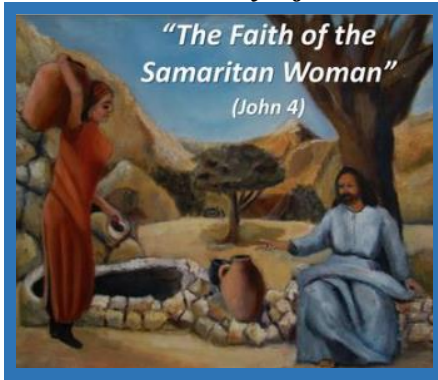


Third Sunday of Lent



From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: Dear brothers and sisters, recently, I heard a beautiful reflection from a Bishop in the Philippines who explained the meaning of Lent. I felt that it is appropriate and an excellent way to look Lent. I would like to share with you his thoughts this week.

1. Lent means "Spring" in the German language. Spring is the time the trees bloom, the flowers come out, the whole nature refresh. Similarly, it is the time for human souls to bloom, to flourish, to refresh, and to reinstate the grace of baptism.
2. Lent means "Slow" in Latin. It is the time to slow down from rapid lifestyle, to take time to pray, reflect, and meditate, and to prepare ourselves for the eternal life.
3. Lent in English is the past tense for "Lend". God lent us life, and many more unbelievable things in our lives. We borrowed from Him everything. One day we are accountable to God for all what we received or borrowed from Him.

Therefore, during this time of Lent, let us allow ourselves to spring the soul, let us slow down from all the activities, and give priority to our life eternal, and let us prepare ourselves to give back to the lender all what we borrowed from Him.



On St. Patrick's Day as the Shamrock leaf reminds us of the Holy Trinity let us pray that St. Patrick intercedes for us so that we may all be united as one. Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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	\$ 4672	\$ 3340
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421
Building Fund	\$ 3200	\$ 1405

Please remember St. John's Parish in Your Will.



Pope's Monthly Intentions for March
For victims of abuse.
We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

For + PETE ROSE

Requested by Vince & Gillian Haughey

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

For + ETIENNE DENIS MEKDECI

Requested by Philip Teixeira

Thursday, March 16th, 2023

For + EVENLYN FERNANDO

Requested by Veronica Samaraweera

Friday, March 17th, 2023

For INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE CHANG



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of

Pete Rose, Gay Belisle, Lelia Brady, Eleonora Carnemolla & Zeka Rodrigues Dupue



The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions

of The Stuart Family

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

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

MASS OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS (FRANK) LEO: The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, at 10 am. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the Central Region on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Blessed Trinity Parish, Toronto at 7 pm. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

"OPENNESS TO CHRIST'S WORDS: A Path of encounter and conversion" Join us from Friday March 24th to Sunday March 26 at Manresa Jesuit Retreat for A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women and men. During 3 days of retreat, we will focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses (SE 106), to contemplate together some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process that followed as a result of these encounters. Fundamental to this, is the role of the Holy Spirit that allows people to open their hearts to the Divine Grace which transforms, restores and re-creates. Facilitated by Fr. Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ. A suggested offering of \$245 per person. Includes 2 nights accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. To register

14 ANNUAL – DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Join us on Saturday March 25 from 9 am to 4 pm at The Old Mill Toronto Event Venue. Opening Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. Speakers: Sr. Deirdre Byrne - The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will speak on Healing and Forgiveness, Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik - Journeying with Mother Mary and Dorothy Pilarski - Why minister to moms? Registers at dynamicwomenfaith.com.

A 9-DAY TRIP TO ENGLAND: St. Dunstan's Parish is planning a Trip to England, July 12-20, 2023. Price per person double occupancy: \$4,580.00. Which includes flights & taxes, accommodation in a central London Hotel, Full English Breakfast daily and (5) 3-course dinners. All entrance fees, tours, and visits per the itinerary with guide and private transportation + gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff. If interested please call St. Dunstan's Parish office 416.694.2811 ext. 2.



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 pm) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 pm). 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/comeseesee.

Parish News



ST. JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS: Come celebrate the Mass of The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary with us here at St. John's on Monday March 20th at 8:15 am.



In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing. Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. This year the Archdiocese has asked us to strive for the goal of \$76,300. As we approach our first collection on the weekend of March 26, we ask you to reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and consider what you can give during these three upcoming collections to help your brother or sisters in need. Please consider giving generously once again this year.

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. Hope you will join, even if only during Lent. The link <https://zoom.us/j/94327881622?pwd=UWpCTjR4cjFldGc5Yjk4bE5nbEg0dz09>

HEALING MASS: A traditional Mass during Lent with a focus on healing as opposed to curing. Through prayer and meditation it helps us to find healing in any form: physical, emotional or spiritual. The choir will provide the music for this special Mass at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 23.



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

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: Going over our church finances John found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. The accountant wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so John called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," John told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at First Baptist Church."

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