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March 3rd, 2019

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Office Hours

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 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

Adoration Chapel

Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 8:00pm  
Fridays 9:30am to 6:00pm  
Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm

Parish Schools

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St. Kevin .....905-450-0571  
Bishop Francis Allen ....905-457-4677  
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# Ash Wednesday



*Join us for the beginning of Lent*

## Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, March 6th, 2019

7a.m., 9 a.m., 12:00 noon & 7 p.m.

## Stations of the Cross

**During Lent on**

**Fridays at 7:30 pm**



Baptisms Please contact the parish office.

Marriages Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

Adults interested in becoming Catholic who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

Vocations Director Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**Mass Intentions  
For the Week**



**Monday, March 4**  
*St. Casimir*

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Andrzej Kubiak †

**Tuesday, March 5**  
*Shrove Tuesday*

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Jim & Mary Yanth †  
& deceased family members †

**Wednesday, March 6**  
*Ash Wednesday*

7:00 a.m. - Mass  
9:00 a.m. - Mass  
12:00 noon - Mass  
7:00 p.m. - Mass

**Thursday, March 7**  
*St. Perpetua & St. Felicity*

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
• Eva Mary DeSouza †

**Friday, March 8**  
*St John of God*

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
Special Intention for  
• CWL Members Living  
& Deceased †  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. - Mass  
• Vilijem Trampus †  
• Tuffa Gobena †

**Saturday, March 9**  
*St. Frances of Rome*

9:00 a.m. - Mass  
Special Intention for  
• Linda D'Souza  
• Porfirio & Anne DeSouza †  
• Joe DeSouza †  
• George Ferreira †  
• Dorothy & John Weglo †

*Devotion to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
after the morning Mass*

4:00 p.m. - Confessions  
5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

**Pastor's Corner**

**D**ear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
God is good all the time,  
and all the time...

On Wednesday this week, a new 'high season' of grace (called "Ash Wednesday") begins in the Catholic Church's liturgical life. Is it not amazing that all three monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) have such a thing as 'Lent', a period of inner conversion? Judaism practices what is called "Atonement" ("Yom Kippur" in Hebrew) on the 10th day of Tishri month, while Islam practises what is called "Ramadan" (رمضان) in Arabic in the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar. During this 40-day period, a practicing Catholic undergoes (with the exception of Sundays) a consistent spiritual 'fitness program'. In the course of Lent, every Catholic actually gets a free personal Trainer, whose name is 'the Holy Spirit'. This Trainer is always available 24/7. However, like any good fitness program, three things are indispensable for the right results: 1) pray (compare: 'get enough rest'), 2) fast (compare: 'eat and drink right') and, 3) share (compare: 'be at the gym'). I will now expatiate my new 'Lenten disciplinary theory' in three points: 1) The Holy Spirit trains us in prayer. In other words, He teaches us to tarry (and not be in a hurry) whenever we lift up our minds and hearts in the presence of God. To pray right is, therefore, to get enough spiritual rest. 2) The Holy Spirit inspires us to understand the essence of material things. He lends us courage to use them (and not be used by them). To fast means, therefore, to consume or enjoy only the necessary while remaining also mindful of those who go without. 3) Finally, the Holy Spirit moves us to give and to let go during Lent. We give not only material things (cf. 'the corporal works of mercy'), but also non-material things (cf. 'the spiritual works of mercy'), including forgiveness. To share is divine! The more we share, the more 'spiritual muscles' we build up for ourselves. Hence, to share is, therefore, to store up more and more treasures in heaven (cf. Matt 6:19-21). To wrap it up, the whole Catholic practice of prayer, fasting and abstinence aims at drawing us the closest possible to Jesus Christ and the further away possible from materialism. I, therefore, encourage you to get yourself and your loved ones signed up for this Lent's spiritual gym. You don't have to worry about whether or not you will make it to the end. Unlike the human trainers, the Holy Spirit would do it all in your stead when you are weak or distracted (cf. Rom 8:26-27).

Isn't that awesome?  
Wishing you all a very fruitful Lent!  
Blessings,  
Fr. Patrick CCE



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



### CWL Upcoming Events

**Bazaar Worknights:** Mondays March 11th and 25th at 7:30 pm Church lower level. All ladies of the Parish welcome.



**A note to our members, next General Meeting:** Will be held Wednesday, March 13 (instead March 6 Ash Wednesday). This is our annual Lenten Soup Supper. From 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.

### Perpetual Adoration Day

On Monday, March 18, the CWL of ST. Mary's is initiating a Perpetual Adoration Day in our chapel from 9:30 a.m. to its closing at 8 p.m. To ensure that all hours are covered, we invite parishioners to participate and record their chosen time on the clipboard located outside the office. "Father! You have given them to me, and I want them to be with me where I am..." John 18:24

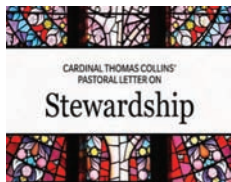
### Lenten Mission at St. Mary's Parish

Mission Theme: Someone Beautiful to God, A Lenten Pilgrimage into the Mystery of Divine Love and Mercy. Presented by Fr. Stan Chu Ilo a professor of theology and an inspired preacher and teacher of the faith. The Lenten Mission will be at St. Mary's Church followed by fellowship in parish hall on the following dates:

- Monday March 25th at 7pm (With Mass and Benediction)
- Tuesday March 26th at 7pm (With Mass and Benediction)
- Wednesday March 27th at 7pm (With Mass and Anointing of the Sick)

All are welcome to join us for this opportunity to enter more fully into the Lenten season of grace. Your faith will be reignited by the love of the Lord!

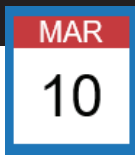
### Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship



Cardinal Collins has identified deep stewardship as an important pastoral priority for the Archdiocese of Toronto. A website has been created to share key teachings, resources and prayers for use by the Catholic community. Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is available online to read as well as other resources may be found by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

### Spring Forward 1 Hour Next Weekend

Mar 10, 2019 - Daylight Saving Time Starts. When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 10, 2019, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March 10, 2019, **3:00:00 am** local daylight time instead.



### Bereavement Ministry Training

Office of Formation for Discipleship is pleased to be offering the next Bereavement Ministry Training at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Oshawa and Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Etobicoke on Saturdays, March 23 and April 6, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants are required to attend both Saturdays in one of the two locations. To register online please visit:

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Oshawa at <http://bit.ly/BereavementTraining-SJW> or Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Etobicoke at <http://bit.ly/BereavementTraining-NOL>

Further information and registration forms are also available on the website at <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or by contacting Sally Amaral at: 416-934-3400 x518 or by email: [samaral@archtoronto.org](mailto:samaral@archtoronto.org)

### Envelope Contact Information Needed

If your envelope number is one of the following: **88, 159, 230, 342, 428, 492, 694, 897 & 1364**, please contact the office by phone or email as soon as possible to verify your name and contact information.



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April 4 & 25

**THURSDAY Mornings**  
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April 4 & 25  
*All are Welcome*

**Let us Pray**

**For the Sick**  
Margaret Ford

**For the Recently Deceased**  
Gerald Leslie Jacob  
Ramdai Bhikha  
Doris Borg  
Gerard Callan  
Hernando Villa  
Rosemary Szieber  
Edith Castillo De Lopez  
Mary Routledge

**Pray for Vocations**

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon contact


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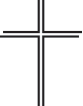
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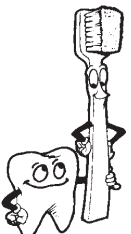


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