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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a beautiful story we heard in the Gospel reading of today (John 9.1-41). The connection between blindness and sin is eye-opening. Please, pray with me, "Lord, I am blind, please restore my sight. Amen".

4th Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

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

Today 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.

Installation of Archbishop Leo

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 and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Blessed Trinity Parish in Toronto**. 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our parish would not be taking Mass intentions for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Thank you for your understanding!

Youth Ministry for Friday, March 24th

Topic: Faith Formation Night via Kahoot

8pm to 9pm in the parish hall after the Stations of the Cross; refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

St. Joseph's Feast Day

You are welcome to join us for a Solemn Mass (trilingual) in honor of St. Joseph on **Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 7:00 PM.**

Bible Study for Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023

From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 5: The Wedding Gift

YouTube Video: Or download "The Chosen" App
Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism, and notebook.

PARISH FUNDRAISING MEAL

Jewish Seder vis-a-viz Christian Eucharist

When: **Saturday, 25th March – 6:30pm.**

Tickets are still available for sale at the parish office.

Cost is \$30 for adults & \$15 for children under 12.

Note: Our main hall can only take a limited number!

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Register here: <https://lr0323.eventbrite.ca>

What does mean to be Catholic? For many, Lent is the season of personal reflection and spiritual renewal. As the pilgrim Church journeys towards its final destination, we are reminded that, how we live on earth; says something about, who are and what we value.

Anointing of the Sick/Confession

On **Saturday, 1st April at 9:30am**, we shall be administering the Sacrament of Anointing to the Sick, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation till 11:00am. Please take advantage of these opportunities to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. God bless you!

Divine Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage

Stockbridge, Massachusetts, USA

April 14-17, 2023

\$395 per person - 4 persons in a room
Please contact Edith at 416-420-5185



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

March 18th to March 25th 2023

SATURDAY, March 18th

9:00 am + Arturo Gonzalez Sr. / Birthday blessings upon Arturito Gonzalez Moz, Camil Gotlik & Ruben Garcia

5:00 pm Repentance, confession, conversion, unity & peace in the world / + Giuseppina & Vincenzo Tuzi & + Tala Nicholson

SUNDAY, March 19th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

10:30 am Per le anime di + Giuseppe, Anna, Carmela and Crocifissa Calabre / + Enza Ferragina, Claudio, Rosario Ferragina

12:00 pm (available for intentions)

2:00 pm Descanso del alma de Cosme & Antonieta Rodas, Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Maritza Rodas de Lopez, Sanación de Robert Marcelo and Marcelino Giron

6:00 pm + Maria Filomena Travassos, + Manuel Cafua, + Joao Cafua, Ambrozina Travassos / + Enrico Ferrer

MONDAY, March 20th

9:00 am + Porfirio Guimaraes / + Maria Madalena & all souls in purgatory

7:00 pm In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for his blessings, graces, healings and protection, In thanksgiving for the healing of Nicola and Victor, In thanksgiving to St. Joseph

for peace, love, compassion and forgiveness in our families and in the world, especially in Russia and Ukraine.

TUESDAY, March 21st

9:00 am + Peter Andersen & + Vincent Tuong / + Carmela Gomez, + Mauricio Vasquez, + Rosa Raquel Santillana, Healing of Delia Contreras, Diego Hernan Castaño

6:00 pm Memorial Mass for +Angela Vitro

WEDNESDAY, March 22nd

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh / + Yvonne, + Harold & + John Way

THURSDAY, March 23rd

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh

FRIDAY, March 24th

9:00 am + Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh / + Elimira Arevalo & + Julio Rivera in honour and thanksgiving to St. Oscar Romero

7:00 pm (available for intentions)

SATURDAY, March 25th

9:00 am (available for intentions)

5:00 pm + Guadalupe Estonina / Birthday blessings upon Ann Tuzi for her 65th birthday, health blessings for Emilia Hogen, Maria Montagnese, DJ Drogo & Vincenzino Tuzi

We are accepting Mass Intentions through the office during the week

PREPARATION FOR EASTER CELEBRATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Schools

- Tuesday March 28th – 10:00am D’Arcy McGee
- Wednesday March 29th – 10:00am St Thomas Aquinas

Parish Reconciliation

- Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) 6:30pm to 6:50pm
- Friday, 31 March, 6:00pm to 6:50pm

