, 2016

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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  
3.35 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: **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 **Mar 6** (in church for 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny), **12, 13**(in church for 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny), **19. Thanks.**

		<b>March 07-13 2016</b>
Mon 07	8:00 am	<b>Mario Facchini [D]</b>
Tues 08	8:00 am	<b>Wendy Lehar [I] - Wellness</b>
Wed 09	7:00 pm	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
Thur 10	8:00 am	<b>Luigi Minoia [D]</b>
Fri 11	8:00 am	<b>Rose Pasquale [D]</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Po de Guia &amp; Manabat Family [I]</b>
Sat 12 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 am	<b>Fouad Farid [D]</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Antonio Serio [D] - 1<sup>st</sup> death anniv.</b>
Sun 13 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <i>RCIA-3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</i>	9:00 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Allan Lo [D]</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Vincenzo+Domenica Trentadue [D]</b>

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

See details on website or b-boards

**BUNDLE UP time next 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!**  
*The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked in front of the Rectory in the parking lot the weekend of March 19/20 ...*  
*Please leave bundles in trailer outside the rectory*  
*Thank you in advance*

**ShareLife Campaign 2016**  
The **2016 ShareLife Campaign** starts this weekend. The traditional **Appeal** is delivered during all the Masses by Mr. Pat Callahan. The **first of three collections** in this year's campaign will be next weekend - **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

**Spring Forward!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**  
**Begins next Sunday March 13**



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 06

In this weekend Masses we launch this year's campaign with the **SHARELIFE APPEAL**. We have **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes at the usual times. Candidates in our RCIA program participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Scrutiny* in the 12:15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** has its weekly prayer meeting today at 2.00 pm in the church hall.

#### WEEK OF CONFESSION/School Reconciliation – Mon./Tues., Mar 07/08

The Lenten reconciliation for OLF School students will take place today in the church from 9:15 am. Parishioners are encouraged to celebrate their Lenten reconciliation at this time while priests are available. The 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for the grade 2's will be done on Wednesday at 12.35 pm.

#### Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Mar 09

Priest will be available for confessions from 5.15 pm. 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 Mass & K of C meeting – Thursday, Mar 10

The Lenten Mass for St. Joachim School is celebrated today at 9:30 am in the school's gym. The Knights of Columbus have an officers meeting in the Knights' Chambers at 7:30 pm.

#### Lenten Friday Devotions – Friday, Mar 11

After the 8:00 am Mass our priests will be available for confessions from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Priests will again be available for confessions from 5:15 - 6:15 pm. At 6.30 pm we pray the Stations of the Cross followed by holy Mass at 7:00 pm which will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Lenten Reflection in this Year of Mercy** by Fr. Russ Sampson SFM.

#### Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 12

The regular **RCIA** session is at 10:00 am. There is **NO Confirmation** class today. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm as usual. **Tonight we spring forward 1 hour as Daylight Savings Time begins.**

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 13

There are **NO Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes due to the schools' March Break. The RCIA – 3<sup>rd</sup> *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.

#### LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY

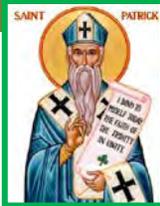


The community's monthly meeting is next Tuesday, **March 15**, in the church hall. The community meeting starts at 7:00 pm and **non-members** are welcome to attend as observers and pray with us.

#### Queen Beauty of Mount Carmel – Pray for us

#### 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.



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

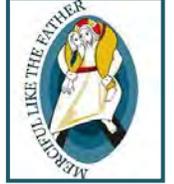


On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, **Solemn Feast day of Saint Joseph**, Patron of Canada, we have morning Mass at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The 4:30 pm Mass is the anticipated Sunday Mass introducing **HOLY WEEK**; it will include the blessing and the procession of palms 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

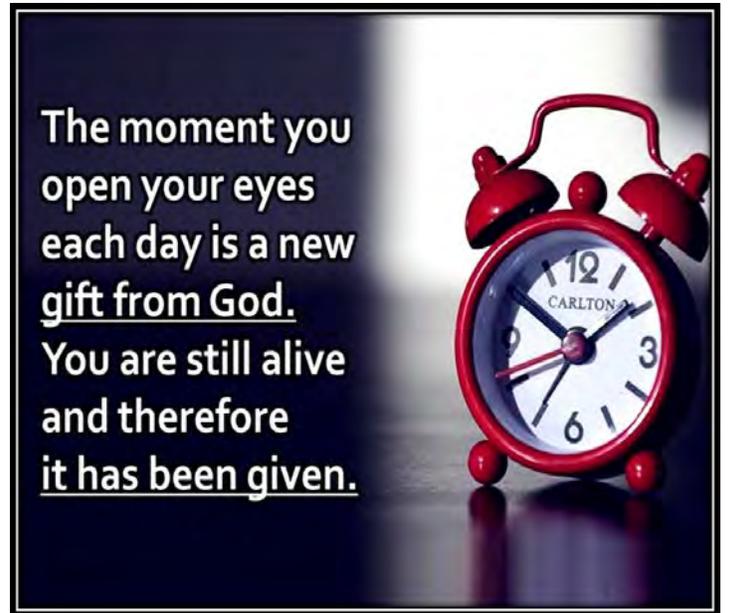
On the eve of **Divine Mercy Sunday** – to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy – our parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to St. Paul's Basilica and pass through the Holy Door. It will be a prayerful pilgrimage, to be able to obtain the **Jubilee Indulgence**.



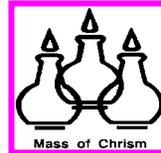
In our **Archdiocese** St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower has been designated as one of the churches in Toronto with a Holy Door of Mercy. Eight other parishes and shrines have also been designated as Holy Doors within the Archdiocese, namely St. Paul's Basilica, St. Patrick's in Toronto, Merciful Redeemer, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Patrick's in Brampton, The Martyr's Shrine and Marylake Shrine.

**Jubilee Indulgence.** A Jubilee entails the granting of indulgences. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no bounds ... The mercy of God becomes indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in his merciful "indulgence."

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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.*