

Fifth Sunday of Lent



From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: Holy week begins in one week. During Holy week, every diocese celebrates the Chrism Mass in which priests, deacons and lay ministers along with the people of God gather around the bishop for two reasons:

- to renew the baptismal promises where deacons and priests renew their vow of obedience to the local bishop and their commitment to serve God's people.
- to bless holy oils that are taken to parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year.

This week I want to take a moment to explain the use of different Holy Oils for each sacrament and their own meaning to deepen our faith.

- Oil of the Sick
- Oil of Catechumens
- Sacred Chrism

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we see the importance of the three holy oils:

"Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. The pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. The post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and Ordination is the sign of consecration. By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off 'the aroma of Christ.'" 2 Cor 2, 15. Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1294.

In other words the oil of the sick is used in Sacrament of the Sick to bring the strengthening and healing power of Christ, who is at work in the Church by the action of the Holy Spirit.

The oil of catechumens is used at Baptism, to strengthen and purify candidates from original sin before baptizing with water.

The sacred chrism consecrated by the bishop is used to anoint the newly baptized, to seal the candidates for confirmation, and to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at their ordination, as well as in the rites of anointing pertaining to the dedication of churches and altars.

The Holy week reminds us of the sacraments we have received and it is with these new blessed oils we will anoint, the sick, the catechumens, priests and bishops. Let us remember our baptismal call and asks ourselves to be faithful to all the sacraments we have received.



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.

	2019	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 5722	\$ 3175
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421



St. John's Parish prays for His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo, installed as Archbishop of Toronto this weekend: may the Holy Spirit endow our new Shepherd with the necessary grace to carry out his ministry with faithfulness. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may he shepherd us all with wisdom, courage and charity.

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins: in gratitude for his sixteen years of good and faithful stewardship as Shepherd of the Archdiocese of Toronto, caring for the gathered and reaching out to the scattered. In his retirement as Archbishop, may he be granted unfailing joy and health as he embarks on new pathways of ministry and pastoral care, we pray to the Lord.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 28th

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG

Wednesday, March 29th

For + BENEDICT FERNANDO

Requested by Veronica Sameraweera

Thursday, March 30th

For + STELLA JOSHUA

Requested by Magella Savoie & Family

Friday, March 31st

For + TILLY & GERRY VANDERREEST

Requested by The Vandereest Family

Saturday, April 1st

For + LOUISE PATON

Requested by John Quigley



Rest in Peace

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

Greta Sheahan

Please Pray For The Sick

Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Amanda Finlay,
Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard

Lent & Easter Schedule

Fridays of Lent

4:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Confessions

Saturdays - 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Thursday, March 30th - 5 pm to 6 pm

Palm Sunday Masses - Usual Weekend Mass Times

Holy Thursday - April 6th

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday - April 7th

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

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 8th - 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses - April 9th - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Easter Monday - April 10th - 8:15 am

In The News

IN APPRECIATION OF HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL COLLINS: "We receive so many good things from God: He is so good to us that it is fitting, indeed necessary, to say thank you." – Pope Benedict XVI. As he prepares to enter retirement, we would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for blessing us with so many years of faithful service from His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. We have all benefitted from his thoughtful leadership and steady hand, especially during the turbulent times of the health crisis these past few years. We wish him abundant blessings and continued good health in his retirement. Thank you, Cardinal Collins

"SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? MY NEW LIFE AFTER THE RESURRECTION": As the long journey through Lent finally comes to an end and Easter dawns upon us, we can so quickly move onto the ordinary once again. There is new life found in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are called into the light. Join in this retreat, as Fr. Michael Corpus (Vice Rector at St. Augustine's Seminary and former intern seminarian of Blessed Trinity Parish) returns to share his wisdom on resisting the ordinary and striving for excellence in the Easter Season. Saturday, April 15, 2023 – 8 am Mass followed by breakfast at 8:30 am. Presentation: 9 am – 12:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto. Contact: Ria Kinghorn at 416.827.6659 or ria_sunshine@hotmail.com

CHILDREN AND TEENS PRAYER SERVICE: Tuesday, April 4 – 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at Divine Retreat Centre, 69 William St. Toronto. Join us at Divine Retreat Centre, for the First Saturday service Children and Teens prayer service and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Contact us at 647.949-4932/ 647.660.1314 or email enquirydrct@gmail.com

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support your parish is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other 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 support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416.934.3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.



VOCATIONS: "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Parish News

ShareLife This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: "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. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

Our parish goal this year is \$76,000.

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

LENTEN CONFESSIONS: will be held on March 30th between 5 and 6 pm. We've also added between 8:45 and 9:15 am. Other priests will be available to join us that evening.



CHRIST'S MISSION OF LOVE AND SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER: We are looking for 12 adults to volunteer for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, April 5th at 7 pm. Please contact the office if you are able to help. The washing of the feet imitates Jesus' act of love for his disciples on the night before he died.

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO: Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place at Blessed Trinity Parish, at 7 pm. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. If you would like to participate in the Mass and reception for our new Archbishop Frank Leo and need a ride, please contact the office. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all homebound parishioner. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.



40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN:

The Knights of Columbus continue to encourage you to donate one can per day for 40 days during the Lenten season. Or substitute \$1 for each can. Drop your donations in the baskets found in the vestibule. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd Mission.

KOC 50/50 DRAW: in support of Ontario Food Banks and the Special Olympics tickets are now on sale. Next draws - April 1st with Main Draw April 30th. Tickets are 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20 or 100 for \$40 for each quarterly draw. Select the name and number "Scarborough Beaches 7008" or go to <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=7008>.



Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church.

Little Levity: Brad and John, met for coffee and got to talking, John says to Brad, "I was thinking of inventing a thought-controlled air freshener." "That's ridiculous" said Brad. "It makes scents when you think about it" said John.

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa