


Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 25

5:00pm + **Maureen Chown**

Sun. Mar. 26

8:00am + **Armando Antoniani**

9:15am **For the People of the Parish**

10:30am + **Elva Campagne**

12:00noon + **Marian Locke**

Mon. Mar. 27

7:00pm + **George Sammutt**

Tues. Mar. 28

9:00am + **Maria Slominska**

Wed. Mar. 29

7:00pm + **Enrichetta Toto, +Angela**

Campobasso, For all those who have left the Church

Fri. Mar. 31

9:00am + **Flavia Mancini**

Laetare Sunday – This Sunday is Laetare Sunday, the halfway 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 of purple to the colour of rose. Flowers may decorate the altar and solo musical instruments may be played.

Next Sunday – crosses and statues are covered with purple cloths as a sign of penance and mourning. The first half of Lent deals with our need for conversion and repentance. The second half of Lent centres on the sufferings and death of Jesus.

R.C.I.A – This weekend the second 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 them 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
Jacki (Jia) Guo
Tim Vanderster
Janny (Ai Ying) Zhao

Baptism – We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized last weekend:

Mateo Rafael Adorante Da Conceicao
Claudia Maria Bertoia
Alessia Bella Carvalho
Matteo Sam Gregorini
Kaya Lana Marlia-Eisenreich
Alexander Paul Montagner
Matteo Giovanni Pascotto
Isaac Daniel Yee

ShareLife

"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife

Next Sunday, April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday

Please give generously.

Mortgage Fund will be taken up at all Masses the following weekend of April 8/9.

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

Archdiocesan Week of Confession – Confessions will be heard in all of the churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto this week. Dates and times may be found on the bulletin board. Our confession times will be on Wed. March 29 from 11:30 to 12pm, 2:30pm to 3:00pm, 6:00pm to 6:30pm, and 7:30pm to 8:00pm.

The Church During Lent

The highest point in the Church's year of prayer is the Easter Triduum, celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. We prepare for this three-day period by the season of Lent.

Lent is a penitential period and as a sign of that, the Church uses the colour purple in the liturgy. Flowers are not used in the church. The 'Alleluia' is not sung. And musical instruments are used only to

give necessary support to singing, not for solo playing.

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, statues and crosses are covered with purple cloths, as a sign of mourning. The Easter Candle is removed from the church, along with the three Sacred Oils in the ambry. On Holy Thursday, at the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the altar is stripped of its cloths; all candles are removed from the sanctuary and the shrines, and the water is removed from the Baptismal font. On Good Friday, after the celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the Chapel, and the tabernacle doors remain open. With the church now completely bare, the community is ready to celebrate Easter. At the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, the greatest Mass of the entire liturgical year, as a sign of the resurrection, everything returns to the church – altar cloths, banners, statues and crosses uncovered, the three Sacred Oils, candles, the Easter Candle, the 'Alleluia', flowers and the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. With the church fully decorated, and the community renewed in Spirit, we joyfully proclaim, "Christ is Risen!" "He is Risen indeed!"

Youth Group – meets Friday evening at St. Andrew School from 8:15 to 10pm. Mar./Apr. Schedule:
Mar. 31 – Sports Night
April 7 – Mass at 7pm – Stations of the Cross
April 14 – Good Friday – No Youth Group
April 21 – Karaoke Night
April 28 – Outing -TBD

Tax Receipts -have been moved to the office. If you have not picked up your receipt, please call us to arrange for pick up.

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.

7.You shall not steal.

Have I stolen or accepted stolen goods? Have I deliberately destroyed the property of others? Have I cheated anyone of what I owe? Do I gamble excessively? Do I share what I have with the poor and the Church according to my means? Have I pirated materials: videos, music, software?

8.You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

Have I lied? Have I sworn falsely? Have I plagiarized or been academically dishonest? Have I gossiped? Have I revealed secrets or confidential information without good reason? Have I ruined the good name

of others by spreading lies or maliciously revealing their faults and sins?

9.You shall not desire your neighbour's wife.

Have I deliberately and consciously permitted sexual thoughts about anyone besides my spouse? Do I guard my imagination and senses? Have I watched shows, plays, pictures or movies that contain impure scenes with the deliberate intention of being aroused by them? Am I responsible about what I read?

10.You shall not desire your neighbour's goods.

Am I envious of the possessions, abilities, talents and beauty, or success of others?

Life-size Shroud Replica – A 14 ½ foot full size cloth replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display in the church from next weekend until 12 noon on Holy Saturday. The original Shroud is believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus. It shows the front and back of a man who had been scourged and crucified.

This replica is produced from high resolution digital scans taken by the Official Documenting Photographer for the Shroud of Turin Research Project that made a full extensive examination of the Shroud. This is the most accurate rendition of the Shroud and reproduces every detail of the original, including the bloodstains, scorches and image areas. A license granting permission for public display has also been given. The Shroud Replica is now owned by the Church of St. Padre Pio.

Replicas of the Passion – Along with the replica of the Shroud of Turin, other replicas, relating to the Passion, are also on display at the same time. These include the Crown of Thorns, three iron nails and hammer, a Roman spear, the Flagellum (the whip used for scourging), an alabaster jar with ointment, Roman dice, the sponge on a stick, thirty silver coins, the Titulus Crucis (the sign placed on the Cross – "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews"), and the Great Chalice of Antioch – The Holy Grail, and other items. These will continue to be on display throughout the Easter season.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Jerry Andrade and his family on the death of his father Gervasio De Andrade. May God grant him His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his passing.