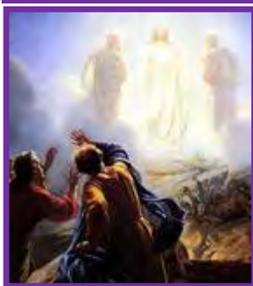




2nd Sunday of Lent – A



Last week's gospel, which showed Jesus fasting in the desert and subject to temptation, revealed to us his full humanity. Today his identity as God's Son is declared. With three close friends he has climbed the mountain, traditional meeting place with God, and been caught up in glory. Peter interrupts Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah, who represents the Law and the Prophets; he wants to

cling to this ecstatic experience. Then the presence of God – symbolized by a bright cloud – overwhelms the disciples. They learn to reverence God's holiness. Only Jesus' touch quiets their awe-filled fear. He will come down from the mountain of the transfiguration to take the road toward the cross, strengthened by this religious experience for the Calvary that lies ahead. Abram, too, had to abandon everything he held dear to answer God's call. Hardship is part of Christian living, but the letter to Timothy assures us that God's power will carry us through. We need only to trust in God's love for us.

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Peter, James and John 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 life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email him at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants attend the Sunday 10:30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings on the following Sundays: **Mar 26, Apr 02, 09, 30**. Candidates in public schools have a class at 9:30 am in the church hall on these same Sundays. **Thanks.**



Confirmation classes are on ...

Classes start at 2:30 pm in the church hall. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. Up-coming classes: **Mar 25, Apr 01, 08, 29** [Retreat]. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist - here or in another church - is mandatory. **Thanks.**



R.C.I.A. program for 2013 – sessions ...

Sessions continue every Saturday at 10:00 am in our church hall. Up-coming sessions: **Mar 18, 19** (in church for 1st Scrutiny @ 12:15), **25, 26** (in church), **Apr 1, 2** (in church @ 12:15), **8** (in church @ 10:00). The Easter Vigil celebration during which candidates will receive the sacraments will take place on Saturday, **April 15** starting at 7:30 for 8:00 pm. **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
- 9.45 am Reconciliation/Confessions
- 3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
- 4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass



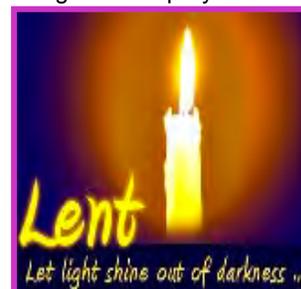
		March 13 - 19 2017
Mon 13	8:00 am	Fabio Sementilli [D]
Tues 14	8:00 am	Domenica Gemmita [D]
Wed 15	7:00 pm	Del Mel Family [I] - Thanksgiving
Thur 16	8:00 am	Benjamin & Tomasa Balallo [D]
Fri 17	8:00 am	Patricia Rang [D]
	7:00 pm	Crispina Sumayod [I] - Thanksgiving
Sat 18	9:00 am	John Chilton Selke [D]
	4:30 pm	Josephine Ortega [I]
Sun 19 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>RCIA 1st Scrutinies</i>	9:00 am	Frank & Beniamino Visconti [D]
	10:30 am	Doris Guarasci [D]
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish

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

Last Sunday, March 5th – 1st Sunday of Lent – the candidates in this year's RCIA program celebrated the **Rite of Election**, a celebration during which candidates are formally accepted and initiated in the Catholic community. 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 the presence of the community, take place during the 12:15 pm Mass on three consecutive Sundays: the 3rd, the 4th and the 5th 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 by listening and reflecting the Word of God. The Christian community is there to offer them support and encouragement in prayer.

The **Scrutinies** will take place on the Sundays **March 19, 26 and April 2** and everyone is welcome to attend as we continue to ask God to free them from the influence of sin and all that is evil on this journey to full communion in the Catholic Church. We kindly ask you all to remember them and their families in your prayers and offer sacrifices for their intentions.



ShareLife Campaign 2017

The **2017 ShareLife Campaign** has begun and will continue over the next weeks. The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered during all Masses in the weekend of **Mar 25/26** and the **first of three collections** in this year's campaign will be in the weekend of **April 01/02**. But any donations toward this campaign are welcome and at any time of the year and are acknowledged accordingly.



Visit www.sharelife.org for more information



2nd Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 12

Daylight Saving Time started last night! Clocks are put forward one hour. There are **NO First Communion** or **Children's Liturgy** meetings today and next Sunday due to the **Schools' March Break**. The **Lord's Flock** prayer group meets at 2:00 pm as usual.

Fatima devotions – Wednesday, Mar 15

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/envelopes reserved at the shrine.**

Friday Lenten Devotions – Friday, Mar 17

Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual. There is a **Wedding celebration** at 1:00 pm this afternoon in the church. At 6:30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross**. **Holy Mass** follows at 7:00 pm. Today is also the liturgical feast of **St. Patrick**, apostle of Ireland.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 18

The regular **RCIA meeting** is at 10:00 am. The Legion of Mary will be celebrating the annual **ACIES Function** in our church starting at 11:00 am. There is **No confirmation class** today due to the **Schools' March Break**.

3rd Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 19

Due to the **Schools' March Break** we have **NO Children's Liturgy** or **First Communion** classes this Sunday. The **RCIA – 1st Scrutiny** takes place today within the 12:15 pm Mass. The **Lord's Flock** have a prayer meeting in the church hall at 2:00 pm as usual.

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



Monday [tomorrow] March 20, is the transferred **Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Patron of Canada** and of the Universal Church. There is morning Mass at **8:00 am**. Evening devotions start at **6:30 pm** with prayers and Solemn Mass at **7:00 pm**.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend

Day of Confessions

Week of Mar 27 - Apr 1, 2017



Legion of Mary

The **Curia** of the **Legion of Mary** will host its annual **ACIES FUNCTION** in our church on **Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

All members, including auxiliary members and all parishioners are invited to join the celebration, renewing our commitment and consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Beloved Mother.



Lucia dos Santos - 1

The Diocese of Coimbra, Portugal, concluded its phase of the sainthood cause of **Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos**, one of the three children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917.

Bishop Virgilio Antunes of Coimbra formally closed the local phase of investigation into her life and holiness February 13 in the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, where she resided until her death in 2005 at the age of 97.

The ceremony included the sealing of 50 volumes -- 15,000 pages -- of evidence and witness testimonies detailing the life of Sister Lucia. The documents sealed at the ceremony were to be shipped to the Congregation for Saints' Causes at the Vatican.

After a thorough review of the materials and a judgment that Sister Lucia heroically lived the Christian virtues, her cause still would require the recognition of two miracles -- one for beatification and another for canonization -- attributed to her intercession.

The Marian apparitions at Fatima began on May 13, 1917, when 10-year-old Lucia, along with her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, reported seeing the Virgin Mary.

The apparitions continued, once a month, until October 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church. Father Romano Gambalunga, postulator of the visionary's cause, said that while "Lucia is already a saint in the eyes" of many people, "the prudent path of the church is that she is proposed to all, not just those who believe."



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017

The Friends of the Holy Land Christian Families!

The friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** are again visiting our parish the weekend of - **March 25/26** displaying Olive Woods items from the Holy Land ... ideal gifts for **First Communion or Confirmation!**



Due to religious wars and conflicts, many Christian families were driven out of their land and had to leave their homes because of job loss. These families have been displaced and scattered. These hand-carved Olive Woods items are hand made by Christian families, most of them based in Bethlehem. This is their only source of income and it is our mission and duty to help these families by selling/buying their work to help with their livelihood and better education.

Please ... support this charitable cause