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**Feb 25, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

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**Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.**

Mark 9:2-3

Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday to Saturday 9:00am**

Fridays

**Holy Hour 6:00pm**

**Mass 7:00pm**

Adoration Chapel

**Monday to Friday 9:30am to 8:00pm**

**Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm**

Sunday Eucharist

**Saturdays 5:00pm**

**Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am,**

**11:00am, 12:30pm and**

**2:00pm - Spanish Mass**

Reconciliation

**Fridays 6:00pm - 6:45pm**

**Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm**

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**Office Hours:**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

9:30am to 5:00pm

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Note:** Office is closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Monday to Friday**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays**

9:30am to 4:00pm



(At time of printing)  
**Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Monday - Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*

**9:00 am - Mass**

• Jose Ricco †

**Tuesday – Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Gregory of Narek*

**9:00 am - Mass**

• Mario Mallia †

**Wednesday - Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*

**9:00 am - Mass**

• Avelina & Flaviano

*Mangabang †*

• Bodo Ernst (SI)

**Thursday - Feb 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*

**9:00 am - Mass**

• St. Mary's CWL Living &  
Deceased Members

**Friday - Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Ferial*

**9:00 am - Mass**

• Annamma Varghese †

**7:00 pm - Mass**

• Joan Joanes †

**Saturday - Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ferial*

**9:00 am - Mass**

**Sunday - Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**2:00 pm - Spanish Mass**

• Heriberto Avelar †

• Herbert Villatoro †



Let us Pray

For the Sick in our Community

For the Recently Deceased

• Juana F. Palacios

## Parish Life

### A wonderful Analogy That Can Make us Think and Pray

- When GOD wanted to create fish, He spoke to the sea.
- When GOD wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth.
- But when GOD wanted to create man, He turned to HIMSELF.
- So GOD said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

#### So it makes sense that:

- If you take a fish out of the water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from the ground, it also dies.
- Likewise, when man disconnects himself from GOD, he dies.
- GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence.
- We must be connected to HIM, because only with HIM does life exist.
- Let us remain connected with GOD.
- Let us remember that water without fish is still water, but fish without water is nothing.
- The soil without the tree is still soil, but the tree without the soil is nothing....
- God without man is still God, but man without GOD is nothing.

If this message reaches you and you share it with others, "that's called evangelization", but if you don't share it, "it would be a waste".



### Stations of the Cross

**Come and join us for the Stations of the Cross  
every Friday after the 7:00 pm Mass during Lent**



**2023 Tax Receipts**, the St. Mary's 2023 Tax receipts have been mailed out. If you do not receive it by the end of February, please call the Parish Office at 905-451-2300 or e-mail Jazmin at [jaoliveira@archtoronto.org](mailto:jaoliveira@archtoronto.org).

**2024 Envelopes and tax receipts**, it is important to complete the gray card in your new envelope box so that your new envelope number will be registered in your name.

Please do not use envelopes from previous years as that old number is no longer assigned to you.

### A quick reminder of Days of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



**Thank you for your Donation!**

Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Collection: **\$10,940.00**

# Parish Life

## Knights of Columbus Food Drive March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Knights will be holding a food drive in support of Ste. Louise Outreach on March 2/3. **Items including non-perishable food items, baby formula and personal toiletry items can be left on the sanctuary in-front of the lectern.** Higher protein food items such as peanut butter, canned fish, canned meat along with peanut free snacks, pancake mix, muffin mix, syrup, honey, instant coffee, soups, canned fruits and veggies and condiments are in great need. Pasta and canned chickpeas are NOT required at this time as they are overstocked.



## Catholic Women's League



Every year in February St. Mary's Catholic Women's League sponsors Mary Matthews speech contest. This contest was held February 4<sup>th</sup> here at St Mary's in our Parish Hall. **The winner was Rachel Donnelly and runner up was Alessandra DeFrenza.** Both students attend St. Francis Xavier. Rachel Donnelly will go to the Peel District Contest on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It will be held here at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Rachel, we wish the best for you when you represent St. Francis Xavier and St. Mary's Catholic Women's League.

