

St. John's Parish Bulletin

Weekend of March 27th, 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

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Marriage: Please contact the office 1 Yr in advance

Baptisms: Please email the office



PRAY THE ROSARY

Fourth Sunday of Lent



GOSPEL MEDITATION: On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear the beautiful Gospel story of the Prodigal Son. There is a sense of immediacy about it. Once the son returns, the father runs to him, embraces him, kisses him. He repents and a celebration quickly begins! When we are sorry, we often wonder how our repentance will be received. When we are asked to forgive, sometimes we hold a grudge. We project this hesitation to forgive on God. Surely, God will withhold forgiveness. But no, once we turn to God, we are swept up in a loving embrace, kissed, celebrated. Indeed this is how we are to forgive as well. Let us pray. Lord, you are quick to forgive us when we fail. Your compassion is endless. May we reach out to others in forgiveness and compassion as well, and may we be received with open arms when we repent of our wrongdoing to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Lent Blessings to you and to your loved ones! Lpi



OFFERING God our Father, you generously grant us all the gifts we have. Help us to understand that it is in the giving that we receive. Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Figures below represent weekly collection however comparison of 2019 due to closure of church during pandemic.

	2019	2022
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$ 5722	\$ 2745
<i>Offertory PAG:</i>	\$ 1110	\$ 1183

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26th

For + LUKE & MONA SEQUEIRA
Requested by The Pereira Family

Tuesday, March 29th

For + BRADLEY WHITE
Requested by Aidin Carr

Wednesday, March 30th

For + PETER CLANCY
Requested by Patricia Clancy & Family

Thursday, March 31st

For + TILLY & GERRY
VANDERREEST
Requested by The Vanderreest Family

Friday, April 1st

For + EAMON MCLAUGHLIN
Requested by Aidin Carr

Please Pray For The Sick

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

WEARING MASK AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH: We will continue to strongly recommend the use of masks while inside the church until Monday, April 4. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to act as people of God and "love thy neighbour as thyself" .

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE AND UNITY IN UKRAINE Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian faithful and leadership to pray for "Peace and Unity in Ukraine.", on Sunday April 3rd at 4:30 pm, at St. James Anglican Cathedral, 106 King St. E., Toronto This vigil is a choral evensong of prayerful solidarity for our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine. It is organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to join in person or watch at St. James Cathedral's YouTube channel. EMAIL: ecumenical@archtoronto.org LIVESTREAM: www.YouTube.com/tordio135

A SILENT IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREAT: in the Jesuit tradition for women beginning Friday April 1 at 7 pm to Sunday April 3rd. Join. Fr. Michael Knox, SJ, Director of the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, as he facilitates "Finding God in Confusing and Challenging Times." A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two-nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre REGISTER: www.manresa-canada.ca/ or 905.839.2864.



WELCOME "BISHOP BOB": We are honored to celebrate at the 11 am Mass with Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Bob Kasun, CSB. We continue to keep you in our prayers.

ShareLife This weekend is ShareLife Sunday.

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins. *Our parish goal is \$73,000.* Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.



Happy Birthday
Deborah McNorgan!



WAY OF THE CROSS: A special CWL evening service is planned for Friday, Apr. 8 at 7 pm. It will be led by Fr. John-Mark with involvement from CWL members. All members and parishioners are invited to attend this in-person, in the church, Lenten service. Please join us as we make our way to Easter.

40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN: Our baskets are looking kind of bare! Don't forget our Lenten Drive. One Can A Day or \$1 per day during Lent. The Knights of Columbus are asking your help to feed the hungry and downtrodden. All proceeds to Good Shepherd Refuge.

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

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



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word ACROSS: 1. the 6. in 8. humble 9. gate 10. that 13. from 16. more 17. together 18. answered DOWN: 2. not 4. times 5. glory 7. at 10. that 11. more 12. not 14. in 15. make

Little Levity: *Paddy & his wife are trying to get to sleep but the neighbours dog is barking like mad in the garden. Paddy says "This is ridiculous!" and storms off. He comes back upstairs 5 minutes later and his wife ask "What did you do?" Paddy replies "I've put the darn dog in our garden. Let's see how they like it!"*
Peace begins with a smileSt. Teresa