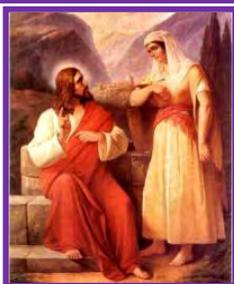




3rd Sunday of Lent – A



We all long for a full life, for unbroken happiness. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus is as important to our happiness as water is to life. In Jesus' encounter with a sinner and heretic we discover the story of our own conversion from sin. The hardness of our hearts makes us as slow as the Samaritan woman to admit that material things do not satisfy, and as rebellious as the Israelites in the desert before we come to trust in the Lord. But our unhappiness allows us to experience God's love all the more. Once we ask Jesus for life and admit our sin, we find not shame but liberation to be our best selves. Nor can we contain our joy. We become apostles, as the woman shared her knowledge of Christ. Recognizing Jesus to be saviour brings new life. Ours is not the only thirst. It was Jesus' thirst which brought about the encounter in Samaria, and it is his thirst for a bountiful harvest, his desire to give living water, the indwelling Spirit, which brings us the gift of unending happiness.

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2017

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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 alfatima@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.**



ShareLife Campaign 2017

The **2017 ShareLife Campaign** has begun and will continue over the next weeks. The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered during all the Masses next 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

		March 20 - 26 2017
Mon 20 <i>St. Joseph</i>	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Rosette Borgh [D] John Murphy [D]
Tues 21	8:00 am	Choy MacLellan & Virginia Chan[D]
Wed 22	7:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Manuepillai [D]
Thur 23	8:00 am	Pelagia Romey [D] - Death Anniv.
Fri 24	8:00 am	Evelyn Henderson [D]
	7:00 pm	John Murphy [D]
Sat 25 <i>The Annunciation</i>	9:00 am	Manuel & Eduardo Roxas [D]
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 26 4th Sunday of Lent <i>RCIA 2nd Scrutinies</i>	9:00 am	Braulio Delima [D]
	10:30 am	Deborah Mangal [D]
	12:15 pm	Winston Perumal+Magdalen Opal[D]

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



8:45 am
5:30 – 6:30 pm



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

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 from the office for \$5.00 per copy; ideal to be shared or given away as gifts.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you"



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.

Feast of St Joseph + Schools Reconciliation – Monday, Mar 20

Mass in honor of **St. Joseph** – Patron of Canada – is at 8:00 am. Evening devotions begin at 6:30 pm praying the Rosary and followed by the celebration of Solemn Mass for the feast of St. Joseph. Meanwhile, OLF school students celebrate here in the church, today and tomorrow, **Lenten Reconciliation** from 9:15 am. St. Joachim School students celebrate **Lenten Reconciliation** from 9:15 am on Thursday at the school.

OCDS community meeting – Tuesday, Mar 21

After the 8:00 am Mass, more OLF school students will be back in church as they continue their **Lenten Reconciliation** from 9:15 am.

The monthly community meeting for the **Secular Carmelites** today, in the church hall, is at 7:00 pm.

Fatima devotions + First Reconciliation – Wednesday, Mar 22

The **1st Reconciliation** for the grade 2s will be at 1:00 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 left at the shrine.

Friday Lenten Devotions – Friday, Mar 24

Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual. We have **reconciliation** for First Communion candidates from Public Schools from 5:15 pm in the church. At 6:30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross** and **Holy Mass**.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 25

There is a regular **RCIA meeting** at 10:00 am. **Classes in the Confirmation and First Communion** programs and **Children's Liturgy** resume this weekend. In all of this weekend Masses this year's **ShareLife Appeal** is delivered, launching the campaign. The 1st of three collections will be taken up next weekend. This weekend the friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** will be setting up a display of carved olive wood articles in the church lobby. See details elsewhere in this bulletin.

4th Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 26

The **RCIA – 2nd Scrutiny** takes place today during the 12:15 pm Mass. **The Lord's Flock** has a prayer meeting today at 2:00 pm.

The Annunciation of the Lord

On Saturday, **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, Mass at **9:00 am** celebrates this feast. The anticipated Mass for the **4th Sunday of Lent** is at 4:30 pm as usual.



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 April 8/9 ...

Thank you in advance

MASS OF CHRISM



Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with priests of the archdiocese on **Tuesday, April 11 at 11:00 am** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**.

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 the Easter Vigil.

Deacons and all parishioners are invited to attend.



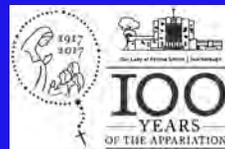
Lucia dos Santos - 2

"Lucia became holy over the years, not because of the apparitions," Father Gambalunga told Agencia Ecclesia, the news agency of the Portuguese bishops' conference. Without providing details, he said she had a "spiritual experience" in the convent.

While many hope her heroic virtues will be recognized by the church soon, it is important "not to do things in a hurry," he said on February 13. The evidence and testimonies gathered for Sister Lucia's cause, he said, provide "a great occasion for spiritual and theological deepening," and the material will help "illuminate the history of the church over the last 100 years."

Pope Francis is scheduled to visit Fatima May 12-13 and many people hope he will use the occasion to canonize Sister Lucia's cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, who were beatified by St. John Paul II in 2000. Bishop Antonio Marto of Leiria-Fatima told Radio *Renascenta*, the Portuguese bishops' radio station, that while nothing is certain, he is "deeply hopeful" the canonization will take place this year, the centenary of the apparitions. "We are waiting and continue to pray to the Lord. But I hope that, during the centenary, we will have the grace and joy to participate in the canonization," he said.

Bishop Marto also admitted that "he is a convert," who, as a priest, was initially skeptical of the Marian apparitions in Fatima. "I was a skeptic. I didn't care; I did not take an interest nor did I take a position. I understood it as something for children," Bishop Marto said. The skepticism changed into belief after attending a conference on the apparitions and reading Sister Lucia's memoirs, he told the radio station. "I was deeply impressed, both by the authenticity of the testimony she gave and by the seriousness of the problems she dealt with. I read her memoirs three times to find the historical and ecclesial context" of the apparitions.



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.

Remember to visit them before leaving church