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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4th Sunday of Lent

FOR ME, ONE of the most attractive aspects of the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola is his emphasis on imaginative contemplation. The idea is to approach a Scripture passage by imagining the scene, using all your senses. What do you see? Smell? Hear? And who are you in the scene: a main character, a supporting figure, an observer? With a bit of practice I have found this to be quite a rich way of praying with Scripture.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the figure I instantly identified with was the sulky elder brother. It humbles me to admit how easily I could relate to his indignation and his feeling of being unappreciated.

Now, however, it seems to me that each of us is reflected in all three of the main characters. Can we accept the unconditional love offered to the elder son, even when we feel most unlovable? Can we, like the younger son, admit when we have sinned and humbly seek forgiveness? Like the father (often interpreted to represent God), each of us too is called to practise hope, forgiveness and unconditional Love.

Today's Gospel characters model for us many aspects of authentic discipleship. May they lead us to a deeper Lenten reflection on our relationship with God and one another.

(Reflection of Krystyna Higgins of Living with Christ)

Journey through Lent

We are pleased to announce that the *Journey through Lent* video series, which includes reflections on the readings for Sundays in Lent including Palm Sunday, is available. It is a joint project between three CCCB offices (the *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis).

The videos are available on the CCCB Website.

English: www.cccb.ca/lent French: www.cecc.ca/careme

PASCHAL CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Invite Jesus to your table this Easter

During the weekend of April 5th & 6th student volunteers from the Newman Centre will be joining us to sell Paschal Candles just in time for Easter! (Medium \$15 – Large \$20) This fundraising initiative is in support of the many formational and faith based student programs at the Newman Centre. 10% of every candle sold will stay right here at our Parish.

Your support is greatly appreciated! Having a Paschal Candle at your Easter table, or giving one as a gift makes known to all who see it that Jesus is alive and His Resurrection is God's victory!



Monday, March 31, 2025

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Barnaba Kang

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Douglas Cheung
+ Raymond Tellis

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving – Cecilia Kang

Thursday, April 3, 2025 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Boaretto Family
+ Sarah Byeon

Friday, April 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Magdalene Labrador
7:30 p.m. Special Intentions of Jay & Rose Crowley

Saturday, April 5, 2025 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + John Quail
+ Sarah Byeon

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00 a.m. + Purificacion Peredo
9:30 a.m. + Doris Castellanos
11:00 a.m. + Joseph Passalacqua

ShareLife

This weekend, March 29th/30th is first ShareLife Sunday...

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

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

2025 Ching Ming Chinese Remembrance Mass

The 2025 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and Mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto. For further details, please see the poster at the foyer. Thank you and God bless.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Mass
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. – Mass

Day of Confessions



On Thursday, April 10th, 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 2025

This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 8, 2025. 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. Coins for life boxes are at the back of the church. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.

Muffin Mondays for Seniors

Hawthorn School – 101 Scarsdale Rd, Toronto

As a gesture of respect and gratitude for senior citizens in the community, the students at Hawthorn School would like to invite all seniors to Hawthorn's monthly Mondays. Enjoy complimentary coffee, snacks, & a performance at **3:15 PM on the following Mondays: April 14, May 12 and June 9.** Contact Queenie Yu at 416-444-3054 or qyu@hawthornschool.com for more information.

2025 Religious & Spiritual Aspects of Suffering

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 (Eastern Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm)
Free Webinar, open to all.

Speakers: Charles Lewis and Dr. Ann Sirek
Moderator: Dr. Moira McQueen
Registration **required.** Email bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca to register

Vocations

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** vocations@archtoronto.org

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities.

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Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:

The Ministry to the Sick helps with providing the sacred Eucharist to those not able to attend Mass. The Ministry includes bringing the Eucharist to retirement homes after **Mass** and helping with Senior Residence Masses.

We are looking for more ministers to join the Ministry. If you would like to join, **or if you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass at church and who would like to receive the Holy Eucharist,** please email Jasmine at carvalhojp@hotmail.com or leave a message in the parish office. We will be having a meeting on **Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. in our parish basement hall.** Come join us to experience the joys our ministers encounter.

Passion Play

The Passion Play is almost ready! Performance dates are: **Sunday, April 13 at 7:00 pm and Friday, April 18 at 7:00 pm.** Come and see the story of Jesus' Passion and Death re-enacted live by our community!

Senior Residence Masses – March 2025

Monday, March 31st – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.

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