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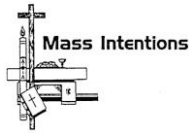
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00 am. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY
5:00 p.m. - CHERRY PRUDENCIO R.I.P.

Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m. - JUNIPERO LAGTAPON SR. R.I.P.
10:30 a.m.- FRANK DE CICCIO R.I.P.
12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, March 20 - St. Joseph

9:00 a.m. - JOAO & ALFREDO RODRIGUES R.I.P.

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 p.m. - NICOLA & FELICIA FIGLIANO R.I.P.

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 p.m. - KEITH BURTLES R.I.P.

Thursday, March 23

7:00 p.m. - JOHN JOSEPH D'SOUZA R.I.P.

Friday, March 24

9:00 a.m. - (Still available)
6:00 p.m.- GRAZIELLA BERTULLI R.I.P.

Saturday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am. - CHANDRA GLORIA BALGOBIN R.I.P.
5:00 p.m. - MICHELE BONADIO & FRANCESCO METTE RIP

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 a.m.- PRINCE MACHADO R.I.P.
12:00 noon- NENA & INNOCENCIO SANCHEZ & CORNELIO TUDIO SR.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. John 9:35-38

This is the conclusion to the story of the healing of the man born blind. It is the fifth of seven signs (miracles) in John's Gospel that point to the divinity of our Lord. This healing especially confirmed Jesus' teaching from the previous chapter: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Jesus is the Light Who came to dispel all darkness, and now He illustrates this fact by opening the eyes of the blind man. It is a dramatic story revealing both the consequences of rejecting Jesus, as well as the blessings received by one who turns to Jesus in faith.

The dramatic unfolding of this story teaches us that when we are given the grace of God by hearing His holy Word spoken and witnessing His mighty hand at work, we must make a choice. Either we will respond in faith and slowly be drawn deeper into that faith, or we will rationalize it away and reject God's saving action in our lives. It is not possible to simply remain indifferent to the Gospel when we hear it spoken or when we see its effects changing us or others.

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There will be a 6:00 Mass every Friday evening during Lent, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.



Readings for March 19

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5.8-14
John 9.1-41



Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife

On March 20th (moved from March 19th this year), we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Lent is a time for almsgiving. You can help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist the needy by dropping your loonies/toonies or spare change in the poor box during Lent:

"I assure you as often as you did it for one of the least brothers, you did it for me." (Matthew 25:40)



Birthingright Brampton has compassionate volunteers who give generously of their time and energy so that others will feel God's Love. Please help us to help mothers CHOOSE LIFE for their unborn child! We are always looking for new volunteers to help sort donations or to journey with our moms. Please call Pauline at 905-874-0607 for more information. Please remember to return your baby bottle next weekend. Thank you for your support!





**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH**

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

*“Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!” St. John Chrysostom*



**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> (MOVED THIS YEAR)**

On December 8, 1847, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph to be the Universal Patron and Protector of the Catholic Church.

*Saint Joseph, with you, for you, we bless the Lord. He chose you among all men to be the chaste spouse of Mary, the one who would remain at the threshold of the mystery of her divine maternity, and who, after her, would accept it in faith as the work of the Holy Spirit. You gave to Jesus legal paternity in the line of David. You constantly watched over the Mother and the Child with an affectionate concern, in order to protect their lives and to allow them to accomplish their destiny. The Savior Jesus deigned to submit himself to you, as to a father, throughout his childhood and adolescence and to receive from you an apprenticeship in human life, while you shared his life in the adoration of his mystery. You remain at his side. Continue to protect the whole church, the family born of the salvation of Jesus. See the spiritual and material needs of all those who beg your intercession, particularly families and those who are poor, in every sense; through you, they are certain to find Mary’s maternal face and the hand of Jesus to assist them. Amen.*

*(Prayer of St. John Paul II at St. Joseph’s Oratory)*

**SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at **8:30 a.m.**, 10:30 a.m.  
& **12:30 p.m.**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
followed by Adoration until Midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

**EASTER VIGIL**

April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
There are **no** confessions on April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
There will **not** be a 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 9<sup>th</sup> at **8:30 a.m.**, 10:30 a.m., & **12:30 p.m.**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Leonard Parish Council #035

**Forgiveness Through God's Love**

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST RETREAT**

<b>SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023</b>	9:00 AM- 9:30AM	MASS
<b>ST. LEONARD PARISH HALL</b>	9:30 AM- 9:45AM	REGISTRATION
<b>COST: \$20</b>	10:00 AM- 11:00AM	BREAKFAST
	11:00 AM - 12:00PM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	REFLECTIONS/ CLOSING PRAYER

**Keynote Speaker: James Bell, Deacon**

Open to all women of St. Leonard Parish community.  
No tickets sales on day of event.



Right to Life Mississauga & Area will be hosting an in-person event on Medical Assisted Suicide entitled: “The Real Impact of MAiD

(Medical Assisted Suicide) Revealed!”

Featured keynote speakers will discuss the legal, institutional, and personal impact of this ill-conceived legislation in Canada. The event is being held on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga**, preceded by a Reception for attendees starting at 3:30 pm.

You can find information about the event at [www.righttolifemb.com/events](http://www.righttolifemb.com/events). For further information, contact Right to Life Mississauga & Area by phone at 647-990-2656 or email: [righttolifemb@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com).



Cardinal Collins will preside at the noon Mass at St. Michael’s Cathedral on Sunday, March 19, 2023. This will be his final Sunday Mass as Archbishop of Toronto. We thank him for his dedicated service as Archbishop of Toronto over the last 16 years and offer our prayers.

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live) and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: [www.slmedia.org](http://www.slmedia.org).

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Western Region on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

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