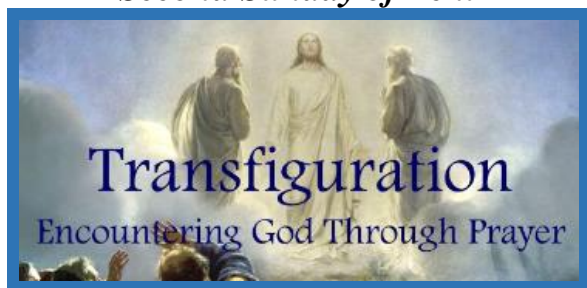


Second Sunday of Lent



"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" Matthew 17:1-9

From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: As we begin the Second week of Lent, I invite you to reflect the suggestions given by our Holy Father Francis during his last ten years of his Pontificate to prepare ourselves to receive the new life Jesus wants to offer at Easter this year.

- 1. REMEMBER THAT CHRIST'S POVERTY ENRICHES US:** "God becoming man is a great mystery," but it was done out of "a love which is grace, generosity, ... a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved."
- 2. FIGHT THE "GLOBALIZATION OF INDIFFERENCE" INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY:** "Indifference to our neighbor and to God ... represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."
- 3. GOD'S "BOUNDLESS" MERCY CAN HELP US BE MERCIFUL IN TURN:** "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn," through corporal works and spiritual works of mercy.
- 4. THE IMPORTANCE OF SPENDING TIME WITH THE WORD OF GOD:** "Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through ... fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply."
- 5. BEWARE OF INIQUITY AND FIGHT IT WITH PRAYER, ALMSGIVING, AND FASTING:** "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt. 24:12). "The soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting," which helps "take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm."
- 6. REMEMBER THE REDEMPTION OF CREATION:** "This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation." Pope thus warned against "the destructive power of sin" and called that the "desert of creation" be "once more the garden of communion with God that it was before original sin."
- 7. LENT IS A PERIOD FOR CONVERSION:** Lent is always a "favorable time for our conversion," which "should never be taken for granted."
- 8. RENEWING OUR FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER:** "During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ,"

- 9. LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD:** Pope cited three ways to show goodness: "not grow tired of praying," "not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives," and "not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbors."
- 10. LENT AS A MOMENT OF ASCENSION AND TRANSFIGURATION:** "During Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascesis* – as God's holy people," Pope Francis encouraged us to "listen to Jesus" by attending the liturgy and studying the Bible.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

For + SEAN MCKENNA

Requested by Kathy, Katie & Michael

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

For + DEACON GERRY GODSOE

Requested by Parish Family

Thursday, March 9th, 2023

For + RITA FERNANDO

Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

Friday, March 10th, 2023

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week
in loving memory of
Tore Joseph Revells*

Please Pray For The Sick

Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Amanda Finlay, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Stella Avery, Carmel Richard

Lent & Easter Schedule

Fridays of Lent

4:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Confessions

Saturdays - 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Wednesday, March 8th - 8:45 am to 9:15 am & 5 pm to 6 pm

Thursday, March 30th – 5 pm to 6 pm

Palm Sunday Masses - Usual Weekend Mass Times

Holy Thursday – April 6th

8:15 am - No Mass

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

Good Friday – April 7th

8:15 am - No Mass

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

SALT AND LIGHT PRESENTS: POPE FRANCIS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY. Tune in March 12 and 13 as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Francis' pontificate. The Francis Impact March 12 at 8:30 pm ET / 5:30 pm PT; repeats March 13 at 1:30 pm ET / 10:30 am PT. The Francis Effect Monday, March 13 at 3:30 pm ET / 12:30 pm P. You can watch Salt + Light TV on our website and on [Roku](#). We are also available on following Canadian TV service providers, Shaw, Bell, Rogers. If you have an HD television and are not receiving Salt + Light TV in HD, call your TV service provider and ask them to deliver our channel in HD as part of your monthly subscription.

FROM THE ASHES: Doing Less to Experience More this Lent Friday, March 17 – 7 pm to Sunday, March 19 - 1 pm. Join us for a silent Ignatian weekend retreat in the Jesuit tradition for men. This special retreat will be facilitated by Fr. Kevin Kelly, SJ, who is currently the Executive Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal. Fr. Kevin's ministry focuses on spiritual accompaniment and retreat animation, integrating Ignatian spirituality into the business context. A suggested offering of \$245 per person. Includes 2 nights accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. REGISTER: manresa-canada.ca CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca PHONE: 905.839.2864. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering



OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS: COME & SEE – Discernment Weekend Retreat – March 17 to 19, at St. Augustine's Seminary. The Office of

Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: The Archdiocese of Toronto is still accept donations for and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website –

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkive-and-syria-relief/>. -By phone through the Development Office – 416.934.3411. Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. John's Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief



Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Your offertory contributions are our only source of income in support of normal parish operations.

Please consider increasing your donations for 2023.

	2019	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 4582	\$ 3195
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421

Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Journey through Lent with your parish family on Friday's at 4:30 pm. Take up the Cross-as we walk from station to station just as Jesus did on the road to Calvary. A beautiful moving way to journey through Lent.

CWL: FRIDAY ROSARY: Of the three pillars of Lent, prayer is the first. St. John's has a Rosary prayer group on Friday evenings and everyone is welcome to join in at 8 pm via Zoom. Camera's can be on or off. Once the Rosary begins all microphones are kept off except for those leading the prayers. Hope you will join, even if only during Lent. The link

<https://zoom.us/j/94327881622?pwd=UWpCTjR4cjFldGc5Yjk4bE5nbEg0dz09>

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS: Here at St. John's. This is a special Stations of The Cross which attempts to present the journey of Jesus to Calvary through the eyes of his mother, Mary, with practical applications to our lives. Service will begin at 7 pm on Friday, March 10. Everyone is welcome to attend.



40 CANS FOR LENT - I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN: 40 CANS is an opportunity to turn a small sacrifice into a big difference in someone's life. The Knights of Columbus are once again encouraging

you to donate one can per day for 40 days during the Lenten season. Or substitute \$1 for each can. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd Mission. This is your opportunity to honor Christ by giving. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent baskets at the back of the church.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 DRAW: in support of Ontario Food Banks and the Special Olympics tickets are now on sale for the next quarter draw. The jackpot is based on total ticket sales with two early bird draws; the next one is April 1st. Tickets are 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20 or 100 for \$40 for each quarterly draw. Don't miss your chance at the April 30th draw. To support your K of C participating council upon purchase 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: John was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. His neighbours decide to try and convert John. After speaking with John, he agreed to convert. They were so relieved now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved. They took him to church, and the priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic." The next year the first Friday of Lent came and just as the neighbourhood were all sitting down to tuna fish dinner there came a wafting smell of grilling steak. The neighbours could not believe their noses! Deciding to confront John, they went over to his yard only to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish." *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*