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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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THAT GOD LOVED the world so much as to send the Only-Begotten Son to save and not condemn the world is not as easy a message to receive as it appears. If it were, would not everyone by now have embraced such a loving offer of salvation, wholeness and quality of life?

Testimony about the steadfast love of God, such as we hear in today's first reading, and about the extent and results of the saving mercy of God that Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes, is certainly helpful, but the Gospel reading encourages us to be even more personally engaged. Nothing short of a life-altering encounter with Jesus, involving honesty and repentance – and the cross – will do. Such an encounter is difficult, because seeing our lives in the light of Jesus and His self-sacrificial love reveals the truth of who we are, and requires of us a life-determining choice to become who we were meant to be.

We know that to accept Jesus as the gift of God who gives all for the sake of our salvation is life giving beyond our imagination. We ask for the grace to receive this gift wholeheartedly. We give thanks, too, for the Scriptures, each other, the Eucharist, and all the means by which we encounter and remember Christ. May the lives we live make it easier for others to meet and follow Him.

*(Reflection of Christine Mader of Living with Christ)*

### NEW YOUTH MINISTRY – LIFE TEEN

The Life Teen Ministry for all high school students is held every Sunday, at 12:30 p.m. (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass). Join us for some games, discussions about our faith, and get to meet other teenagers.

Registration is required. Please contact our Youth Director, Keith, at [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) to register or for more details.

### Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on **Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.** This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. **Please note that registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).**

For information, contact: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

### Senior Residence Masses

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.



### Monday, March 11, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Barbara Smith

### Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Alexander Kim  
Birthday Wishes for Patrick Ng

### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Raymond Tseung

### Thursday, March 14, 2024 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Patrick Siu Hung Lo  
+ Francisco Emilio Vallejo  
Thanksgiving for Anthony Pillai Family  
Blessings for Lydia David & Family  
Blessings for Vicky Wang

### Friday, March 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. + Birthday Wishes for Alec Chan  
9:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 16, 2024 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Hector Joseph

4:30 p.m. + Matthew & Tom Meagher

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Giovanni Palazzolo  
9:30 a.m. D'Angela Family  
11:00 a.m. + Adolf Rygiel & Kazimierz Foremny

### **Annual Mass of St. Patrick Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street, Toronto

The annual Mass of St. Patrick from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome.

Livestream available at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

### Vocations

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, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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### Aid to Women

**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 pro-life 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](http://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](mailto:info@aidtowomen.ca).

### ShareLife

**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.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**First ShareLife Sunday for 2024 is March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Please give generously**

### **Totus Tuus Summer Camp NOW Open for Registrations!**

The Totus Tuus summer camp is back this summer from July 14-19 for students entering Grades 1-12 in the next school year! Join us for some catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games! The program is \$100 per child for the day program and \$40 for the evening program. Hope to see you there!  
Please email [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com) to register or for more information!

### Ordinandi Dinner

The Ordinandi Dinner will be held Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. (dinner starts at 6:15 p.m.), at Pearson Convention Centre, Brampton.

**Tickets: \$90.00.**

Limited seating. Contact Msgr. Pat at St. Edward's if interested in attending.

### Traditional Lenten Disciplines

**Penance:** Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

**Fasting & Abstinence:** Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 – 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

**Prayer:** Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

**Almsgiving:** Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by less eating, or shopping. Consider donations to ShareLife or the St. Vincent de Paul Society who serve the poor and needy.

### Lenten Fridays

**Holy Hour 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (after Morning Mass)  
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.**

### Day of Confessions

On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confession in preparation for Easter. Msgr. Pat has set the following schedule for confession times at St. Edward's Parish (extra priests will be here to assist).

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

### Coins for Life 2024

Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a **Culture of Life in Canada**? If so coins for life boxes are out at the back of the church. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. You may even wish to make this a family, school, office project? Thank you personally for your kindness. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126. Volunteers are always needed!



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