

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Melanie Nazareth, Felix Pires, Annie Hurley, Miyanna Figueroa, Mariana Weglinski, Aissa Aro and Jorge Vasques.

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.



### Masses For The Week

**8:30 am** **Monday, March 10**

**For the repose of the souls of Wiesia, Barbara & Josef Piecarczyk;**  
Requested by the Family

**For the repose of the soul of Pilar de Mendoza;**  
Requested by Claudia Morroquin

**Special Intentions and Blessings for Kristin B., Kristin L., & Danuta;**  
Requested by the Family

**8:30 am** **Tuesday, March 11**

**For the repose of the souls of Safronio & Bernarda Calzado;**  
Requested by the Family

**For the repose of the soul of Sister Mary Rita;**  
Requested by Mary Weber & Family

**For the repose of the soul of Niel Danis;**  
Requested by the Family

**8:30 am** **Wednesday, March 12**

**Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings for Ana Zita DeSa;**  
Requested by Nelumka & Janith Fernando

**For the repose of the soul of Donald James Finlayson;**  
Requested by the St. Martins Secondary School Community

**For the repose of the soul of Elsa Dela Cruz Batara;**  
Requested by Maria & Ian Edmonds

**8:30 am** **Thursday, March 13**

**For the repose of the souls of Maria & Menino Rapozo;**  
Requested by Frank Rapozo

**For the repose of the soul of Elsa Dela Cruz Batara;**  
Requested by Canlapan Family

**For the repose of the soul of Gerald & Rita Lobo;**  
Requested by the Family

**8:30 am** **Friday, March 14**

**Special Intentions and Healing for John Marco;**  
Requested by the Family

**Special Intentions and Blessings for Duc & Thuy Family;**  
Requested by the Lai Family

**7:00 pm**

**Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for the Mastine Family;**  
Requested by the Family

**9:00 am** **Saturday, March 15**

**For the repose of the soul of Bernardo Ancheta Halili;**  
Requested by the Sychangco Family

**For the repose of the soul of Betty Rebello;**  
Requested by Odette & Stephen de Souza

**Special Intentions for Mark & Christine Fernandez;**  
Requested by the Family

**5:00 pm**

**For the repose of the souls of Carmela & Carmel Portelli;**  
Requested by Pauline Grasso

**For the repose of the soul of Filippo Del Vecchio;**  
Requested by Rosa Villa & Donna Manzo

**For the repose of the soul of Martha Monteiro;**  
Requested by Julia Rodricks and Family

**8:00 am**

**Sunday, March 16**

**For the repose of the soul of Maria Manna;**  
Requested by Juliana Kim

**Special Intentions & Anniversary Blessings for Daniel & Melissa Poopalapillai;**  
Requested by the Family

**For the repose of the souls of Stanislaw Maly & Josef Trawinski;**  
Requested by the Family

**10:00 am**

**For the Intentions of the Parishioners.**

**12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions**

- + **Patricio & Cristita Excija**
- + **Alda Demenezes**
- + **Purificacion Pagsisihan**
- + **All deceased members of the Jansen & Hapuarachchi Families**

**Special Intentions and Blessings for Karina & Nigel Hapuarachchi**  
**Special Intentions and Blessings for Lambert Jackson**

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**Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2025

**Time:** 9 am to 5:30 pm

**Location:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre

255 Front St W, Toronto

• Adult Event: North Building

• Youth Event: John W.H. Bassett Theatre

**Mass Celebrant:** Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Speakers:** Bishop Scott McCaig, Fr. Rasto Bluchy, Deacon Larry Oney, Peter Herbeck and Katey Norman

**Tickets:** Adults \$39, Youth (ages 13-18) \$25

For tickets and information, visit [www.LJHr.ca](http://www.LJHr.ca)

This is the largest single day Catholic event in Canada which is in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year. If you are interested, don't delay! Purchase your tickets.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Reconciliation

Children who have been registered and are preparing to receive First Holy Communion in the Spring are scheduled to receive First Reconciliation on

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am here at St. Martin of Tours Parish.

## Sacrament Preparation Updates

A reminder to parents and students who are registered and preparing to receive the sacraments in 2025 our next meeting is:

**Confirmation** – Saturday, March 29, 2025. Please check in at 8:45 am.

## Lent- the Place of our Life.

I remember listening to a gentleman talk about his life. He told about the success of his business, the disappointment in his marriage, that his last child had moved out, and that he was about to turn 50 years old. He said, "This is not what I thought my life would be like, when I turned 50. I'm just not sure where is my place in my life." "Where is my place in life?" The sacred season of Lent answers: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." With these words the Church reminds us of our place in life. Remember, 'we are dust' is not a negative, not a put down statement. It is not an insult or a judgment. It means we look at the reality of who we are, where we have been, and where we are going. St. Augustine says the Lenten observance "is an exercise of holy desire." It does not require us to destroy or suppress our normal desires, but to raise and purify them. As we put ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, we want to live Lent as a time of cleansing and holy desire, with some renewal of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is not so much about how we give alms, how we pray, or how we fast. It is about where- the location. When we move into that secret place with God, we no longer depend on others to give us our identity. We no longer depend on others to give us our place in life. In that secret place we remember that we are dust. We begin to see that our identity, who we are, who we are in God. Despite the disappointments in our marriage, the success of our business, the children who grow up and move away, the frailty of our bodies, the pain of our losses, the changes and chances of life, the fear of the uncertainties of our times – we are, we always have been, and we always will be the beloved sons and daughters of God. Welcome to Lent- The Place of our Life.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### This Week

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 10</b>
7:00 pm	Beginners Line Dancing– Carmel Hall
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 11</b>
7:00 pm	RCIA – Padua Room
7:00 pm	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mtg – Lisieux Rm
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 12</b>
9:30 am	Bereavement Group Mtg – Assisi Rm
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 13</b>
7:30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 14</b>
6:00 pm	God's Family Choir Practice – Assisi Room
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross & Mass - Church
8:00 pm	Advanced Line Dancing– Carmel Hall
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 15</b>
9:30 am	Lay Carmelites Lenten Retreat – Carmel Hall
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 16</b>
10:30 am	RCIA – Padua Room
12:00 pm	RCIC

### "Kids of Hope" March Break Camp

Camp starts Monday at 9:00 am until 2:00pm. There are still a few spots left. We encourage parents to enroll their child this weekend. Please bring registration forms to the parish office with the \$100.00 cash or cheque payable to St. Martin of Tours Church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 905-279-5742 ext.0.



## 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 7, 2025

### SCHEDULE FOR LENT and HOLY WEEK

<b>April 7 - 9</b>	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Parish Mission
<b>April 10</b>	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Lenten Confessions
<b>April 12/13</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Saturday, April 12 at 5:00 pm Sunday, April 13 at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
<b>April 17</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 8:00 pm - Holy Eucharist and Washing of the Feet followed by Adoration to midnight
<b>April 18</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10:00 am - Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm - Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
<b>April 19</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass
<b>April 20</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm



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- You extended a helping hand to over 1,800 young parents and their children;
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 1,400 people with special needs and their families

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