*We thank all the students that participated in the public speaking contest.*

## 55+ Club

Everyone 55 years old and older is welcome to join the 55+ Club on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fatima room for coffee, cupcakes and door price.

*Hope to see you there!*



## Thank you for Standing for the Land



Thousands of Canadians [signed the letter](#) in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Honduras who are protecting their water and fighting for their rights.

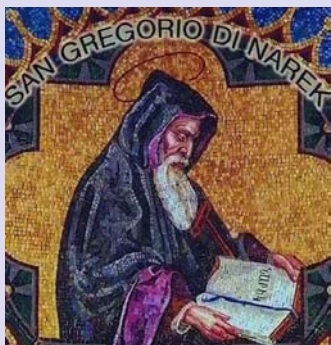
The Create Hope – Stand for the Land campaign aims to collect 32,000 signatures by February 25, 2024. A delegation of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada members and staff will then meet with the Honduran ambassador to Canada to show our support and solidarity.

On behalf of all those struggling to preserve their land, their water, their culture and their lives, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your continued commitment and mobilization. Together, we are building a world of justice.

- To sign our petition and to continue supporting our campaign, visit [devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act).
- To become a member and support our mission, visit [devp.org/joinus](https://devp.org/joinus).



# Religious Education and Faith Formation



## St. Gregory of Narek (Feb 27)

In the year 951, a boy named Gregory was born near Lake Van, the largest lake in the Kingdom of Armenia, modern-day Turkey. His mother died when he was young. His father was the ruling prince of the Andzevatsiq province and also an Armenian bishop and scholar. His father was vocally supportive of some of the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon and believed that the head of the Armenian Church, called the Catholicos, enjoyed only the rank of bishop. This did not sit well with the Catholicos, who later excommunicated Gregory's father from the Armenian Church.

After their mother's death, Gregory and his older brother were sent to live at the Monastery of Narek, under the guardianship of their maternal great-uncle Abbot Anania, the monastery's founder. At about the age of twenty-six, Gregory was ordained a priest for the monastery and remained there for the rest of his life, teaching theology in the monastery's school.

[Read More Here](#)

## A Better Way to Choose Something for Lent



Do your Lenten practices feel arbitrary? Do your penances seem ineffective? If you're feeling this way, you might be wondering, "what do you want from me this Lent, God?"

You might hear the answer as you receive cruciform ashes on your forehead this Ash Wednesday: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

[Click Here to Watch](#)

## Adventure Catechism



[Formed Kids](#)

## The Elements of the Catholic Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos.

### The Altar



The altar is the central feature of every Catholic church. It is the most significant element in the church building. (It is even more significant than the tabernacle, since without altar, there is no reserved Blessed Sacrament.) The altar is the focal point of every liturgical celebration. The Church teaches us that Christ himself is the Victim; Christ is the Priest; Christ is the Altar of Sacrifice.

[Watch Formed Here](#)

# St. Mary's Parish

## Lenten Schedule 2024

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent at 7:30 pm

### Lenten Confession Times

Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Holy Week Mass Schedule

Holy Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass
Holy Tuesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am Mass
Holy Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass
Holy Thursday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office is closed</i>	<u>NO</u> 9:00 am Mass <b>7:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office is closed</i>	<u>NO</u> 9:00 am & <u>NO</u> 7:00 pm Mass. Adoration Chapel Closed. <b>Celebrations of the Lord's Passion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11:00 am in Spanish</li><li>• 1:00 pm in English</li><li>• 3:00 pm in English</li></ul> <b>7:30 pm Stations of the Cross</b>
Holy Saturday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Office is closed</i>	<u>NO</u> 9:00 am Mass & <u>NO</u> 5:00 pm Mass. Adoration Chapel Closed. <b>8:00 pm Easter Vigil</b>
Easter Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Office is closed</i>	<b>Easter Masses (i.e. Regular Sunday Schedule)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:00 am</li><li>• 9:30 am</li><li>• 11:00 am</li><li>• 12:30 pm</li><li>• 2:00 pm in Spanish</li></ul>

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