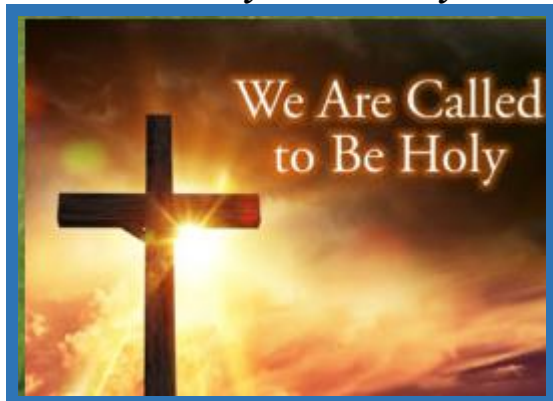


**Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**



“Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.”

**From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan:** We are in the last week of Ordinary Time, as we enter into the Lenten season, next week with Ash Wednesday.

As we begin this Holy season of Lent, the Lord is inviting us to concentrate on love (once again). How are we shown this love? Our prime example starts with Jesus, who came to the Earth to show us God's love through his sacrifice on the cross. Saint Paul, in today's reading, invites us to show love to ourselves by respecting our bodies, as our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We are even called to love through holiness. How? Since we are created in the image and likeness of the Heavenly Father, who is holy, we too are called to be holy like him, through our actions — just like Jesus.

Now for my homework to you for this season, make a sacrifice. Each year, during Lent, we have this 'tradition' of giving something up. This is to mirror Jesus' 40 day and night preparation in the desert leading up to Palm Sunday. However, I would like us to show our love by making this sacrifice charitable.

Now this sacrifice is something small, and achievable from your day to day life, such as not buying coffee for the day, or not buying desert after dinner out, or forgoing that afternoon snacking chocolate. When you make this sacrifice, you will then match that sacrifice with an amount of money. You get to decide how much, of course. At the end of Lent, on Easter Vigil, you will then be making a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, by sharing your sacrifice to help out someone in need through the St. Vincent de Paul charity. This act of sacrificial love will then become our part to make ourselves holy (since we're showing love) to receive the Grace of God.

So, as we end this Ordinary Time, and step into the season of Lent, let us say to the Lord, "Lord, I am ready to pray. I am ready to make a sacrifice. I am ready to share. May God Bless us. Amen."

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

For + EAMON MCLAUGHLIN

Requested by The McLaughlin Family

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023

For THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Thursday, February 23rd, 2023

For + PETER FERNANDO

Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

Friday, February 24th, 2023

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERING CHANG

Saturday, February 25th, 2023

FOR + FRANCESCA NATALE

Requested by Ken, Fran & Jen Forbes

**Lent & Easter Schedule**

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

8:15 am – Parish Mass – (Ashes)

9:15 am – St. John School - Church  
(Ashes - All welcome)

11:00 am – Notre Dame School - Church

7:00 pm - Parish Mass – (Ashes)

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



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

*Henry & Marguerite Lee-Kui-Chan*

**Rest in Peace**

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

*Francesca Natale*



**Please Pray For The Sick**

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

**In The News**

**CANADIAN BISHOPS RELEASE PASTORAL LETTERS TO ADVANCE THE HEALING JOURNEY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THIS LAND.**

On February 8, 2023, the Bishops of Canada released a series of pastoral letters to advance the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope with Indigenous Peoples of this land. Individual letters have been prepared for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. In addition, the bishops have released a letter to Catholics throughout the country. Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to reflect, learn and join in efforts to nurture and deepen our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. We pray that the letters may serve as an additional tool to guide the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope. Copies of the letters can be accessed by visiting

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).

**TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE - HUMANITARIAN RELIEF:**

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 40,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 11,000 people. The disaster began with a 7.8-magnitude earthquake early Monday morning, one of the strongest to hit the region in 100 years, toppled thousands of buildings throughout Turkey and Syria, creating even worse conditions for millions of Syrians already displaced by the ongoing civil war. Freezing cold weather conditions are complicating rescue operations and adding further risk to survivors. The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations 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-turkiye-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



**VOCATIONS:** “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God

is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



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

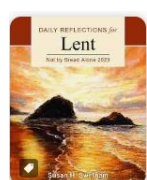
Please consider increasing your donations for 2023.

	2019	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 5062	\$ 3767
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421

**Parish News**

**POPE FRANCIS HAS APPOINTED BISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO:**

currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14th Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on a date to be confirmed in the coming days. During this time of transition in the Archdiocese, we give thanks for Cardinal Collins and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop-designate Leo, who will be joining the community very soon. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the days ahead.



**ON SALE NOW: Not By Bread Alone - Daily Lenten Reflections: Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just a few minutes each day, the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Lent and Easter. Available in the vestibule or from the Office for \$5.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The St John Children's Liturgy program is pleased to have resumed for 2023. As a reminder, Children's Liturgy runs most Sundays during the 9 am Mass. Please note, there will be no Children's Liturgy program on Sunday February 19 (Family Day weekend), or March 12 and 19 (March Break).

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:**

All are welcome on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 pm to 6:30 pm for our Parish pancake dinner. Serving - Pancakes, Sausages, Coffee, Tea, Juice. Families - \$15, Adults - \$10 and Seniors/Students - \$5.00. Tickets available at the door.



**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. While some will be giving up certain behaviors for Lent, 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.

**Little Levity:** Consuela and Jose were arguing again. Voices were raised, pots were flying and the children had taken cover. Finally, Jose yelled, “arguing with you is like trying to read the “Terms of Use” on the internet. Eventually I just have to give up and say “I Agree”.

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