

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mary Fox, Victor Machado, Augusta D'Souza, Gregory Kelly, Kenneth Hill, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.

Lent – An openness to God

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51.10)

“What are you giving up for Lent?” Long ago on the playground of my Catholic elementary school, that was an eager topic of conversation as Ash Wednesday approached. Nowadays, I like to think that my Lenten practices are a little more sophisticated, or at least more positive. I may choose to address a certain attitude, to be kinder, more generous with my time and recourses, more prayerful – all I hope, sincere and well-intentioned efforts.

However, it is easy to fall into the trap of treating Lent as a sort of self-improvement program. The truth is that it is impossible, solely by our own efforts, to make ourselves better or holier. Only God can effect change in us.

Perhaps what we need to “give up” this Lent is any false sense of self-reliance, as we humbly turn to the God who prays and works within and through us.

Loving God, may I begin this Lenten journey by acknowledging my utter dependence on you, who alone can purify my heart and transform my spirit.



8:30 am Monday, February 27

For the repose of the soul of Leonardo Sylianco Sr.;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Teresita Canlas;

Requested by the Escubil Family

For the repose of the soul of Wilfredo Gonzalvo;

Requested by the Gonzalvo Family

8:30 am Tuesday, February 28

For the repose of the soul of Maureen Hurley;

Requested by Lauren and Mer Hidalgo

For the repose of the soul of Ann MacGillivray;

Requested by Micheline

8:30 am Wednesday, March 1

For the repose of the soul of Leonard Sequeira;

Requested by the Sequeira Family

8:30 am Thursday, March 2

Special Intentions and Blessings for Tessa and Julien Bouchard;

Requested by Carmen Mendez

8:30 am Friday, March 3

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Lavinia MacDonald;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Thanksgiving for Melvin & Malcolm Families;

Requested by the Pinto Family

For the repose of the soul of Aida Gingoyon;

Requested by the Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Manuel Da Costa;

Requested by the Da Costa Family

Special Intentions and 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Oscar & Bernadette Guanzon;

Requested by the Family

9:00 am Saturday, March 4

For the repose of the soul of Wilfrida Manuel;

Requested by the Family

5:00 pm

Special Intentions for Carmen & Rudy;

Requested by Carmen Mendez

For the repose of the soul of Roslyn Coelho;

Requested by the Lobo Family

For the repose of the soul of Kevin Desmond;

Requested by Annie & Liam Hurley

8:00 am Sunday, March 5

For the repose of the soul of Tiago Leite;

Requested by Maria Leite

For the repose of the souls of Alina & Henryk Szwiez;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Maureen Hurley;

Requested by Shelagh & Lily

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ *Alda Maria DeMenezes*

+ *Mila Tom*

+ *Anna Makaronska*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7:00 pm	February 27 Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting - L
Tuesday, 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	February 28 Altar Server Training – Church RCIA – Assisi Rm
Wednesday, 6:30 pm	March 1 Altar Server Training
Thursday, 11:45 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	March 2 St. Martin's Secondary School Retreat – C.H & Church Catholic Women's League Executive Meeting - L Choir Practice - Church
Friday, 6:00 pm 7:15 pm 7:15 pm	March 3 God's Family Choir Practice – Church Advanced Line Dancing – Assisi Room Beginner's Line Dancing – Padua Room

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023
Time: 9 am to 5:30 pm
Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St W, Toronto
• Adult Event: Constitution Hall
• Youth Event: John W.H. Bassett Theatre
Mass Celebrant: Cardinal Thomas Collins
Keynote Speaker: Ralph Martin
Speakers: Chris Stefanick, Peter Herbeck, Angèle Regnier, Rachel Herbeck
Tickets: Adults \$25, Youth (ages 13-18) \$15
For tickets & bus transportation call/text:
Enza at 905-301-3376
This is the largest single day Catholic event in Canada which is in its 31st year.
If you are interested, don't delay! Purchase your tickets and reserve a seat on the bus as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Dynamic Women of Faith – Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station)

His Eminence Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening Mass at 9 a.m.
Keynote Speaker: Sister Deirdre Byrne - The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady. Dr. Josephine Lombardi – Healing and Forgiveness. Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik – Journeying with Mother Mary. Dorothy Pilarski – Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group.
Limited Seating! "Don't Miss the Early Bird (before Feb. 14) \$65.00
Register at: <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/> Register early to avoid disappointment. **CONTACT:** 416-907-1042

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE LENTE RETREAT

1617 BLYTHE ROAD
SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023
9:00AM - 3:00PM

FACILITATED BY OUR CENTRE TEAM
Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

CONTACT: JEAN 905-278-5229 OR OFFICE@QOA.CA



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm followed by Mass.

SCHEDULE FOR LENT and HOLY WEEK

March 27 - 29

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Parish Mission
Preacher: Father John Bosco Gali

March 30

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Lenten Confessions

April 1 & 2

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 9 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 10 at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

April 6

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 pm - Holy Eucharist and Washing of the Feet followed by Adoration to midnight

April 7

GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross prepared by Youth Group

April 8

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

April 9

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Only 2023 Donation Envelopes should be used.

Please do not use old envelopes from previous years. The number may have been assigned to another family. If you are wondering about the validity of your donation box, contact the parish office and we will be happy to check and verify that donations posted are correct. Please make sure the information, especially telephone numbers are current.

2022 Tax Receipts are available in the office.



*Thank you to everyone who generously donated to
Last week's offering.
Offertory Total: \$5,441.50*