

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Please Pray For All The Sick

Ann MacGillivray, Kenneth Hill, Christina Garde, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, Boguslaw Cop, 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.

Update regarding Covid-19 Restrictions –

Capacity Limits Changing as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation over the past two years in adapting to the Covid-19 reality and the many associated restrictions.

We are pleased to share news that as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022, places of worship will now be able to offer 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. **Please note that masks will still be required.**

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteers for their assistance during these challenging times...they will continue to be on hand to assist you when needed.

Parish Office/Church Open Extended Hours

We are happy to announce that effective March 3 the parish office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The parish office will also open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and Sunday 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The church will be open weekdays throughout the day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



TIME'S A CHANGE'N

On March 12th at 2:00 am set your clocks one hour ahead - Daylight Saving Time Begins.



Masses For The Week

8:30 am

Monday, March 7

For the repose of the soul of Mary Liang;

Requested by Stephen & Odette

For the repose of the soul of Gertrude De Souza;

Requested by Robert & Bernadette Lopez

For the repose of the soul of Lauren Alexa Sampson;

Requested by Perla & Thelma

8:30 am

Tuesday, March 8

For the repose of the soul of Crescencia Sylianco;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Birthday Blessings for Rene Lucsina;

Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Peace for the Ukraine;

Requested by Josip Svalina

8:30 am

Wednesday, March 9

For the repose of the souls of;

+ *Aubrey Ballantine*

+ *Isagani Hortillo*

+ *Leela Poranganel*

+ *Eddie Lo*

+ *Casmir, Bibiana & Leonard*

8:30 am

Thursday, March 10

For the repose of the souls of Barbara Kwasek, Josep

Picarezyk & Wiesia Wisniewska;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Jose Manuel Cabral;

Requested by Margarida Rebelo

For the repose of the soul of Tjwan Hien Loo;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am

Friday, March 11

For the repose of the soul of Mary Liang;

Requested by Helena Hung & Family

For the repose of the soul of Cecilia Da Silva;

Requested by the Gomez Family

7:00pm

Special Intentions and Thanksgiving;

Requested by the Travasso & D Souza Family

9:00 am

Saturday, March 12

For the repose of the soul of Pedrita Jumalon;

Requested by the Family

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Alda Maria DeMenezes;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Mary Liang;

Requested by Odys & Lawina

For the repose of the soul of Lovrenco Zuvic;

Requested by Armando & Lucy

SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 2022

8:00 am Sunday, March 13

For the repose of the soul of Audrey Fernandez;
Requested by Alex & Janina Lako

For the repose of the soul of Pedrita Jumalon;
Requested by Deacon Miguel and Family

10:00 am
For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 noon – Multiple Intentions

+ *Mary Liang*

Line Dancing

The very popular Line Dancing returns on
Friday, March 11th at 8:00pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!!
Only \$3.00 per person (pay as you go).



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

*The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open daily for prayer and
adoration beginning*

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Capacity of
no more than 5 people will be allowed.*



Bundle up Sunday-March 26 – 27, 2022

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting footwear, bedding, drapery/towels and clothing; all seasons (men, women and children) and new or nearly new toys to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support our Special Works in the community. **Please bring your donation to the Society's truck on the weekend of March 26 & 27 only** and share with others

in the community. Drop off of donations will not be accepted before the weekend of collection.

(Absolutely no Books, Construction Materials, Dishes, Furniture and Video/Audio Cassettes.)

Thank you for your continued support.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND - UKRAINE

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency with a long history of humanitarian relief; it is currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year; it will use donations to bring Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as possible. Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada.

Those wishing to help may do so by taking an envelope for the Humanitarian Relief and drop it into the collection basket.

Refugee Family Update



We are delighted that Seemab Younas, her husband Alamzeb, son Aaron Joshua and daughter Divine Mary arrived safely on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Here they are on their initial visit to our parish, along with Refugee Committee Chair Marina Vivar Dy and Fr. Gijo Muthanattu George.

We have secured a basement apartment for them to live in for a year and through your generosity we have now received all we need to prepare the apartment for the family.

We are however, continuing to accept monetary donations to assist this family. Year-round assistance maybe required for them to settle into their new environment as they start their new life in Canada.

Thank you for your generosity in assisting our Refugee Committee in settling this family who have lived displaced in Thailand for over five years.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm followed by Mass, beginning Friday, March 4, 2022



*Thank you to everyone who generously
donated to Last week's offering.
Weekly Total: \$6,057.00*