



Sat. Mar. 4
 5:00pm + **Maureen Chown**
 Sun. Mar. 5
 8:00am + **Cesare, Onorino & Clare Puntillo**
 9:15am **For the People of the Parish**
 10:30am + **Tony Di Zio**
 12:00noon + **Roman Pazder**
 Mon. Mar. 6
 7:00pm + **Alfonso Tullio**
 Tues. Mar. 7
 9:00am + **Vito Malfara**
 Wed. Mar. 8
 7:00pm + **Guido Cianfarani, +Rev. Gerald Donovan, +Rev. Lawrence McGough, In Thanksgiving**

Feast Days This Week

Tues. Mar. 7 – **St. Perpetua & St. Felicity**, martyrs
 Thurs. Mar. 9 – **St. Francis of Rome**, religious

Change in Time – Next weekend our clocks “spring ahead” one hour on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00am. This keeps us in line with the rest of North America.

RCIA - The Rite of Election of Catechumens takes place this Sunday at St. Clare of Assisi Church at 3:00pm. After months of preparation, the Catechumens (those preparing for baptism) are elected or chosen by the Church to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. During the season of Lent they will begin their period of purification and preparation for this great event. The Catechumens are:

Wendy (Wen) Chen
Rogeem Edwards
Jackie (Jia) Guo
Tim Vanderster
Jany (Ai Ying) Zhao

The Knights of Columbus will have their General Meeting this Monday, March 6 at St. Andrew School at 7:45pm.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated this coming Friday evening at 7pm in the church.

Youth Group – meets Friday evening at St. Andrew School from 8:15 to 10pm. Feb/Mar Schedule:
 Mar. 3 – Stations of the Cross (7pm)
 Mar. 10 – Movie & Pizza night

Mar. 17 – March Break – No Youth group
 Mar. 24 – Drama, Games Night
 Mar. 31 – Sports Night

ShareLife – First Sunday in Lent

“Living the Gospel” by supporting ShareLife agencies...

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to “Live the Gospel,” in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an Archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world. Please help us celebrate our ShareLife’s 41st anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously.

Children and Lent - One way to help children celebrate Lent is to help them make up a Lenten calendar. This can either be made in the standard calendar format, with squares for each day of the week, or it can be more like a poster, with a path of stepping stones to Easter. On each of these squares or stones, they can choose one sacrifice or offering. We offer some suggestions, but you could think of applying many more to your family. It’s important that children chose their own, and arrange them according to their own preference. Some can be repeated several times:

- Read a story from the bible about Jesus.
- Do a secret good deed for someone.
- Make the Stations of the Cross.
- Don’t say anything unkind about anyone.
- Pray for each person in your family.
- Share something with someone.
- Don’t eat between meals.
- Tell someone that you love them.
- Don’t lose your temper.
- Give something nice away.
- Pray for persecuted and suffering Christians.
- Put away your clothes.
- Eat no sweets.
- Pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in Church.
- Don’t complain about anything.
- Try to listen to others more.
- Write a letter to someone who is lonely.
- Do something nice for an elderly neighbour.
- Try to put others first all day today.
- Say sorry to someone.

Smile today – watch everyone light up.
Read the Sunday Gospel.
Pray for those in purgatory.
Pray for priests and religious (nuns and bothers)
Ask Mary to help you love Jesus and lead you to Jesus.
Draw one of the Stations of the Cross – write your own prayer to Jesus about this station.
Use one of the gifts God gave you to do something nice for someone.
Pray a decade of the Rosary for this special intention.
Write a letter to Jesus thanking him for dying for us.
Do something nice for someone to whom you aren't always nice.
Draw a picture of Jesus on the Cross – do your very best, and give it to someone.
and Benediction.

Fasting and Feasting

Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.

Fast from judging others. **Feast** on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from the emphasis on differences. **Feast** on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness. **Feast** on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness. **Feast** on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute. **Feast** on words that purify.

Fast from discontent. **Feast** on gratitude.

Fast from anger. **Feast** on patience.

Fast from pessimism. **Feast** on optimism.

Fast from worry. **Feast** on Divine Providence.

Fast from complaining. **Feast** on appreciation.

Fast from negatives. **Feast** on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pleasures. **Feast** on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility. **Feast** on peace.

Fast from bitterness. **Feast** on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern. **Feast** on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety. **Feast** on trust.

Fast from discouragement. **Feast** on hope.

Fast from acts that tear down. **Feast** on acts which build up.

Fast from thoughts that weaken. **Feast** on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip. **Feast** on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems which overwhelm. **Feast** on prayer that undergirds.

Tax Receipts are available to be picked up for 2016 for donations over \$50.00. Family of Faith donations will be sent to you from the Family of Faith Office.

Rosary Group – we invite all parishioners to come together as a group to recite the Holy Rosary every Friday in the chapel after the 9:00am Mass.

Altar Servers Needed – The Parish is currently inviting individuals grades four and higher to join in the Altar Server ministry. This ministry is a way for parishioners to express their active participation in the life of the Church, and learn about their faith on a personal level. You also have the best seats in the house! If you or your child is interested, kindly contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Liturgical Dancers Needed – We are looking for Liturgical Dancers for special Sunday celebrations. Any persons that have received their Holy Communion and those in higher grades are encouraged to join. We praise the Lord through movement and song. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Join the "Call for Conscience" – February 6 – March 31, 2017

In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection.

Sympathy - We offer our deep sympathy to Russel Michael and his family on the death of his father Anthony Michael. May God grant him His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his passing.