

# St. John's Parish Bulletin

Weekend of March 6th, 2022

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**Office Hours: (By Appt.)**

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

**Catholic Cemeteries - 416.733.8544**

**Marriage:** Please contact the office 1 Yr in advance

**Baptisms:** Please email the office



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

*First Sunday of Lent*

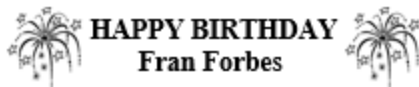


**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** We hear in our Gospel on this first Sunday of Lent that Jesus is taken to the desert, where he will be tempted. In our own lives, temptations do and can “come out to play.” Indulgence, abundance, security and power are just a few of these temptations. During this Lent, we need to see that temptations are fragile and what should really be our focus is not ourselves but caring and providing for those in need, while attending to our life-giving relationships with God and with others. Loving God, you accompany us in the deserts we experience in our lives. May we find refreshment and restoration in your love. May God bless all of us with abundant graces during this Lent. LPi

**Fridays of Lent**

8:15 am – Eucharistic Adoration  
(after 8:15 Mass until 9:45 am)

4:30 pm - Stations of the Cross



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 5th**

For + DEACON GERRY GODSOE  
Requested by Joan Godsoe & Family

**Tuesday, March 7th**

For + JAMES MAILLOUX  
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

**Wednesday, March 8th**

For + JERRY KINSELLA  
Requested by Richard & Kay Ainey

**Thursday, March 9th**

For + ULRIKE LICHT  
Requested by The Licht Family

**Friday, March 10th**

For + MICHAEL SHEA  
Requested by Vince & Gillian  
Haughey



*Rest in Peace*

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

*Sr. Helen Frechette, CND*

**Please Pray For The Sick**

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



We welcome the newest  
members of our parish  
family.

*Christopher Da Silva & Robert Sawyer*



**ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL**  
**AUDITIONS:** are now open. For full details visit [smcs.on.ca/auditions](http://smcs.on.ca/auditions) or contact them at 647.613.6367

**LENTEN FASTING OBSERVANCES**  
for the spiritual well-being of the faithful. For Catholics during Lent consumption of meat is not allowed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. • Fasting binds all persons from 18 to 59 years of age, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken. • Abstinence from meat binds all persons who are 14 and older, unless prevented by poor health.

**UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:**  
Already we are able to further adapt our safety protocols per the Archdiocese of Toronto. These came into effect at St. John's Parish on March 1st.

**Not changing yet:**

- Masks and social distancing still required.
- Hand sanitizing is strongly recommended.
- No offertory procession or handshaking at sign of peace.
- Holy Communion protocols still the same

**Changes:**

- Full Seating returns; we can use all pews.
- Advance registration NOT required.
- Contact tracing is no longer necessary.
- Singing can resume, using hymnbooks.
- Hand sanitizing self serve or assistance.
- Friday 8:15 am Weekday Mass resumed.

Let us thank the Lord for these encouraging developments.

Yours in the Lord,  
*Fr. John-Mark*



**DEACON GERRY GODSOE:** It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since the passing of our beloved Deacon Gerry Godsoe. As many of you know Deacon Gerry and his wife Joan served lovingly for over 30 years at St. John's Parish before retiring. Deacon Gerry along side his beloved wife Joan gave tirelessly of their time and passion to our parish. Always a word of kindness, a smile, lots of laughter and a forgiving soul. Rest well Deacon Gerry.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College, a one time offer of \$3,000. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is Catholic, completing her high school education and who has indicated on her application to U of T that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The scholarship application must be submitted by June 30. For more info, please contact the Education and Health Convenor of St. John's C.W.L. Corinne Santianni 416-436-0300.

**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. While some will be giving up certain behaviors for Lent, this is an opportunity to honour Christ by giving. Drop off your non-perishable food donation in the special 40 Cans for Lent basket as you enter the church. All Donations will be taken to the Good Shepherd Refuge.

***Little Levity:*** A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido has cheated him out of \$10 million dollars. His bookkeeper is deaf. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would not have to testify in court. When the Godfather goes to confronts Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. Godfather says to the lawyer "Ask him where the money is!" The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, "Where's the money?" Guido signs back "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the God father, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about." The Godfather pulls out a gun and holds it to Guido's head and yells "Tell me where the money is or I'll shoot you!" The lawyer signs back to Guido, "You better tell him where the money is or he will shoot you." Guido trembles and signs back "Ok You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousins Bruno's house. The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?" "The lawyer replies, "He says He's not telling you anything, cause you don't have the nerve to pull the trigger!"

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

**Kids Korner:**

**Lent:**

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



*Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?*