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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

MONDAY 12 MARCH

7:30am Mass: + Teodora Perez

7:30pm Catholic Women's League general meeting

TUESDAY 13 MARCH

7:30am Mass: + Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH

7:30am Mass: + Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Multiple Mass Intentions

THURSDAY 15 MARCH

7:30am Mass: + Shirley Wilford

9:00am to 12 noon Children's Play Group

7:00pm Legion of Mary meeting

7:00-9:00pm Baptism preparation

FIRST FRIDAY 16 MARCH

7:30am Mass: Special Intentions – Tafari Foster

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 17 MARCH

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

4:30pm Mass: + Mike Kielly

5:30pm Lifeteen

SUNDAY 18 MARCH – LENT V

8:30am Mass: + Josef Ljubcic

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: + Fausto Naccarato

7:00pm Mass: + Souls in Purgatory

**THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS
IN HONOUR OF PRZYBYLO FAMILY**

Pilgrimage: Fr Paul Dobson will be leading a 15 day pilgrimage to Greece and Malta **21 October to 4 November 2018**, following in the footsteps of St. Paul. Please contact the office for details and the itinerary.



Lenten Exercises:

Stations of the Cross on
Fridays of Lent at **7:00pm**.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS HERE AT ST. ISAAC'S:

Tuesday 13th March

9:00 – 10:00am

1:00 – 2:00pm

6:00 - 7:00pm

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

THE CAUTIOUS VISITOR

We are told by St. John that Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a leader among the Jews, a member of the Sanhedrin (as Our Lord also states in Jn 3:10: "You, who are a leader in Israel...") He came to Jesus "by night", because he was cautious of the reaction of his fellow-leaders and Pharisees should they discover that he was an admirer of Jesus. What would they think of him not just for sitting at the feet of an unlearned Galilean carpenter, but even more for addressing the One who had driven the money-changers and traders from the Temple as "Rabbi"? Our Lord tells Nicodemus that He must be "lifted up as Moses

lifted up the serpent in the desert". This recalls a scene in the forty years journey of the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. This short distance took them so long to cover because they found it so hard to adapt to freedom and were in constant danger of abandoning faith in the One True God. One of their sins of complaint against God was punished by a plague of fiery serpents, recalling the connection between the serpent and Satan. Many of the people died from the bite of these serpents. Moses prayed for the people to God, who instructed him to place an image of a serpent, made from bronze, upon a tall staff and hold it up for the afflicted people to see. Whoever looked upon this bronze serpent with faith in God would be saved from the plague of serpents. It is significant that Our Lord sees Himself in the same way as the bronze serpent, lifted up on a staff. It is a prediction, although obscure, of the crucifixion. It also shows how Our Lord understands even at this early stage of His public ministry, that His death will be for the salvation of all who believe in Him. He goes on to instruct Nicodemus that God gave His only Son, just as Abraham was called on by God to give his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. But whereas God spared Isaac, He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all (cf. Romans 8:32). Nicodemus, having come in the darkness, goes away enlightened by Christ's teaching, and subsequently he bears witness to the light by taking care of the arrangements for Christ's burial.

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. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

email: vocations@archtoronto.org

website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

St. Isaac Jogues Parish Catholic Women's League presents TENEBRAE - Thursday, March 22 – 7:00pm with the gentlemen of the St. Michael's Choir School Alumni led by Mr. Douglas Tranquada.

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness" or "shadow") is comprised of a series of readings and responsories covering a small portion of the Passion and suffering of Jesus Christ. This dramatic and moving liturgy is often a prelude to Holy Week.

 **ShareLife**

**Living the Gospel
by supporting ShareLife.**

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

2017 tax receipts (church and St. Vincent de Paul) are now available for pick-up after all Masses. Also, please retrieve your box of 2018 offertory envelopes from the foyer a.s.a.p.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual St Patrick's Pub Night **Saturday, March 17th from 7:30pm to 12 midnight** in the parish hall. DJ "Sight & Sound", hot dinner, cash bar, door prizes and more. A limited number of tickets (\$25.00 per person) are available from Dan O'Leary (416-564-5088) or Frank Straney (905-839-6584).

BUNDLE UP FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On **Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th**, a trailer will be at our church to pick up clothing and coats (any and all!), boots and shoes, bedding, drapes and textiles, towels, and new toys. www.svdptoronto.org **NOTE: NO construction material, videos, cassettes, furniture, mattresses, dishes, appliances, books, baby furniture items (cribs, highchairs, strollers, etc.).** Donated goods are provided to our neighbours in need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our supportive housing and outreach programmes. This work is facilitated through the Society's Store Division, which has a warehouse and three stores. Beyond this, surplus donated goods are sold to the public through our three retail locations, or sold wholesale to partnering organizations that share a fair value for the goods donated. In turn, these proceeds are then used to support the work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your support.

BINGO- Saturday March 24th following the 4:30pm Mass

Come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Feast on a tasty pasta dinner followed by 10 regular games of Bingo. **Children are welcome for dinner, however, due to ACGO regulations, anyone under 18 years of age cannot play. We offer supervised children's activities during Bingo.**



Coins for Life **2018 CAMPAIGN:** Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the upcoming Lenten 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 available in the foyer of the church. Be assured 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. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on **May 10, 2018**. You may even wish to make this a family, school, or office project. Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. In our present-day culture of death in society we all have a role to play to reverse the tide even with this **'little project' for life.**

Smile of the Day:
What did the tree say in the fall?
It's time to leaf home.

Can You Spend One Hour with Me?

When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: "Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels"

~ St. John Vianney

There will be a silent prayerful vigil with our Eucharistic Lord in the chapel from midnight (Holy Thursday) to 9:00am on Good Friday. This is a time to keep our Lord company through the night before the Passion. All are welcome, but to ensure that our Lord is not left unattended, committed adorers may sign-up for one (or more) hours. Sign-up sheets are in the office.



PALM SUNDAY 25th March

Confessions before all weekend Masses
Palms will be blessed at all Masses:
4:30pm Saturday Vigil
8:30, 10:00, 11:30am and 7:00pm

MONDAY 26th March

Mass at 7:30am

TUESDAY 27th March

Mass at 7:30am

WEDNESDAY 28th March

Masses at 7:30am and 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration between the Masses

HOLY THURSDAY 29th March

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Solemn Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight and Adoration until 9:00 in the morning.
(No 7:30am Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March

Universal day of fasting and abstinence
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross with homily
and Veneration of the Cross 7:30pm

The collection taken at the Good Friday services will help maintain the shrines of the Holy Land.

HOLY SATURDAY 31st March

Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Following the Vigil, all parishioners are invited to a reception in the parish hall to celebrate Christ's Easter victory and to welcome those received into full communion with the Church this blessed night.

EASTER SUNDAY 1st April

Masses 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 7:00pm

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