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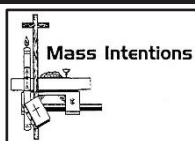
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Monday, March 11

9:00 a.m. - EMIL MARIANAYAGAM R.I.P.

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. - JENNY CROSSLEY R.I.P.

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 p.m. - DOMENICO & MARIA FIGLIANO R.I.P.

Thursday, March 14

7:00 p.m. - SHEILA TISALUNA R.I.P.

Friday, March 15

9:00 a.m. - ELIAS & ERMELINDA DE CARVALHO R.I.P.

6:00 p.m. - EVERARD, EDWIN & DOLLY DESOUZA

Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m. - MANUEL AMARAL R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 a.m.- DECEASED MEMBERS OF MARTUCCI FAMILY

12:00 noon- ERSILIA & INNOCENZIO CARDARELLI R.I.P.

Readings for March 10

2 Chronicles 36.14-17, 19-23 Ephesians 2.4-10

John 3.14-21



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

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.

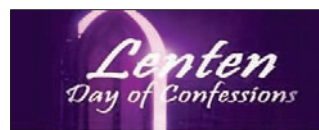
Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-15

One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus' language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning.

In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn't. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

(Source of content: mycatholic.life)



Extra confession times during Lent are as follows:

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Fr. Benny

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Msgr. Conrad

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Greg Ace

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Fr. Benny

Wednesday, March 20th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Fr. John

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Msgr. Conrad

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Msgr. Greg Ace

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Fr. John

Thursday, March 21st

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Fr. Elijah

Friday, March 22nd

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Fr. Pham



SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 24th at **8:30 a.m.**, 10:30 a.m.
& **12:30 p.m.**

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28th at 7:00 p.m.
followed by Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

March 29th at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

March 30th at 8:00 p.m.
There are **no** confessions on March 30th.
There will **not** be a 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st at **8:30 a.m.**, 10:30 a.m., & **12:30 p.m.**

Each year the Office of Vocations and the Office of Catholic Youth collaborate to hire 20 young Catholic leaders who are seriously discerning God's calling in their lives. After a month of training and formation, these leaders are sent out to serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.



The Totus Tuus summer camp at St. Leonard's Parish 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!



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

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

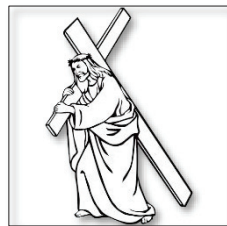
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SIGN-UP SHEETS - HOLY WEEK

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week Services/Masses are available in the Sacristy for Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The Knights of Columbus Council 9235 is holding their 27th annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession through Downtown Brampton on Friday March 29th, 2024, starting promptly at 9am outside the steps of Brampton City Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH MARCH 10-18



St. Joseph is a powerful patron. He is, as John Paul II called him, the Guardian of the Redeemer. He humbly accepted his role as guardian, husband, and father in the Holy Family. Therefore, St. Joseph's intercession has been sought for centuries. Below is a link to a novena in preparation for his Feast Day which we celebrate on March 19th.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/novena-to-st-joseph>

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.



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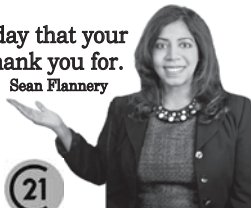


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