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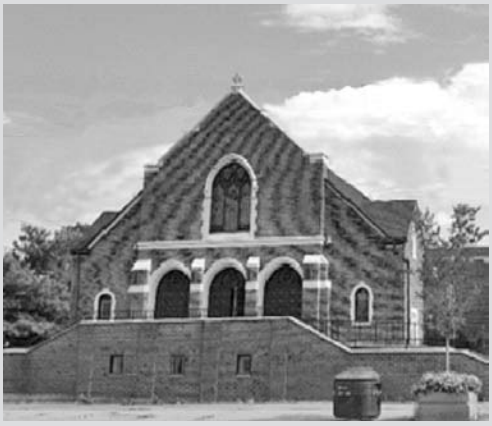

PARISH PRIESTS:

PASTOR: *Fr. RUGGIERO Dibenedetto*
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: *Fr. OMAR Daza Hernandez*
IN RESIDENCE: *Fr. ANISH Alex*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

St. Thomas	636 Glenholme Ave, Toronto	416-393-5236
D'Arcy McGee	20 Bansley Ave, Toronto	416-393-5318

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday	9:00 am only
Tuesday- Friday	9:00 am & 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday	5:00 pm	English
Sunday	9:30 am	English
	11:00 am	Italiano
	12:30 pm	English
	2:00 pm	Espanol
	7:00 pm	English

CONFESSIONS / *CONFESIONES*
Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.
***Sàbado a las** 4pm u siempre para citas.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - *BAUTIZOS*
Please contact the office as soon as possible or 3 months in advance.
Llamar a la oficina por lo menos 3 meses antes de la fecha del Bautizo, para entrevistarse y reunirse con los padres y padrinos.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - *BODAS*
Please contact the office one year in advance and prior to making all other arrangements.
Llame a la oficina 1 año antes de la fecha estimada para la boda y antes de reservar el Salón.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Please call the office and press ext. 3

SICK CALLS
Please notify the Parish Office for visits or Communion visitations to the sick.

CATECHISM & RCIA
For the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) please contact the office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome you to our Parish Community and invite you / your family to introduce yourself to the priests and REGISTER as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Le damos la Bienvenida a nuestra comunidad parroquial y lo invitamos a ud y su familia a presentarse con los Sacerdotes y a que se registre lo mas pronto posible. Los formatos de registro estan disponibles en la oficina parroquial

PARISH REGISTRATION (Print Clearly and Completely) **DATE:** _____

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CORRECTIONS: Please circle/fill out and *(Place in collection basket or office)*

NEW PARISHIONER **NEW ENVELOPES** **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** **MOVING OUT OF PARISH**

Sun. March 24 (3rd of LENT—Year C)

MASS: Schedule & Intentions	
Saturday March 23:	
5:00 pm	For all living & deceased priests/World peace
Sunday March 24:	
9:30 am	All dying, sick, lonely & unemployed
11:00am	In honour of the Holy Trinity/*Giuseppe Rotolo*
12:30pm	Blessings & conversion for Jorge Alberto, Exavi, Den, Jonathan, Washington, Sergio, Oscar & all family members
2:00 pm	En honor e agradecimiento a San Oscar Arnulfo Romero/Bendiciones y conversion para Jorge Alberto, Exavi, Den, Jonathan, Washington, Sergio, Oscar y sus familias
7:00 pm	Birthday blessings for Dale Mangot/ Thanksgiving to the Holy Family, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph & Heavenly Father for all sacraments
Monday March 25: Annunciation of the Lord	
9:00am	Birthday blessings for Kelly Gill/Blessings & conversion for Jorge Alberto, Exavi, Den, Jonathan, Washington, Sergio, Oscar & all family members/In honour of the annunciation & St. Louis Marie Monfort/The propagation of the Holy Rosary/Souls in purgatory
Tuesday March 26:	
9:00 am	Gervasi e Manna/Blessings & conversion for Jorge Alberto, Exavi, Den, Jonathan, Washington, Sergio, Oscar & all family members
7:00 pm	*MEMORIAL– LIBERATA MANCO*
Wednesday March 27:	
9:00 am	*Salvatore, Adelina & Carmene D'Ambrosio Gianni Romanyszyn*
7:00 pm	Blessings & conversion for Jorge Alberto, Exavi, Den, Jonathan, Washington, Sergio, Oscar & all family members
Thursday March 28:	
9:00 am	*Italo Bella/Enio Marcocci*
7:00 pm	Blessings & conversion for Jorge Alberto, Exavi, Den, Jonathan, Washington, Sergio, Oscar & all family members
Friday March 29:	
9:00 am	In honour of Mary, Queen of Purgatory/Souls in purgatory/Consecration of Russia to Immaculate Heart of Mary/Priests & Holy Cross of Marylake
9:30 am	*Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30-11:30am & 5-6:45pm*
7:00 pm	Blessings & conversion for Carlos, Armando, Oscar, Alejandro, Hidalgo, Anibal, Carlos Alberto, Salvador, Gerber, Ofelia & their families
7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday March 30:	
9:00 am	Blessings & conversion for Carlos, Armando, Oscar, Alejandro, Hidalgo, Anibal, Carlos Alberto, Salvador, Gerber, Ofelia & their families

