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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.45 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

Alice Warford, Sacramental Coordinator

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SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment to see the pastor

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Darlene Barron, President 416.264.6407

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Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

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Rev Fr Peter Gitendran, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Mass at 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

What It Means to Repent: Examples from Christ's Words

By Fr. Robert Pelton

The theme today is "Repent, and believe the Gospel, believe the Good News." I thought rather than giving a lengthy explanation about what it means to repent, I would simply give examples from the Lord himself.

We all know that we have lots to repent of; some examples may apply to you and others not.

"I am impatient." And the Lord says, "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you."

"I am harsh, unkind." "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall find mercy."

"I am envious." "Do not lay up treasures on earth, where rust and moth consume, and thieves break in to steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

"I am self-seeking." "Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

"I am judgmental." "Amen I say to you, anyone who receives anyone I send, receives me."

"I am despondent, discouraged." "Take heart, for I have overcome the world."

"I am impure." "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if anyone hears and opens to me, I will come in and sup with him, and he with me."

"I am selfish." "He who loves his life loses it. And he who hates his life in this world keeps it unto life everlasting. If anyone serves me, let him follow me."

"I am slothful." "He who abides in me bears much fruit."

"I am anxious." "Let your heart not be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me."

"I am proud." "Whoever receives this little child for my sake, receives me. And whoever receives me, receives Him who sent me, for he who is least among you is the greatest."

In Madonna House we have a simple but very powerful word about repentance from Catherine, our foundress: "Every moment is the moment of beginning again."

The summary of all these excerpts from the Gospels that I have just read is that if one is working toward living by faith—his or her faith will enable him or her at any moment to say, "Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." And the Lord Jesus will always be there to give that person a fresh beginning. So when the Lord tells us, "Repent, and believe the Good News," he is really telling us, "Repent. Believe what I tell you. Believe in me. Open your heart to me again. Open your mind to me again. And I will raise you up."

We often consider the Paschal Mystery a theological truth, perhaps the ultimate theological truth, for the Christian. That is, that Christ's passion, death, resurrection, ascension and glorification is the heart of our faith. It's the heart of our life. It is the Eucharist. But it is meant to be the living truth of the Lord

himself, to whom we open our hearts, our minds and our minds, at every moment.

Repent, and receive our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life.

(From a homily given on January 22, 2012)



Monday March 12

12:05 pm † Moon Sang Ho & Uhbin Jeong
requested by Sarah Jeong

Tuesday March 13

12:05 pm † Ricky Robes on the 1st anniversary of his death
requested by Ferdinand Robes

Wednesday March 14

12:05 pm † Julia Cabral
requested by Joseph & Fatima Cabral

Thursday March 15

12:05 pm For the intentions of Patricia McCormick and blessings on her belated birthday
requested by her friends

Friday March 16

12:05 pm † Maria Nardozi
requested by the Nardozi & Maiorana families
7 pm [available]

Saturday March 17

St. Patrick, Bishop
9 am † Felicidad S. Galase
requested by the Galase Family

5 pm † Salvatore Turco
requested by Maria Turco

Sunday March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9 am For the People of the Parish

11 am † Wayne Noonan
requested by Olga & Chris Juchniewicz

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 12

10:30 to 11:30 'Making a Retreat in Everyday Life' with Speaker Fr. Peter Tammearu

Thursday March 15

12:30 – 1:30 pm Line Dancing [Church hall]
7:30 pm – 9 pm Legion of Mary meeting [Seniors]

Friday March 16

11:15 pm **Stations of the Cross** followed by rosary, Mass, and Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
3:45 – 5 pm Children's Choir Practice cancelled
6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** followed by 7 pm Mass

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

LINE DANCING continues each Thursday after the 12:05 pm Mass in the Church Hall. Everyone is always welcome to join us for fun, fitness and friendship.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS AT 11:15AM

Every Friday during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross from Mother Mary's perspective at 11:15 am. Mary's Way of the Cross will be followed by the praying of the Rosary and our daily Mass at 12:05 pm. Thank you for your presence and participation.

MAKING A RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

There are two more sessions remaining: **MONDAY, MARCH 12th AND MONDAY, MARCH 19th**. The response has been amazing. All are always welcome to join us in the Church Hall at 10:30am.

Fr. Peter Tammearu will help us to explore Ignatian Spirituality. Join us to refresh your spirituality during the time of Lent by entering into the spirit of a retreat in order to prepare to make a good confession and receive the Easter Eucharist with joy.

MONTHLY SOCIAL will be on **Monday, March 19th**.

Our next monthly Social will be on the Feast of St. Joseph. Please join us for this traditional celebration of our beloved St. Joseph. We will have St. Joseph's table after the 12:05 pm Mass.



GOD'S GIFT OF LONG LIFE

LA TAVOLA DI SAN GIUSEPPE

[The Table of St. Joseph]

We will celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Monday, March 19th** with a traditional St Joseph's Table following the 12.05 pm Mass.

St. Joseph is the principal patron of Canada, but is also considered to be the patron saint of Sicily. The custom of the St. Joseph's Table is still celebrated in many Italian communities. According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages, caused by a severe drought. People prayed for St Joseph to bring them rain, and when the rain came, they prepared a feast to thank their patron saint.

A St. Joseph's Table is usually decorated with flowers and candles and offers a variety of baked goods, cakes and cookies, including traditional cream-filled pastries called zeppole.

The Ministry of Maturing Adults invites you to join us to celebrate St Joseph with fellowship, coffee and treats.

All are welcome, and if you would like to contribute any baked goods for the occasion, please phone the Parish Office to let us know.



AT THE 11 AM MASS

Entrance hymn: #564 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Offertory hymn: #791 Without Seeing You

Communion hymn: #574 Deep Within

Closing hymn: #981 Lift High the Cross



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food items for our local food bank on Sunday March 18th and 25th. Our goal is to collect 40

cans or more to donate before Easter. Items most needed are canned vegetables, baby food, canned tuna or salmon, oatmeal, nuts, brown rice, canola oil and peanut butter. All other non-perishable food items are welcome. A box will be located at the front of the church. We thank you for your kind donation! For more information please contact us at 647-428-2880.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Prayer at the Stations of the Cross is a great devotion, especially during Lent, because it allows us to follow Jesus along the road to Calvary. St. Pope John Paul II used to say them every Friday during the year as well. If we were considering the crucifixion of someone else, we could do it once and file it away as an historical thing that we know something about. *So what is so special about Jesus' crucifixion?*

Well, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI explained it this way: "What on the outside is simply brutal violence – the Crucifixion – from within becomes an act of total self-giving love. . . . Violence is transformed into love, and death into life." This is the event of God's total self-giving. This is what is so unique.



Join us every Friday throughout Lent at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm for Stations of the Cross.

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

(Grades 11 & 12)



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, on **Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with

other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org



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