



Sat. Mar. 18

5:00pm **For the People of the Parish**

Sun. Mar. 19

8:00am + **Remigio & Cristina D'Antonio**

9:15am + **Lorenzo & Vincenza Cosentino**

10:30am + **Patricia St. Amand**

12:00noon + **Vincenzo & Giuseppe**

Catalanotto

Mon. Mar. 20

7:00pm + **Grace Lettieri**

Tues. Mar. 21

9:00am + **Vasyl Gambal**

Wed. Mar. 22

7:00pm + **Peter Laughlin, +Leonarda**

Nunnari, +Eugenio & Francesca D'Agostino,

+Carla, Maria & Julio Agostini

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Mar. 20 – **St. Joseph**, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church

Thurs. Mar. 23 – **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**, bishop

Sat. Mar. 25 – **The Annunciation of the Lord**

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

Baptism class will be held this Friday, March 24 at 7:30pm for the parents of the children being baptized in April.

ShareLife -Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth...

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly.

The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75 % of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth In Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

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

Next Weekend is ShareLife Sunday and the collection will be taken up at every Mass. We welcome Stephanie Benedetti, Events Coordinator for the Office of Catholic Youth.

Laetare Sunday – Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, the half way point of Lent. The Latin word 'Laetare' means to rejoice, and the Church calls us to rejoice that Lent is half over. As a sign of that rejoicing, the vestments change from the colour purple to the colour of rose. Flowers may decorate the altar and solo musical instruments may be played. So why not wear something rose-coloured next weekend to Mass to express your joy.

Youth Group – meets Friday evening at St. Andrew School from 8:15 to 10pm. Mar Schedule: Mar. 24 – Drama, Games Night
Mar. 31 – Sports Night

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.

RCIA – This weekend the First Scrutiny will take place for those taking the RCIA program. This rite takes its name from the action of God in scrutinizing the hearts of those preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good, and to give then the strength that is in Christ who is our way, our truth and our life. This is also an opportunity for us to join in with the Elect in their spiritual journey by also scrutinizing our own life. The Elect are:

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

Longo Gift Cards -are available for purchase in the gift store. They are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500. Longo's supports our parish by donating a percentage of the cards purchased to our mortgage fund. If you shop at Longo's why not purchase a gift card from the store and in doing so, help your parish. If you require large purchases for your company event etc., please call Maria in the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 ext. 5221

Knights of Columbus will begin selling Easter

Colomba, Lindt Chocolates and Chocolate Easter Eggs in the Narthex after all Masses beginning next weekend up to and including Palm Sunday. Profits in the past have contributed in supporting parish project and initiatives. Please support the Knights.

An Aid to Examining Your Conscience

The following, based on the Ten Commandments is a list of questions to help you recognize what is sinful in your life. Remember also that some sins are more serious than others.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I seek to love God with all my heart and with all my strength? (Dt6:5) Do I put anything or anyone above God? Do I pray daily?

Have I had any involvement with the occult, witchcraft, Wicca, Ouija boards, séances, tarot cards, new age crystals, fortune telling, or the like? Have I put faith in horoscopes?

Have I received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I abused the sacrament of Penance by lying to the priest or deliberately not confessing a mortal sin? Have I denied a truth of the faith out of concern for the respect or opinion of others?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I used God's holy name irreverently? Have I blasphemed God, the Church, Mary, the saints, or sacred places or things?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I try to keep Sunday as a day of prayer, rest and relaxation, avoiding unnecessary work? Have I deliberately come late or left early from Mass without a good reason?

4. Honour your father and your mother.

Do I honour and respect my parents? Have I deliberately hurt my parents? Do I treat my children with love and respect? Do I support and care for the well-being of all family members? Have I neglected family duties? Do I honour and obey my lawful superiors?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I deliberately harmed anyone? Have I had an abortion or encouraged an abortion? Have I attempted suicide or seriously considered it? Have I abused drugs or alcohol? Have I led anyone to sin through bad example or through direct encouragement?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

(for the married) Am I faithful to my spouse in thought and action? Have I used artificial contraception or been sterilized? Was I married outside the Church without proper permission of the Church?

(for the unmarried) Have I engaged in sexual activity with anyone of either sex?

(for all) Have I deliberately viewed pornographic magazines, videos or internet websites? Have I masturbated? Have I used impure language or told impure jokes? Do I dress modestly?

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

"God, Heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy season of Lent. By the good works you inspire, help me to discipline my body to be renewed in Spirit. Without You, I can do nothing. By your Spirit, help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by your faith and be active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me your forgiveness, open my heart to your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during the Lenten season, nourish me with your word of life and make me one with you in love and prayer. Fill my heart with your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me a new life by your sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp your hand; let me walk more readily in your ways. Guide me in your gentle mercy for left to myself I cannot do your will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from the old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen

New Stained Glass Window to be Installed

The Window depicting the Baptism of Jesus will be installed soon, hopefully before Easter.

Other Stained Glass Windows

There are still four large windows available, based on the life of Christ. They are:

Teaching the Multitude	8 portions available
Feeding the 5,000	9 portions available
Transfiguration	10 portions available
Pentecost	9 portions available

Each window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500.00 per portion. The entire window is \$65,000.00. A plaque will be placed below the window, once your portion has been paid in full. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please contact the parish office.