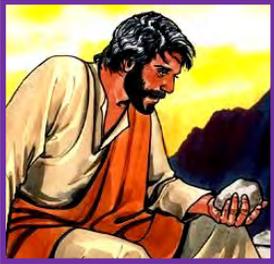




**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – A**



On this first Sunday of lent we consider the human experience of temptation and sin through literary forms heavily conditioned by ancient Jewish culture. The story of man and woman in the garden is contrasted with the temptations of Jesus in the desert – described in symbolic language – and the relationship between sinner and saviour, Adam and Christ. Jesus, who was fasting as sign of total dependence upon God, refused to rely on material things, count on miracles, or take the royal road to success. Our first parents relied on themselves; they refused responsibility for their sin and blames someone else. But, St. Paul tells us, Jesus took the sin of all on his innocent shoulders. He experienced human weakness and yet remained fully open to God's call. In his own body he reconciled us, making it possible to say no to temptations of materialism in lifestyle, showy rather than simple faith, domination of others. God can change our human failure into victory, just as he raised Jesus to lordship at Easter!

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 05, 2017**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or email him at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for more information.



**Come and See Weekend March 17-19**

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend at our Archdiocesan Seminary for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Call **Fr. Chris: 416-968-0997** or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**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 05** (Rite of Election), **11, 18, 19** (in church for 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



		<b>March 06 - 12 2017</b>
Mon 06	8:00 am	<b>Flor Vendiola [D]</b>
Tues 07	8:00 am	<b>Celestino Capiral [D]</b>
Wed 08	7:00 pm	<b>Wilfred Juan [D]</b>
Thur 09	8:00 am	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Antonipillai</b>
Fri 10	8:00 am	<b>Margaret &amp; Thambu [D]</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Jean Knutson [D]</b>
Sat 11	9:00 am	<b>Priscilla Pinto [D]</b>
	4:30 pm	<b>Rutchel Fajardo [D]</b>
Sun 12 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9:00 am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Guarasci Family – Deceased mem.</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Josephine &amp; Andre Alkalah [D]</b>



**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



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**ShareLife Campaign 2016**

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](http://www.sharelife.org) for more information



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 05**

**Children's Liturgy** gatherings and **First Communion** class are at the regular time. [The class for *public schools applicants* starts at 9:30 am]. The **Lord's Flock** prayer group meets at 2:00 pm as usual. The **RCIA** team and candidates in this year's program will participate in the **RITE OF ELECTION** presided by Bishop Vincent Nguyen at St. Barnabas Parish beginning at 2:30 pm.

**Jean Vanier School Retreat + Fatima Devotions – Wednesday, Mar 08**

There is no morning Mass in the church but the basement will welcome **Gd.10 students from Jean Vanier Catholic School** for a Lenten Retreat. The regular Fatima devotions resume as of today. The Rosary is prayed at 6.30 pm followed by the celebration of Holy Mass.

**Knights of Columbus – Thursday, Mar 09**

The monthly meetings for the **Knights of Columbus** take place today in the Knights' Chambers. The executive meeting starts at 6:45 pm while the general meeting begins at 7:15 pm.

**Lent devotions – Friday, Mar 10**

**Morning Mass** is at 8 o'clock as usual. At 6:30 pm we pray the **Stations of the Cross**. **Holy Mass** follows at 7.00 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to participate.

**Weekend activities – Saturday, Mar 11**

The regular **RCIA meeting** is at 10:00 am. We have **No confirmation class** today and next weekend due to the **Schools' March Break**. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4:30 pm as usual. **Daylight Saving Time** begins tonight – remember to put clocks forward by 1 hour!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Sunday, Mar 12**

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.



**ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF B.V.M. AND PATRON OF CANADA**

Monday, March 20, is the **Solemnity of Saint Joseph** – Patron of Canada and of the Universal Church – [transferred] from the 19<sup>th</sup>. There is morning Mass at **8:00 am**. Evening devotions start at **6:30 pm** with Solemn Mass at **7:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Day of Confessions**

**Week of Mar 27 - Apr 1, 2017**



**This Lent remember CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION**

**Remember to practice what you live this Lent! As you continue your good Lenten practices, we suggest that what you save by fasting and other penances – any small change will do – give it as your alms-giving toward a charity that defends life. Yes .... every penny counts!**



**Jacinta Marto: Pearl of Great Price – 6 Sickness and death [pt. 5]**

Our Lady asked the children if they would be willing to suffer and sacrifice for God. The spokesperson Lucia responded with a generous YES in the name of the other two. Of course this suffering and sacrifice would result in the early deaths of both Francisco, who died first, and then Jacinta. One of the most painful elements of the death of little Jacinta was the fact that she basically died almost alone. The hospital was distant from her parents' home and they could not make it easily to this destination. Therefore, in the last days and the last hours of the death of this little "Victim Soul" she died alone without the presence of any of her family members.

This calls to mind one of the last words of Jesus as He hung upon the cross: "My God, My God, why hast thou abandoned me." To a limited degree Jesus shared with this heroic child a part of His bitter passion. In a certain sense we can say that Jacinta went through the dark night of the soul as she suffered in the hospital, distant from all of her loved ones. Do not forget that the nature of Jacinta was sociable, extroverted, expansive, and she simply loved to be with people, especially her loved ones!

So we conclude our reflection on the truly admirable person of Blessed Jacinta Marto.

Blessed Francisco Marto, pray for us! Blessed Jacinta Marto, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima pray for us and the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

by Fr. Ed Broom ... concluded



**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.

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