



### Lent

From Fr. John: "Though it is spring and, we may hunger for the warmth of the sun, pretty flowers and all things spring, we continue our journey through Lent with this quote from Pope Francis:"

"I ask you all . . . but reply in the silence of your heart, not aloud; Do I pray? Do I speak with Jesus, or am I frightened of silence? Do I allow the Holy Spirit to speak in my heart? Do ask Jesus; 'What do you want me to do, what do you want from my life?' This is training. Ask Jesus, speak to Jesus, and if you make a mistake in our life, if you should fall, if you should do something wrong, don't be afraid. Speak to Him, 'Jesus, look at what I have done, what must I now do?' Speak continually with Jesus, in the good times and in the bad, when you do right and when you do wrong. Do not fear Him. This is prayer."



### Lenten Stations of the Cross:

Each Friday at 4:30 p.m. during Lent the Stations of the Cross will take place in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend this short 20 minute service. On Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>) the Stations of the Cross will be offered at 7:00 p.m. In addition, Deacon Paul will preside over the Stations of the Cross together with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00 p.m. on the 2 Friday's of April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Adoration provides us some silent time (30 minutes) to be present with Christ through the Eucharist which is fully displayed in the beautiful sunburst monstrance. As we prepare for Easter, the Stations of the Cross give us opportunity to commemorate His last day on Earth while Adoration allows us silent reflection on our Saviour.



### Something to Talk About:

Do you want to deepen your understanding of the Eucharist? What does it mean when we hear about the real presence of Jesus being in the Eucharist? Come out on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. when the "Something to Talk About" series continues with the short video *The Eucharist*. Everyone is welcome to attend in the upper room above the rectory's garage.



### 40 cans for 40 Days:

This food collection is an opportunity to turn a small sacrifice into a big difference in someone's life. The Knights of Columbus are encouraging everyone to donate one can per day during the 40 days of Lent. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd Mission. Drop off canned goods or other non-perishable items into the baskets in the church entrance Tuesday to Friday mornings before 9 a.m. or before any of the Masses on the weekends.



### ShareLife:

Our parish goal this year is \$73,000. The 2019 appeal runs from March 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. From Cardinal Thomas Collins: "It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they are invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive on ShareLife Sundays."



### Confirmation:

Confirmation classes are held in the church Hall on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Grade 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Sheila Stuart is the lead instructor. She can be contacted at: [sheilastuart31@gamil.com](mailto:sheilastuart31@gamil.com) for more information.



### First Holy Communion:

Grade 2 students attending this class need to complete their banners and hand them in asap. Students are now holding rehearsal class in the church on Sunday mornings between 10 and 11 a.m. The First Holy Communion ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Iris Savage at: [irissavage68@gmail.com](mailto:irissavage68@gmail.com)



### Children's Liturgy Program:

The Children's Liturgy program welcomes all children from Kindergarten to grade 3 who attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. No registration is necessary, simply drop-in. Parents are welcome to accompany children. The priest calls the children to line up in front of the altar after the opening procession. They are then escorted downstairs for a reading/discussion of the Gospel on a children's level and engage in a short activity. They return upstairs at the Offertory and sit together in the front pews. At the "Our Father" they go up to the altar and recite the prayer together. They return to parents or caregivers in the pews at the 'Sign of Peace'. **Please note:** The Children's Liturgy program is looking for parent volunteers to help facilitate this program. No experience necessary. If you can lend a hand even for just one Mass a month it would be very much appreciated. For more information contact Larry Lazizzera at: [l.lazizzera@hotmail.com](mailto:l.lazizzera@hotmail.com)



### Altar Servers:

Altar servers form a very important part of the Church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. Those in grade 3 and up who have received Holy Communion are welcome to become an Altar Server. For more information contact Lisa Charette at: [lisacharette@rogers.com](mailto:lisacharette@rogers.com)



### Register Today:

Parish registration is necessary when seeking such things as reference letters, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and other documentation. Registration is free and forms are available in the church vestibule, any hospitality minister will gladly help you. To be a registered family of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith.



### Eyeglasses:

There is a box on the east side of the church vestibule where good used eyeglasses can be dropped off. They will be sent on to recipients in developing countries who cannot afford to buy glasses. You can make a real difference in someone's quality of life by donating your used glasses.



### Catholic Family Services:

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers counselling in a timely fashion to those in need. It offers individual, couple, and family Walk-In counselling services.

The professional counselling staff is trained to offer Walk-In Services to clients who have an urgent need to speak with a counsellor. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping clients identify and hone-in on plans that will provide them with help for their presenting concern.

Counsellors are prepared to work with the needs, strengths, values, and goals of individuals and families. They recognise and sensitively respond to differences in cultural, racial, gender, and religious backgrounds of clients.

Those interested in accessing services can choose to:

- Drop-in at the Central Office on Tuesdays. Registration is between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 1155 Yonge Street, Ste. 101, Toronto
- Drop-in at the North Office on Thursdays. Registration is between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 245 Fairview Mall Drive, Ste. 201, Toronto

Please visit their website for other counselling services: <https://www.cfstoronto.com>



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**Catholic Women's League (CWL):**

St. John's CWL welcomes all women to join our diverse group of caring women who are making a difference, and you may participate at whatever level of involvement suits you. The annual fee of \$25.00 has \$20.00 passed on to support CWL initiatives at the national and provincial levels. Fees can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

To join, renew or return please contact Jane Dietrich at: [dietrichjane10@gmail.com](mailto:dietrichjane10@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus (KofC):**

The parish Knights always welcome new members. All men are invited to join our Fraternal Organization of more than 1.9 million men around the world engaged in charity through unity, fraternity and patriotism. Beaches council welcomes you!

Contact Joe Van Tassel at: [vantasjo@gmail.com](mailto:vantasjo@gmail.com)

**Church Schedule for Lent and Easter*****Each Friday During Lent***

4:30 pm – Stations of the Cross (only)

Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration – 7:00 pm – only on April 5th, 12th

***Confessions***

Every Saturday – 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Wednesday, April 17th – 8:45 am to 9:30 am and again from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

***Palm Sunday Masses***

Saturday, April 13th – 4:30 pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 14th – 9:00 am & 11:00 am

***Wednesday – April 17<sup>th</sup>***

Tenebrae Service – 7:30 pm – 1 hour meditative service in the church following Christ's Passion through music and readings

***Holy Thursday – April 18<sup>th</sup>***

8:15 am – No Mass

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper including a commemoration of Jesus' "Washing of the Feet" with 12 preselected children and Eucharistic Adoration.

***Good Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup>***

8:15 am – No Mass

12:00 noon & 3:00 pm – Liturgy of the Word with Communion Rite

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

***Holy Saturday – April 20<sup>th</sup>***

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil

***Easter Sunday Masses – April 21<sup>st</sup>***

9:00 am & 11:00 am