

St. John's Parish Bulletin

Weekend of March 20th, 2022

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Tuesday to Thursday 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday Mass (Registration Required)

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass (Registration Required)

Tuesdays to Fridays - 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Reconciliation: (Registration Required)

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Catholic Cemeteries - 416.733.8544

Marriage: Please contact the office 1 Yr in advance

Baptisms: Please email the office



PRAY THE ROSARY

Third Sunday of Lent



GOSPEL MEDITATION: In this Sunday's gospel, we hear a parable from Jesus about growth. It is a reminder to attend to what we want to grow and be fruitful. Growth and bearing fruit take time – often painfully. We have to remind ourselves of this fact in our daily living. Sometimes we grow frustrated at the lack of growth. Some things blossom without much attention; other things need cultivation and encouragement. What are YOU cultivating this Lent? Is what we are growing bearing fruit? Will it do so in the future? Do we have the courage to cut out what is not bearing fruit? If we have given time and attention to something, it can be difficult to let it go if it's not working. But perhaps what takes root in its place will bear much fruit. Let us pray. God you have given us many gifts. Help us to attend to them and grow them with care, that we may bear fruit for your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. May God continue to bless your sacrifices during this Lent and make them bear much fruit! Lpi



Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, to be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Thank you for making your weekly offering to the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19th

For + STUART MICHELI

Requested by Kathy, Katie & Michael

Tuesday, March 22nd

For + MARIE THERESE GREENE

Requested by Aiden Carr

Wednesday, March 23rd

For + MAY FITZPATRICK

Requested by Edna Higgins

Thursday, March 24th

For INTENTIONS OF

THERESA COOPER

Requested by Gifford, Cynthia, Pat

Friday, March 25th

For + VALERIE PRENDERGAST

Requested by Linda & Nard



Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for the
repose of the soul of*

Debra Hodgins



**The Sanctuary Light
burns in loving memory of**

Edmond Valin Sr.

Please Pray For The Sick

*Francois de Siebental, Mary Alice Sisk,
Ethel Richard, Joseph Abate & Carmel
Richard*

"FATHER BOB" TO VISIT: Next weekend, we are looking forward to celebrating the 11 am Mass with Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Bob Kasun, CSB. Prior to his appointment in 2016, he served as pastor of the inner-city Edmonton parishes of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare, where he was known as "Father Bob" and made his mark as a passionate advocate for and friend of the lower-income and immigrant communities. Welcome Bishop Bob.

MASK MANDATE AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH: Beginning March 21, the mask mandate will be phased out, not suddenly eliminated. We will continue to recommend the use of masks while inside the church until Monday, April 4. Please be aware that some still feel unsafe, therefore we encourage you to wear your mask while entering, coming to Communion, and leaving the church. While seated, if there are people sitting close to you, wearing your mask is recommended as a courtesy to others. We also recommend sanitizing your hands as you enter the church and social distancing as circumstances suggest. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to act as people of God and "love thy neighbour as thyself"

LENTEN RETREAT WITH CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS:



Join us for our 2022 Lenten retreat with our special guest, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, on Saturday March 26th from 9 am to 3 pm at Newman Centre Catholic Mission 89 St. George St. Registration is required: www.lentenretreat2022.eventbrite.ca. COST: \$30 CONTACT: Lenita Lopes: 416.979.2468 ext. 244 or lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com

CROSSINGS: Join us for Crossings, an outdoor visual art exhibition that engages the Scriptural Stations of the Cross. Running from March 2 to April 14, the exhibition features 16 art pieces at 16 different locations in Toronto on a pilgrimage style "journey to Easter." For more information visit <https://www.crossingstoronto.com/>

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available to be picked up. Email or call the office.

ShareLife Living the Gospel: Your helping hand is the answer. After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you – the "hands and feet of Christ" making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife agencies. Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation. The solution is in reach: your hands and ours, working together to live the Gospel. March 27 is ShareLife Sunday.

Our Parish Goal has been set at \$73,000. Please give generously.

 **CONGRATULATIONS** 
Calvin & Valerie
on 40 years of marriage!

NORTHMOUNT: is Toronto's only independent boys Catholic elementary school), located near Don Mills/Lawrence Ave. We are a small but mighty school, currently with 134 boys from JK-Gr. 8, and are looking to connect with mission-fit families that may be considering private Catholic schools for their boys. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website at www.northmount.com.

40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN: The Knights of Columbus encouraging you to donate one can per day for 40 days during the Lenten season. Or substitute \$1 for each can. This is an opportunity to honour Christ by giving. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent basket as you enter the church. All proceeds to Good Shepherd Refuge.

<u>Fridays of Lent</u>	<u>Holy Thursday – April 14th</u>
8:15 am – Eucharistic Adoration (after 8:15 Mass until 9:45 am)	(No 8:15 am Mass) 7 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration
4:30 pm - Stations of the Cross	<u>Good Friday – April 15th</u>
<u>Saturday Confessions</u>	12 noon & 3 pm – The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
3:45 pm to 4:15 pm	7 pm – Stations of the Cross
<u>Day of Confession - March 23rd</u>	<u>Holy Saturday – April 16th</u>
8:45 am to 9:30 am & 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	(No 4:30 pm Mass) 8:30 pm – The Easter Vigil
<u>Palm Sunday – Weekend of April 10th</u>	<u>Easter Sunday – April 17th</u>
Usual weekend Mass Times	9 am and 11 am

Kids Korner:

What Kind of Fig Tree are You? The Burning Bush Word-Find



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free Land

A F R A I D O F F R E E
 B D E L I V E R O M F S
 R G O D J E T H R O R U
 A L O R D E A O W S E F
 H A V E F S K L A E J F
 A N I L I H E Y R S A E
 M D S G R O U N D A C R
 F L A M E E G Y P T O I
 A O A B U S H O R E B N
 C O C N D B L A Z I N G
 E K M I S E R A B L E S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story.



The left over letters tell what the Israelites in Egypt wanted:

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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers- of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."

Little Levery: *Paddy & Murphy are working on a building site. Paddy says to Murphy "I'm gonna have the day off. I'm gonna pretend I'm mad!" He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down and shouts "I'm a light bulb! I'm a light bulb!" Murphy watched in amazement! The Foreman shouts "Paddy you're going mad, go home". So, Paddy leaves the site. Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well. "Where are you going?" asks the Foreman. "I can't work in the dark!" exclaims Murphy. Peace begins with a smileSt. Teresa*