



4th Sunday of Lent – A



Jesus is the light of the world. As he gave sight to the blind beggar without being asked, so he heals our blindness. Like the blind man's healing and David's anointing, our gift of faith and baptism are unmerited. The beggar's sight was restored by washing in the pool; our baptismal washing is a sacramentally effective sign of the vision which faith alone gives. Yet full understanding comes slowly. The beggar became a type of the faithful Christian when he witnessed steadfastly to Christ even before he had actually seen him. Jesus seeks him out and reveals his full identity; the beggar is then ready to respond, "Lord I do believe!" The letter to the Ephesians tells us that, if we are children of light, we will learn to view life as God does. Our entire behavior will be affected. The good shepherd psalm assures that God will be with us even on dark days. May we be light to all who are blind, our lives signs of what Christ can do, our words faithful witnesses to Christ, the Light.

4th Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2017

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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: **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: **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: **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** is on. The traditional **Appeal** will be delivered during all the Masses this weekend and the **first of three collections** in this year's campaign will be on the following weekend of **April 01/02**. Donations toward this campaign are welcome and at any time of the year and are acknowledged accordingly.



Visit www.sharelife.org for more 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
3.45 pm Reconciliation/Confessions
4.30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

		March 27 – April 02 2017
Mon 27	8:00 am	Erlina Fajardo Chicano [D]
Tues 28	8:00 am	Maria Wong Shi & Erlinda Go [D]
Wed 29	7:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Sebastiampillai [D]
Thur 30	8:00 am	Perfecto Mendoza [D]
Fri 31	8:00 am	Rosa Facchina [D]
	7:00 pm	Roland Sia [D]
Sat 01	9:00 am	Ruth MacDonald [D]
	4:30 pm	Petronilo Manayan [D]
Sun 02 5th Sunday of Lent <i>RCIA 3rd Scrutiny</i>	9:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Santina Povolo & Valentino De Caio
	12:15 pm	Caporusso & Trentadue Families [D]

Day of Confession



Mon. March 27 - 8:45 – 9:30 am
Wed. March 29 - 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Fri. March 31 - 8:45 – 9:30 am and 5:15 – 6:30 pm
Sat. April 01 - 9:45 – 10:30 am and 3:30 – 4:20 pm

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 gifts or to be shared.



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

The Friends of the Holy Land Christian Families!

The friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** are with us again this weekend, **March 25/26**, displaying Olive Woods items from the Holy Land ... ideal gifts for upcoming **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 hand-carved Olive Wood items are hand made by Christian families, most of them based in Bethlehem. It is their **only** source of income; we are duty-bound to help these families by selling/buying their work to help with their livelihood and better education.



Do drop by their display before leaving church

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



4th Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 26

The **ShareLife Appeal** is delivered during all Masses. The 1st of three collections will be taken up next weekend. Friends of the **Holy Land Christian Families** have set up a display of hand-carved olive wood items in the church lobby; do drop by on your way out. More details elsewhere in this bulletin. 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.

Week of Confession – Monday, Mar 27

The first session of **Lenten Reconciliation** in this **Week of Confession** is from 8:45 to 9:30 am, after the 8:00 am Mass.

Fatima devotions + Reconciliation – Wednesday, Mar 29

This month's School Mass for OLF school is today at 12:30 pm. The 2nd session in this **Week of Confession** is from 5:00 to 6:30 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 31

Morning Mass is at 8 o'clock as usual. Two sessions in this **Week of Confession** is from 8:45 to 9:30 am, after the 8:00 am Mass, and from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross** and **Holy Mass**.

Weekend activities – Saturday, Apr 01

There is a regular **RCIA meeting** at 10:00 am. Two more final sessions in this **Week of Confession**: from 9:45 to 10:30 am and from 3:30 to 4:20 pm. **Classes in the Confirmation and First Communion** programs and the **Children's Liturgy** continue this weekend. In all of this weekend Masses we have the **1st offering in this year's ShareLife campaign**.

5th Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Apr 02

The **Children's Liturgy & First Communion** classes continue this Sunday at the usual time. The **RCIA – 3rd 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.

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.

Good Friday Collection: Needs of the Holy Land

The mission of the 'Commissariat of the Holy Land' is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual **Good Friday Collection** helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

For us too, we can bring this message of hope and light to others and pilgrims of peace!

Do support those that live this challenge on our behalf.



Lucia dos Santos - 3

Lucia was born in Aljustrel, a village in the parish of Fátima, Portugal, on March 28, 1907, and baptized a few days later on March 30. Her parents were Antonio and Maria Rosa dos Santos. She was the youngest of seven children, six girls and a boy. At age 6 she received her First Holy Communion. By 8 she was occupied with the tending of the family's sheep, accompanied by other boys and girls of the village.

It was while in the company of her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, that the first heavenly apparition occurred: that of the Angel of Portugal, who had the mission to prepare the three young children for their task and for an even greater visitor.

Lucia was 10 years old when on May 13, 1917, while tending the sheep in the Cova de Iria, a woman, who later identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary, appeared to the children. The apparition would continue monthly on the 13th of the month until October 1917. During each month's apparition, the Virgin encouraged **prayer**, especially **the rosary**, and **sacrifice**. She also communicated certain prophecies of the future (the end of World War I, the rise of error in Russia [communism] and its propagation throughout the world, the annihilation of nations, another war preceded by a heavenly sign if men did not convert, and the suffering and persecution of the good, especially the Holy Father). On October 13, 1930, the bishop of Leiria-Fátima, José Alves Correia da Silva, declared the apparitions of Fátima worthy of credibility and allowed public devotion to the Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima.



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING HOLY WEEK

Stations of the Cross are prayed every evening from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week at 6:30 pm before the evening Mass.

On **GOOD FRIDAY** the Stations will be prayed at 7:00 pm.

During these holy days we are all encouraged to reflect and meditate on Christ's journey of healing, forgiveness, mercy and love.

The novena for the feast of the **DIVINE MERCY** begins on **Good Friday, April 14. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23.**

The **feast of THE DIVINE MERCY** in our church starts at 1:45 pm, including the DM chaplet, adoration, Mass and Benediction.



We are a light to each other

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you