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OUR PARISH TEAM:

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon

DAILY MASS & DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE:

Monday - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday - 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday - 6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour Cenacle

7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Any other time by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

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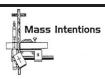
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:

The Parish Team and Pastoral Visitors are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. A priest is available to give the anointing of the sick. Please contact the Rectory.

MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance. At least one of the parties must reside within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish and attending weekly. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.



Saturday, March 26

9:00 a.m. - (Still available)

5:00 p.m. - PATRICK HAND R.I.P.

Sunday, March 27

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- SILVANA, LYDIA & GINA D'VERSA R.I.P.

12:00 noon- VALERIE MOHAMMED R.I.P.

Monday, March 28

9:00 a.m. - VICENTE REDOR R.I.P.

Tuesday, March 29

7:00 p.m. - (Still available)

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 p.m. - (Still available)

Thursday, March 31

7:00 p.m. - (Still available)

Friday, April 1

9:00 a.m. - **SOULS IN PURGATORY**

6:00 p.m. - (Still available)

Saturday, April 2

9:00 a.m. - (Still available)

5:00 p.m. - MARINA DAVID R.I.P.

Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- EDDIE OBIDOWSKI R.I.P.

12:00 noon- NICKI RAO R.I.P.

Readings for March 27

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5.17-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 during Lent.



MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 1st is the First Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. and **6:00 p.m**. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." Luke 15:17–19

Why do we cling to our sins? This passage comes from the story of the Prodigal Son. We should know that story well. The son decided to leave his father and take his future inheritance, spending it on a life of sin. When the money he had ran out, he was in desperate need. So what did he do? He came to his senses!

This line alone is worth our meditation. First, it reveals what happens to a person who falls into a life of sin. In this case, the son eventually reaped the fruit of his sin. He found that his sin left him destitute and alone. He didn't know where to turn. And though our sins may not be to the extent of this son, we will all experience the empty effects of the sins we commit, just as this son did.

The profound insight we can gain from this son is that he did come around. Specifically, by "coming to his senses" he recognized two important things. First, he realized that he is worth more than a life of destitution. No one should have to live an impoverished and empty life. Therefore, by seeing his own dignity he came to realize that he was made for more.

Secondly, he knew he could turn to his father. What a blessing it was for him to know this. The reason he knew he could turn to his father was that his father clearly loved him with unconditional love. The mercy in the heart of the father was so strong that the son was aware of it and this awareness gave him confidence to turn to him.

Reflect, today, upon this twofold action. The son sees his misery and also sees his father as the person to whom he can confidently turn. We must strive to do the same in our own lives. The Father in Heaven will never reject us. No matter what we have done or how far we have turned away, the Father's love is perfect, relentless, unconditional and always inviting. He is ready and willing to dismiss every wrong we have done if we only turn to Him in confidence. Come to your senses in regard to your sins! Let go of them, repent and trust in the mercy of God.

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LAETARE SUNDAY

Laetare means to rejoice! The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem."

Laetare Sunday provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.

SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Saturday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10th at **8:30** a.m., 10:30 a.m. & **12:30** p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 14th at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

April 15th at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

April 16th at 8:05 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17th at **8:30** a.m., 10:30 a.m., & **12:30** p.m.

SL ShareLife

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR THE UKRAINE

If you would like to donate to help the people of the Ukraine, you may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
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Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS MARCH 30th and APRIL 6TH

9:00 am - 12:00 noon 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - Thomas Cardinal Collins.



BUNDLE UP WEEKEND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The truck for the St. Vincent de Paul will be in the back

parking lot $April\ 23^{rd}$ - 24^{th} to accept donations of gently used clothing, shoes and linens. Please see the bulletin board or website for acceptable items.



Birthright Brampton is looking for dedicated volunteers. We have many various volunteer positions available as well as a flexibility of

days and times. Please contact our office at 905-874-0607. Thank you and God bless.

GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, April 2^{nd} from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church.

LENTEN RETREAT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

St. Anthony's will be having a Lenten Retreat on March 29^{th} , 30^{th} & 31^{st} – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Topic: Choosing to be part of the Church The retreat master will be Fr. Robert Foilot, S.J. Advent Accounting Service and Tax Returns • E File Michael Nahirny

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