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Office Hours

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

March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of Lent



First SUNDAY IN LENT

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 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

**Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ
wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises
of dying to sin and of living for God.**

Parish Schools

St. Mary905-451-1020

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Bishop Francis Allen905-457-4677

Cardinal Leger S.S.905-453-2232

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

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions For the Week of ~ March 1st ~



Monday, March 2 Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Andrzej Kubiak †

Tuesday, March 3 Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intentions for:

- CWL Members Living & Deceased †

Wednesday, March 4 St. Casimir

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intentions for:

- Maikel Michriky
- Vittoria Ientilucci †
- Carlos y Julia Raposo †
- All Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday, March 5 Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Antonia Van Maren †

Friday, March 6 Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Eucharistico Cassar †

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

- Conceicao Guerreiro †
- Antonio Pacheco †

7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7 St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

9:00 a.m. - Mass

**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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This week I am suspending my continual reflection on the Eucharist so that I can focus on the great penitential season of Lent.

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. The Church gives us 40 days to prepare for the Season of Easter. In these 40 days, we are given the opportunity to look closely at our Spiritual life and where we have become sluggish and fat, we are encouraged to exercise our Souls so that we are fit to take on the challenges and temptations of this world – a world that is increasingly becoming 'anti-God' and 'anti-Church'.

During Lent we are asked to focus on the Three Pillars of Lent – Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. How will you be making these Three Pillars of Lent come to life? These Pillars are like exercise machines we find at the local gym and which work on different parts of the physical body. Increasing our **Prayer life**, **Fasting from Food** (or people might consider fasting from other items such as cell phones, or other communication devices, Facebook, YouTube etc.) and **giving financial support** to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. These are great Spiritual exercise machines to build up our Souls.

I encourage you to take up the Church's challenge and do your very best to practice these spiritual exercises using the Three Pillars as your guide. So, that when Easter arrives you can Spiritually be at the top of your game in regards to the Fitness of your Soul. May this Lenten Season be a time of great spiritual growth for all of us.

Blessings,
Fr. Liborio

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ShareLife



"The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

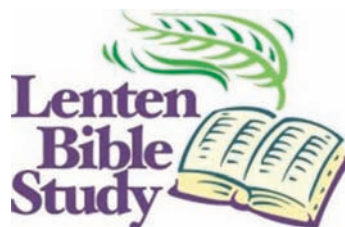
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March 29th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

St. Mary's Lenten Bible Study



You are invited to join us for St. Mary's Lenten Bible Study to be held Monday evenings on March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Halls. All are Welcome!

"The Bible is the great love story between God and humanity. At its centre stands Jesus, whose own story brings to fulfilment both God's love for us and our love for God." Pope Francis.

Stations of the Cross - Join us during Lent on Fridays at 7:30 pm



March 1st, 2020

Knights of Columbus Sweethearts' Ball - Saturday April 18th



The Knights will be holding a Sweethearts' Ball, fundraising dinner/dance, in the parish hall on Saturday, April 18th. \$50 per person, \$360.00 for a table of 8. See posters on Church bulletin boards for details. For tickets please contact Fernando 416-270-7882 or Jim 647-468-1559.

CWL News

General Meeting: Wednesday, March 4th in the Our Lady of Fatima Room. This is our annual Lenten Soup Supper 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Meeting will follow at 7:00pm.

Bazaar Worknights: Mondays March 9th and March 23th in the Knights Of Columbus Room. All ladies are welcome.



Catholic Moms Group



"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me..."

"Moms, please come join our discussion about Saint Patrick. We will be discussing how he taught followers about shamrocks and the Holy Trinity and we will enjoy snacks and great conversations. Shamrocks, Clovers, OH MY... We will be meeting March 3rd at 10am and March 24th at 7pm. Moms of all ages welcome.



Knit One Crochet Too - Join Us!



The St. Mary's Knitting/Crocheting Group will meet on:

Mornings: 10am to noon on March 4th and 18th.

Evenings: 7pm to 9pm on March 9th and 23rd. We welcome

beginners to experts. Come to learn, improve, or teach in a friendly and fun environment. The schedule is available at the Religious Store.

Spring Forward Next Weekend

Daylight Saving Time goes into effect next weekend on Sunday, March 8th. Clocks will "spring forward" by one hour beginning at 2am.

World Day of Prayer



Friday, March 6th, 2020 is World Day of Prayer. A service will be hosted by the Catholic Women's League of St. Anne's Parish, Brampton at 2:00pm. The service has been prepared by the Women of Zimbabwe. All are welcome!

Lights, Camera, Action St. Mary's Presents: Frozen II - Sunday, March 22nd



Join us on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020, from 4:30pm to 6:45pm for the COOLEST ticket in town. This is an exciting family movie about sisterhood and fraternal love. From now on, we shall spend 10 minutes after each parish movie sharing our takeaways with others. As usual, popcorn, drinks and a slice of pizza will be provided. The suggested donation is \$5 per person. We appreciate your financial assistance.

Sunday, March 22nd at 4:30pm Frozen II

Who will be attending? Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Ages of Children: _____

Please return this portion to the office.

Let us Pray

For the Sick

Constancia Tasareglo
Marjonie Fernane
Grace Ballantyne

For the Recently Deceased

Rafael Piovesan
Jose Medeiros
Paul De Gale
Pamela Paduano



Pray for Vocations

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 Lemieux,
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