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2019

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rm 8: 19)

The destructive power of sin

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1-11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough", gains the upper hand. The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Gen 3:17-18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures. Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. Mk 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip **(3 of 5)**

VOCATION SEEDS

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto

vocations@archtoronto.org **www.vocationstoronto.ca**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HERE @ ST. THOMAS

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, fraternal , world-wide organization with a family focus that offers Catholic men the chance to join our fraternity & make a difference in their communities & parishes. On the weekend of March 31st & April 7th, we will explore the possibility of a new knights of Columbus council @ St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Join us , & you will strengthen your faith & family through charitable works, & help make this world a better place. For more info contact **James Medeiros @ 416-508-2284**

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

GRADE 7 and Confirmation next class

Saturday April 6, 2:30 pm in church hall

GRADE 2 and 1st Communion next class

Saturday April 27, 3:00 pm in church hall

UPCOMING TRIPS & PILGRIMAGES

1) April 26-28, 2019
Divine Mercy Stockbridge, USA $ 210 per person

2) May 11,2019 NEW Our Lady of Fatima Buffalo NY $ 45 pp

3) May 18-19, 2019 Tulip Festival Ottawa, Trois-Rivieres & Montreal $ 185 per person *(4 per room)*

4) *June 28-July 1, 2019* Virginia, Washington, DC & New York $ 425 per person

For info and reservations, **EDITH 416-420-5185**

BLESSED SACRAMENT'S CANDLE & FLOWERS

Are offered by:

Teresa Di Tosto

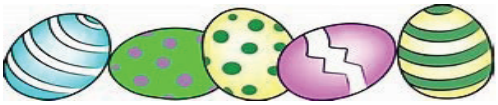
DURING LENT

1)***Collection for EASTER FLOWERS***
Today we have our 2nd collection for Easter flowers! We thank you in advance for your generosity

2) ***Stations of the Cross*** Every Friday after 7pm Mass

3) ***FOOD DRIVE*** for our Saint Vincent de Paul and Canadian Food for children of Dr Simone
For the season of Lent we ask that you drop off any perishable canned and packaged food in support of our food banks.

4) **LENTEN MISSION** here on Wednesday (Confessions) Thursday (Adoration)- Friday (Stations of the Cross and HEALING service), April 3-5 @ 7pm . ALL welcome.



SHARELIFE March 31st is Sharelife Sunday.
We ask that you kindly donate generously!
Please use the Sharelife Envelope or take A DEDICATED ONE **!**

Together we can make wonders .

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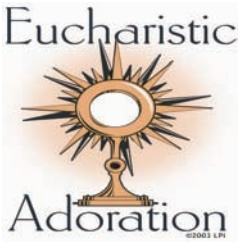
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration from

9:30 am – 11:30 - 5-6:45 pm

Come spend some time with Jesus,

Our Eucharistic Lord!



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