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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor - Fr. P. John Nosan Associate Pastor - Fr. Benny Joseph Ezhormattam Deacon - James Bell

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 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

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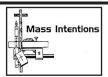
Must be registered in the parish for at least three months. A baptism date will be set after attendance at a Baptism Preparation Class.

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 2 - 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. - ADRIAN CUSTODIO R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - BARB PITCHFORTH R.I.P.

Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. - **DEACON AL MOULTON R.I.P.**10:30 a.m.- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**12:00 noon- **ELVIRA & OLIMPIO MOLLICONE R.I.P.**

Monday, March 4 - St. Casimir 9:00 a.m. - **PERFECTO SAMONTE R.I.P.**

Tuesday, March 5 7:00 p.m. - KATE MALCOLM R.I.P.

Wednesday, March 6 7:00 p.m. - **INT. FOR ELOE KOUTOUA FAMILY**

Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity 7:00 p.m. - ORLANDO AGTARAP R.I.P.

Friday, March 8 - St. John of God 9:00 a.m. - JOAQUIM REBELO R.I.P. 6:00 p.m. - ANNA SAMMUT R.I.P.

Saturday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome 9:00 a.m. - K.C. JOHN R.I.P. 5:00 p.m. - ROMEO D'SOUZA R.I.P.

Sunday, March 10 - Laetare Sunday - 4th Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. - CHANTAL & PAUL DUGGAN R.I.P. 10:30 a.m. - SILVANA, LYDIA & GINA D'AVERSA R.I.P.

12:00 noon- **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Readings for March 3

Exodus 20.1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25 John 2.13-25



Fridays of Lent, there is also Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

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).

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:15–16

The Jewish Temple, at the time of Jesus' public ministry, was the place people traveled to each year for Passover to offer the sacrifice of a spotless male lamb in commemoration of the first Passover in Egypt when God set the Jews free from slavery. Today, we see the Jewish Temple as a symbol and prefiguration of Christ, the New Temple Who is also the priest and the Lamb of Sacrifice. Recall, also, that at Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn in two, opening it up to the whole world so that all may share in the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. We are now invited into this Holy of Holies to share in the new life of grace accomplished by His Sacrifice. Since the grace of this Sacrifice of our Lord enters into each and every heart that believes, to cleanse and purify, then every person receiving this grace becomes a new dwelling place of God, a member of His new Temple, the Body of Christ.

When Jesus came to the Passover feast and witnessed the buying and selling of these animals in the Temple, He drove them out with much zeal. It was clear that this holy celebration of the Passover had become less of a celebration of faith and more of a marketplace for profit. Jesus' action is also a symbol of the zeal with which He now seeks to cleanse the temple of your soul.

My cleansing Lord, please come and make my soul Your dwelling place today and cleanse me of all sin. Please help me to especially see any ways that I have remained obstinate in my sin, and please cleanse those sins with much vigor. Jesus, I trust in You.

(Source of content: mycatholic.life)

COME & SEE WEEKEND RETREAT

Come and See - Day Retreat - Saturday, March 19 (9:00am - 3:30pm) at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate



a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.



LENTEN DAYS OF CONFESSION

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reflect upon the cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your

own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle rebuke from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you obstinately persist in? Allow Him to rebuke you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you and allow His judgment and wrath to "passover" you this Lent.

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The schedule for extra confessions is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th and 20th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.



We are excited to announce that Totus Tuus will be returning to St. Leonards this summer! Our camp will run from July 29 - August 2, 2024. Forms are available in the church and on our website:

https://stleonardsbr.archtoronto.org. For more
information, please email totustuus_stl@yahoo.com.
We look forward to another summer of fun, faith, and
fellowship!



ST. FRANCIS CENTRE MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

St. Francis Centre will be hosting the first of our Pre-Marriage weekend retreats utilizing the Joy Filled Marriage Program, the weekend of April 26th – 28th, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please contact St. Francis Centre by phone 519-941-1747 or by email admin@stfranciscentre.org for information. You can also check out our website at www.stfranciscentre.net for more information.



ShareLife Sunday is March 17. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$94,200.00**.

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."



SIGN-UP SHEETS - HOLY WEEK

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week Services/Masses are available in the Sacristy for Altar Servers,

Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

This Lent, please consider giving to Aid to Women. For over 35 years, Aid to Women has operated as a Christian, volunteer-based charity that offers prolife options and practical help to



pregnant women, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. We provide counseling, material items, emotional, spiritual, and financial support for mothers in need. We are currently in need of people to pray, volunteer, help financially, or offer material donations (infant car seats, strollers, diapers, wipes, and clothes newborn to 2 years). Donations can be made online at www.aidtowomen.ca For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 416-921-6016 or at info@aidtowomen.ca.

<u>LENTEN RETREAT - ST. FRANCIS CENTRE</u> Saturday March 9, 2024

Theme: THE RESURRECTION: A GIFT TO US – A CALL TO ACTION

Registration begins at 8:30am; Retreat concludes with liturgy at 4:00pm. Cost is \$40.00 and can be paid at the door in cash or cheque. This includes coffee/tea, lunch and all materials. Call 519-941-1747 or email admin@stfranciscentre.org to register.

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