Palm Sunday Celebration

- Saturday, April 1 - 5:00 pm English
- Sunday, April 2 - 9:00am English | 10:30am Italian | 12:00pm English | 2:00 pm Spanish | 6:00pm English

EASTER TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023 - 7:00 pm- Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Supper & Washing of the feet (Trilingual)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Until 12:00am (midnight)



GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023 - 3:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (English)

5:00 pm – Stations of the Cross at STA School Yard (Trilingual)

7:00 pm -Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Trilingual)



EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY

April 8, 2023 - Easter Vigil – 8:00pm

April 9, 2023 - Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am English

10:30 am Italian

12:00 pm English

2:00 pm Spanish

6:00 pm English

ALL ABOUT FAITH

March 19: Saint Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Solemnity



The Father in Heaven sent His Son into the world to be born of the Virgin Mary. The Father chose her who was the Immaculate Conception to bear His Son in her womb, bring Him into the world, and raise Him from infancy to adulthood. But the Father also needed to choose a foster father for His divine Son. Of all the men in Israel that He could have chosen, He chose Joseph of Nazareth, a carpenter. Today's solemnity not only honors him, but it also points us to his marital union with the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the effect that that marriage had not only upon him, Mary and Jesus, but also upon us as members of the Body of Christ.

As we honor Saint Joseph as the husband of Mary today, ponder the effect of that unique marriage bond. Saint Joseph was not perfect, but his absolute obedience to the Father's will and his unity in marriage to the Mother of God makes him our father, just as he was the father of Jesus. As a loving father, he will direct us with the authority of God the Father, will protect us in times of trouble as he did for Jesus and Mary, and must always be seen as one uniquely chosen to be the father of the family to which we belong.

Saint Joseph, you were obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven as it was revealed to you by an angel. You took Mary as your wife and Jesus as your Son. You raised Him, protected Him, and exercised a fatherly authority over Him. Please exercise that same fatherly authority, given to you by the Father in Heaven, over my life. I entrust myself to your intercession and authority and pray that you protect me always, guiding me to your Son in Heaven. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

- My Catholic Life

A Hail Mary for Pope Francis:



The Digital Synod launches an online prayer initiative to mark the tenth anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Francis on March 13. In the end we will send the Holy Father the map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him, thanking God for His Mercy.

[Find Out More Here](#)

How Jesus looks at us every time we look at a crucifix



Whenever we look at a crucifix, we should remember that Jesus is also looking at us with great love. Often when we look at a crucifix, we envision ourselves at the foot of the cross, gazing upon the lifeless body of our Savior. However, the depiction of Jesus on the crucifix should also recall to our hearts the reality that Jesus is looking back at us.

Contemplating the Crucified One with the eyes of faith we can understand in depth what sin is, how tragic is its gravity, and at the same time, how immense is the Lord's power of forgiveness and mercy. During these days of Lent, let us not distance our hearts from this mystery of profound humanity and lofty spirituality. Looking at Christ, we feel at the same time looked at by him. He whom we have pierced with our faults never tires of pouring out upon the world an inexhaustible torrent of merciful love.—Pope Benedict XVI

[Read More](#)



A Power that Heals

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. — James 5:16

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

Story of Saint Joseph



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

The Way of Discipleship



As Jesus did with the first disciples, the Council teaches that we are called to holiness in our daily lives and tasks. The sure way to holiness and honest discipleship is in discerning how we may witness to the risen Christ in the course of our day, with the people we encounter, with the tasks that we do.

It is also true that the Church on her pilgrimage leaves nothing behind. The ideals of discipleship mentioned earlier—martyrdom, monastic life, mendicant orders, religious communities, and diocesan priesthood—are ways of life and grace to encounter and proclaim Jesus Christ.

[Read More](#)

Patience in Hardship



Lord, I surrender to You those things that are most difficult for me. I thank You for them and believe that they are what will help me grow in holiness more than anything. I especially offer to You (mention any personal difficulty). Receive it Lord as my offering to You and give me the grace to transform it into love and Mercy.

Jesus, I trust in You.

[Read Reflection Here](#)

Touchdowns and Lent: Win Big This Season



Fr. Mark-Mary makes the connection between the spiritual disciplines, fasts and penances that we are embracing in this season of Lent and the athletic challenges of the NFL Combine. He encourages us to not critique ourselves in how well we do at each individual Lenten practice, but rather refocus our spiritual life on the ultimate goal: sainthood. Let's reach for the End Zone this Lent!

[Short Video](#)

"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."

–Pope Benedict XVI

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