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**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 9th
5:30 p.m. – ☩Souls in Purgatory requested by the Santos Family

Sunday, March 10th
9 a.m. – ☩Daniel Cabral Andrade
10:30 a.m. – ☩Adelino Garcia requested by Adelaida Garcia
12 p.m. – ☩Joseph Lucretia Sgro

Monday, March 11th
9 a.m. – ☩Deceased members of the Tran Family

Tuesday, March 12th
9 a.m. – ☩Wilcom Pereira requested by the Lalita Pereira

Wednesday, March 13th
9 a.m. – ☩Gregorio Robosa requested by Danny Robosa

Thursday, March 14th
9 a.m. – ☩Dion Balbesino requested by Angie Balbesino

Friday, March 15th
7 p.m. – In Thanksgiving for prayers answered requested by Emanuel Savana

Saturday, March 16th
5:30 p.m. – ☩David Miles

Sunday, March 17th
9 a.m. – ☩Catherine Mitchell req by the Mitchell-Smith Family
10:30 a.m. – ☩Lauren Sampson req by Zelia & Rony Cooper
12 p.m. – Intentions of Lorreta Anochie

**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Beloved Parishioners:

As we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, we hear these comforting words of John: *“For God so loved the world that he gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”* God would do everything in order to save us from eternal death.

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Man of Heaven be lifted up that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” Jesus has to be lifted up. *Lifted up* has double meanings. First, Jesus is to be hoisted onto the gibbet of the cross; Second, he shall be resurrected from death and be exalted in glory at God’s right hand.

Evangelist John has these consoling words: Those who would look with faith upon the cross of Christ would be healed of sin and delivered from death to enjoy eternal life.

The Cross, therefore, sends a powerful message. It shows us the extent of God’s love for us. God loves us so much that he takes the initiative to reconcile us to himself.

**LET’S MAKE THE SEASON OF LENT
PROFITABLE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

Fr Regulo Imperial, Pastor



St Paul reminds us that we are *“created in Christ Jesus for good works”*. If you think God’s plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



Offertory:
 March 3rd: \$ 5,380.55



**INSPIRED BY GOD’S LOVE:
SUPPORT SHARELIFE’S MISSION**

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.

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend (March 17).

Our parish goal for this year’s campaign is \$35,000.

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



The Catholic Women’s League is selling Italian Chocolate Easter Eggs (\$10) after all masses. Get yours today! Thank you for your support!



The **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets on the 2nd week of the month on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am in the church hall (after the 9 am mass). Our next meeting is March 14th!



Don’t forget to **Abstain** from meat on Fridays throughout the year, and especially on the Fridays of Lent. *If you are between 14 and 59 you should be following this law.*

All Fridays within the Season of Lent, there will be NO Morning Mass. In the evening at 7 pm there will be the WAY OF THE CROSS followed by Mass.

**LENTEN
RETREAT**

St John Fisher
 March 18-20 / 7-8 pm



with
 Fr Joel Okojie



**PARISH LENTEN CELEBRATION OF
CONFESSION**

Confession is the soul’s bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! *St Padre Pio*

Our Parish Day of Confession is: **Thursday, March 21st**

9:30 – 10:30 am (1 priest)

6:30 – 7:30 pm (2 priests)



FIRST COMMUNION CORNER: Classes have begun in the parish hall for First Communion candidates. Students in Group A attend from 1-2 pm and Group B attends from 2:30-3:30 pm. Please attend your Group. *Attendance is mandatory for all classes. There will be no make-up classes.*

Group A: 1-2 pm & Group B: 2:30-3:30 pm
 March 3, 24, April 7, 21, 28
 Please bring the \$15 fee (per candidate) to the first session.

Please remember to bring home a copy of the Bulletin and to attend mass regularly.

Ceremony dates for First Communion & Confirmation will be announced AFTER Easter.



CONFIRMATION UPDATES - Classes have begun in the parish hall for Confirmation candidates. Classes run from 9-10:25 am & then the class attends Mass together at 10:30 am.

March 3, 24, April 7, 21, 28, May 5

An important consideration: In order to be confirmed, candidates must complete all 6 sessions. By not doing so, we presume that the candidate is not fully ready for the reception of the Sacrament and perhaps, receiving this sacrament in the future is a better option.

Please bring the \$20 fee (per candidate) to the first session. Students will need a pen/pencil/eraser each week. The textbook will be provided.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE
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ORDINARY ANGELS is based on a true story about a fierce but struggling hairdresser (Sharon) in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets a widower (Ed) working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels. Filmmakers told The Christian Post that the goal of this movie is to encourage those who profess Christ to turn their faith into action, as *"faith without works is dead"*. They said that even the most unlikely heroes can be an "ordinary angel" in their community. It's a powerful and timely message, yet one rarely made in film and media. Playing now at Cineplex Theatres.

The **Knights of Columbus, St John Fisher Council** will be holding its **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** at all weekend masses on **May 4th & 5th**. Knights will be at the entrance of the Church to answer your questions. Men 18+ are welcome!
 We look forward to speaking with you!



Tickets are on sale after all masses for **FR REGULO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY & RETIREMENT DINNER & DANCE PARTY** on **Saturday, April 20th** at 6:30 pm. \$65 each. **Menu:** Soup, Garlic Bread, Salad, Spring Rolls / Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, Penne with sauce, Chicken Souvlaki & Rice, Beef Caldereta / Tiramisu, Filipino Dessert, Fruits, Coffee, Tea, Water & Pop.
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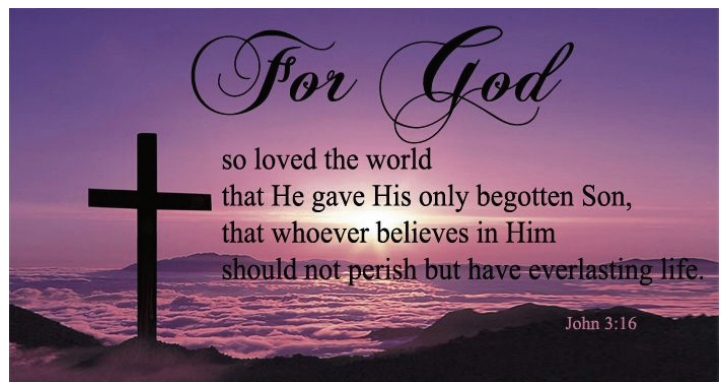
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HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass: March 28 @ 7 p.m.
 • Please bring non-perishable food for charity
 • No washing of feet
 • Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday: March 29 @ 3 p.m.
 • Reading of the Passion of Our Lord
 • Collection for the Holy Land
 • Adoration of the Cross (NO touching/kissing of the cross)
 • Communion
 • Public adoration of the cross will take place after the service (NO touching/kissing of the cross)

Stations of the Cross: March 29 @ 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday: March 30 @ 8 p.m.
 • Blessing of Fire • Exultet
 • Reading of the History of Salvation
 • Glory to God, Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!
 • Renewal of Baptismal Vows • End of Triduum

Easter Sunday: March 31 @ 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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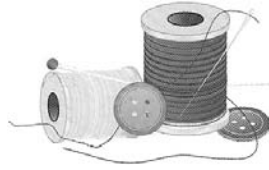
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