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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 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**(Baptism, First Communion,
Confirmation, RCIA)**

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)



This week the Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated:
In memory of Maria Teresa Carballo Marfori
by Carmen Carballo

Monday March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

12:05 pm † Patricia Del Rosario
requested by Laurie & Serge Llarenas

Tuesday March 26

12:05 pm

Wednesday March 27

12:05 pm

Thursday March 28

12:05 pm

Friday March 29

12:05 pm † Rita Shrubsole
requested by the Chapman family

6:30 pm *Stations of the Cross & Mass*

Saturday March 30

9:00 am

5 pm † Dominic D’Cunha on his 24th death anniversary
requested by his wife, Annie; his children & family

Sunday March 31

4th Sunday of Lent

9 am † Patricia Puddister
requested by Karl & Eileen Fortney

11 am † Teodora Esporlas in remembrance on her birthday
requested by the Esporlas family



at the 11 am Mass

Entrance: #564 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
Offertory: #569 The Cross of Jesus
Communion: #576 Led by the Spirit
Closing: #565 Forty Days and Forty Nights



Jesus calls us to repent so that we might bear good fruit. God’s ways are not our ways. In order to bear good fruit, we must allow him to shape and mold our lives. This was not a new message that Jesus shared, but an affirmation of the covenant that God made with his people from the beginning. God is faithful – and so we are called to be. When we stray and wither or produce bad fruit, we have the opportunity to repent and try again.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30 PM**

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. They involve Jesus enduring suffering, insults, moments of support, and relay the intense sacrifice that we believe Jesus undertook for human salvation

The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.



Upcoming Events

Mon. Mar. 25	10:15 – 11:15 am	Lenten Series
Wed. Mar. 27	6 – 8 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thu. Mar 28	7:30 – 9 pm	Legion of Mary Meeting
Fri. Mar. 29	3:45 – 5 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Thu. Apr. 04	7 pm	Day of Confessions



Why are there no flowers in the Church?

Lent is a time of penance and introspection. *The General Instructions of the Roman Missal* says that flowers **are prohibited** during the season of Lent except for the Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), as well as solemnities and feasts.



TAX RECEIPTS

If you have missed picking up your tax receipt, they can be picked up at the Parish Office. We thank you for your ongoing contribution.



Q & A: The Annunciation of the Lord

What is the Annunciation?

The “Annunciation” refers to “The visit of the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the Mother of the Savior. After giving her consent to God’s word, Mary became the Mother of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 484, 494, *Glossary*, p. 866)



How do we know about the Annunciation?

The announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary is related in the Gospel of Luke (*Luke 1:26-38*). The Gospel of Matthew contains another account of an Annunciation to St. Joseph. In Matthew’s account, Joseph is informed of Mary’s virginal and miraculous conception of the Messiah (*Matthew 1:18-25*).

What type of Feast is the Annunciation?

The Annunciation of the Lord is a *Solemnity*, which is a Feast of the highest rank in the Catholic Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes that: “*In the liturgical year the various aspects of the Paschal Mystery unfold. This is also the case with the cycle of the feasts surrounding the mystery of the Incarnation (Annunciation, Christmas, Epiphany). They commemorate the beginning of our salvation and communicate to us the first fruits of the Paschal Mystery*” (CCC, 1171).

- **Liturgical Year:** The cycle of Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials in honor of the Lord, Our Lady, the Angels and Saints that occur throughout the year.
- **Paschal Mystery:** A term that refers to the saving work of Christ (i.e. His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension).
- **Cycle of Feasts:** Certain celebrations connected to one another because they are related to a particular aspect of Christ’s saving work. The Christmas Cycle is related to His Birth, and the Easter Cycle is related to His Death and Rising.
- **Mystery:** Not a “puzzle” to be solved, but rather, a sacred Truth or Truths revealed to us by God Himself. Left to itself, without God’s help, no human mind could ever imagine or discover these truths without the help and revelation of God.
- **Incarnation:** A word with Greek and Latin roots that means “to take Flesh.” Incarnation refers to when the Son of God became Man – by assuming (adding) a human body and soul to His Being as God.
- **“Commemorate and communicate”:** This phrase means that as Catholic Christians observe and celebrate these particular Feasts, the day and Jesus’ saving work is recalled, or *commemorated*. As the

worshipper observes and celebrates these types of days, God draws them closer to Himself, sharing ever more deeply His life with them. Because God shares, or *communicates*, His life with us through these feasts, He is said to *communicate* or share salvation with us! The “LIFE” God shares with us is called **Sanctifying Grace**.

~ By Fr. Rick Poblocki ~



This year for Lent we are offering a series of brief and informal presentations on different aspects of the spiritual life to help you to develop your prayer life. Please join us on Mondays in the Parish Hall before the 12.05 pm Mass (except for March 19).

1. Spirituality and Illness

Monday, March 25, from 10.15 to 11.15 am, in the Parish Hall

Fr Peter Tammearu will speak about how illness and aging can affect the life of faith and prayer.

2. Spiritual Exercises, Part Two

Monday, April 1, from 10.15 to 11.15 am, in the Parish Hall

Fr Peter Tammearu will continue his presentation of different methods of prayer, including prayer of the heart and *Lectio Divina*.

3. A Place to call Home

Monday, April 8, from 10.15 to 11.15 am, in the Parish Hall

Alice Warford will speak on a spirituality of homelessness.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY to WEDNESDAY

11:45 a.m. Confession & 12.05 p.m. Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

7 p.m. Mass followed by adoration till midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

10 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena

1 p.m. Good Friday Service [English]

HOLY SATURDAY

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena

7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

10 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena

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