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First Sunday in Lent

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February 18, 2018

Lent
Pray Fast Give



Pastor's Corner as We Begin Lent

This weekend we have entered into the Lenten season. This is a time where you and I are called to take time to reflect on how our faith life is going.

Once a year, many people perform their annual cleaning (i.e. "spring cleaning") around their home and take stock of what they have accumulated that can and should be thrown out. During this cleaning, cobwebs are removed, unused clothing discarded and repairs are made.

We can say that Lent is a form of "spring cleaning". We are called, through the disciplines of Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer (i.e. the Three Pillars of Lent), to grow in our faith.

During Lent we are called to discard any clothing (possessions) that do not allow us to focus on what we most need – if you are caught up with material possessions and not on the ONE who provides everything for us, then use the discipline of "Fasting" to refocus yourself on the ONE whom you need to have in your life.

During Lent we are called to repair the areas of our life where we caused damage by our sinfulness – if you have been thinking of yourself before others (i.e. this is when sin rears its ugly head), then use the discipline of "Almsgiving" to think of others and their needs.

During Lent we are called to remove the cobwebs that have formed around our prayer life – if your prayer life has dried up, then use the discipline of "Prayer" to deepen your relationship with the God who created you and made you for Himself.

Let us not let this time of "spiritual cleaning" pass us by without taking action where there is need to do so.

You will all be in my prayers and I ask that you please pray for me as well. May we all have a fulfilling and successful "Spiritual Lenten Cleaning". *Blessings, Fr. Liborio*

Rev. Liborio Amaral, **PASTOR**
Rev. Gustavo Campo, **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**
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Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Friday 6:00 p.m. Adoration / 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., &
12:30 p.m. / 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Devotions

Rosary. Half an hour before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

& by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Please contact the Parish Office

Marriages

Please contact the parish office one year in advance

Those interested in becoming Catholic

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My dear friends,

Thank you for all that you currently do to support and strengthen our Catholic community. Please keep me in your prayers as I do all of you.

It is troubling that, with increasing frequency, our faith community faces significant challenges in the public square. Two recent examples are the lack of conscience protection for health care workers who are asked to participate in assisted suicide and the federal government's insistence that faith groups disavow their key values in order to receive Canada Summer Jobs grants. It is important that we are educated on such issues and that our voices are heard in response.

Periodically, I would like to contact you directly or through a trusted faith partner to share information in a timely manner on issues such as health care, education and religious freedom. For this reason, I encourage you to participate in a "Sign-Up Sunday" being held in your parish and across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

I ask all parishioners to provide their name, postal code and email address on lists available at parishes on designated weekends in late February and early March. Anticipating a provincial election this June, we will begin with an awareness campaign around conscience rights related to assisted suicide/euthanasia. In 2017, more than 30,000 letters were sent to local Members of Provincial Parliament. The 2018 Call for Conscience campaign has the following goals:

- 1) to renew the call to protect the right of health care professionals to abstain from any involvement in causing the death of their patients;
- 2) to provide protection for faith-based facilities that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia; and
- 3) to ask elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office to increase access and funding for palliative care in Ontario.

When you provide your personal information, be assured it will be kept confidential and you can unsubscribe from the program at any time. You will only receive an email from me or groups I trust on these important issues. Initially, you will receive an email from the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience, providing a link to contact candidates in your riding and the leaders of our provincial parties to respectfully express your concern. The whole process, done electronically, takes only five minutes. If you do not have an email account, draft letters will be available to send to your MPP.

I hope that you will assist me by participating in "Sign-Up Sunday". It is critical that we use modern technology to communicate effectively, ensuring our voice is heard in the public square. Please join me as we pray for all those suffering and for those entrusted to care for them.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Collins

Archbishop of Toronto

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Archdiocese of Toronto Sign-Up

Please note that your contact information will be used by Cardinal Thomas Collins and other trusted faith partners (ie. the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience) to communicate approximately 6-8 times annually. You can unsubscribe at any-time. Your completed information below can be returned to St. Mary's Office or put into the collection at Mass.

Name	Email	Postal Code	Cellphone (optional)

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February 18th– 24th, 2018



*First Sunday
In Lent*

Monday - February 19
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Armando Mascarenhas †

Tuesday - February 20
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Michael Borja †

Wednesday - February 21
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Knights of Columbus— 4th Degree Members Living and Deceased †
• Juvenal Belo †
• Oskar & Josephine Sobovic †
• Jose Botelho †
• Maria Medeiros †

Thursday - February 22
Chair of St. Peter

9:00 a.m. - Mass
Special Intention for
• Carlos & Fernanda Rebelo

Friday - February 23
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Porfirio Anne & Joe D'Souza †
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. - Mass
• Emma Borrelli †
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday - February 24
Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass
• Villi Trampus †
& Tuffa Gobena †
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

Let Us Pray For the Recently Departed

Michael Diorio
David Mackinnon
Martinus Koper
Margaret Morhart

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Family Day

Monday, February 19th is Family Day, please note the office is closed and the church will be closed after the 9am Mass.

First Communion Meeting

Reminder to First Communion families that meeting #3 for parents and children will be held on

Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm or Saturday March 3rd at 10am.



Altar Server Preparation Meeting ~ Children of St Mary's, come to serve the Lord



New Altar Servers: Classes of formation will begin Sat. Mar. 3, 10, 17 from 10:00am - 12:00pm **Existing Altar Servers:** Classes begin Sat. Feb. 17 & 24 from 10:00am - 12:00 pm. If there are any changes to these dates you will be notified immediately.

Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service

St. Mary's prayer group invites you to a Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service Tuesday, February 20th, 2018. Time: 6:00 pm – Confession, 6:45 pm – Rosary, 7:00 pm – Praise & Worship, 7:30 pm-Mass. Celebrant: Fr. Pierre Farrugia, OFM

CWL Upcoming Events



Executive Meeting: Wednesday February 21 lower level at 7:30 pm.
Bazaar Worknights: Mon. Feb. Feb. 26 - lower level at 7:30 pm.
Come and join us. Everyone welcome.

28th Annual Ordinandi Dinner

The 2018 Ordinandi Dinner is on Wed. Mar. 7 to celebrate the men from St. Augustine's and the Redemptorist Mater Missionary Seminaries who are about to be ordained to the priesthood. More info. visit <http://serracanada.com/2017-ordinandi-dinner/> The Knights of Columbus have tickets available for at \$75 ea. Call Jim Caldwell at [905-457-2854](tel:905-457-2854).

Lift Jesus Higher Adult Rally and Youth Rally 2018



26th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally, Saturday, March 3, 2018—9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building 225 Front Street W. Guest Speaker Patti Mansfield, High Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins, Additional talks from the Renewal Ministries Team: Ralph Martin & Sr. Ann Shields. Simultaneous Youth Rally ages 13-18 in the John Basset Theatre, right next door. Adults \$25, Youth \$15 For tickets or more info. visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or 416-251-4255.

3rd Annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 24th join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College, Toronto. Retreat theme is "Manly Virtue" to include spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Questions or for more info. please call or text Jeff Squire 905-866-7423 of the St. Michael's men's group who will be organizing the rides and can get a special rate of \$44.


Pray for Vocations

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Stations of the Cross - Join us during Lent on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.



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