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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

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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

Being a Billboard for Christ

Mark 1.40-45

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

“You are a billboard for Christ.” These are the words of popular Catholic speaker Father Mike Schmitz. He’s trying to convey that if we are disciples of Christ, everything we do is a representation of Him. This beautiful reality is combined with a heavy responsibility. We must regularly ask ourselves, are we faithfully reflecting the love and goodness of Christ in our lives?

In today’s second reading St. Paul says that “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” As stewards, every facet of our lives should be done to try to glorify God. This does not mean that we must always be in the chapel or being performing extraordinary works of charity. Rather, it means that we must infuse the ordinary events of our life with the powerful love of Christ. One aspect that we can sanctify is our daily work.

We should strive to realize that our work can be the sacrifice that we offer up to God. In realizing that we are working for God, we ourselves will be sanctified. We will slowly realize that everything we do is for Him, spurring us onto greater virtue. This will ultimately lead us to sanctify others for they will see the glory of God in our simple witness. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him through our daily tasks.

Summary

In today’s second reading St. Paul says that “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” As stewards, we can glorify God through our work by realizing that our daily tasks can be the sacrifices we offer up to God. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him throughout our day.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Ready for pick up

Your box of offertory envelopes can be picked up on **Sundays from noon to 3 pm** in the foyer of the Church or contact the parish office prior to pick up.

Thank you for ongoing support of your parish!



Mass Intentions

Mon.	Feb. 15	12:05 pm	
Tue	Feb. 16	12:05 pm	
Wed.	Feb. 17	12:05 pm	
Thu.	Feb. 18	12:05 pm	
Fri.	Feb. 19	12:05 pm	† Jose Torres Sr. in remembrance on his birthday, <i>requested by Tess Fernandez & family</i>
Sat.	Feb. 20	9:00 am 5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun.	Feb. 21	9:00 am 11:00 am	† Lena D’Agnello, <i>requested by the D’Agnello family</i>

Note: All Mass intentions will be offered during the private daily Mass celebrated by Fr. Charles.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday

- Church is presently closed from until further notice

Livestreamed Mass in English on Sundays at 9:00 am

- Can be viewed throughout the day at www.olghtamilparish.com

Sundays from noon – 3:00 p.m.

[*first-come, first-served basis; only 10 people in attendance*]

- Private prayer
- Holy Communion Service **

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion Service **

[*first-come, first-served basis; only 10 people in attendance*]

Ash Wednesday: Feb 17th	10 am - 1 pm & 4 pm - 8 pm
Feb. 18th, 19th, & 20th	11 am - 1 pm

** Kindly leave the church immediately once the **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE** has ended in order to accommodate others who wish to receive Holy Communion.

We thank you for your co-operation!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We would like to remind you:

- That the dispensation from your Sunday obligation remains.
- That those who are symptomatic, have a compromised immune system **or** are at a greater risk of infection, **should remain at home.**

"What's That On Your Forehead?"

Helping Kids Explain Ash Wednesday

by Joe Paprocki

A catechist e-mailed me with the following question about helping children to be able to explain why they are wearing ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday:



Do you have anything in print or an article you know of for kids to help explain why they wear ashes on their forehead on Ash

Wednesday to their classmates at

the public schools? I know the reasons and such but from an elementary child's perspective would help.

Off hand, I don't know of an article and I did a lot of Googling only to find site after site offering adult explanations with encouragement to "explain the significance of Ash Wednesday and Lent to your children" without offering specific strategies. So, without further adieu, here is my attempt to provide children with the language to explain to their public school classmates why they are wearing ashes.

Q: Hey, your forehead is dirty. What's that on your forehead?

A: Ashes...they're from church.

Q: Why did your church put dirt on your forehead?

A: It's not dirt; they're ashes. Today's Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Catholics wear ashes to show that we want to change to get ready for Easter.

Q: Are they supposed to be in a shape or something? Just looks like a smudge to me.

A: It's supposed to be in the shape of a cross – like the one that Jesus died on.

Q: So you think you're something special because you're wearing ashes on your forehead?

A: No, just the opposite. It shows that without God, this is all we are – ashes. It's a way of admitting how much we need God.

Q: So how're you gonna change...gonna become all holy on us?

A: Just trying to become what God wants me to be...a good person.

Q: I hear you guys give up stuff for Lent too. What for?

A: Giving up stuff – like snacks or watching TV or swearing – is kinda like exercise – it's hard work but it makes us stronger.

Q: So you can't have any fun for how long?

A: I can still have fun, I'm just gonna be doing some stuff a little differently for 40 days...that's how long until Easter.

Q: Then you can go back to being your old self?

A: No, that's the point, hopefully I'll be an even better version of myself!

LENT, ASH WEDNESDAY, FASTING & ABSTINENCE

LENT is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter that ends on Holy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday. During Lent, Catholics recall their baptism and do penance – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as they commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ. What is Ash Wednesday?

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned – ashes from these palms are distributed on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence. In 2021, Ash Wednesday falls on February 17.

Video: [Ash Wednesday Reflection from Cardinal Collins - YouTube](#)

What is fasting and abstinence?

The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on every Friday of the year unless a Friday occurs on a day listed as a solemnity. Abstinence and fasting, however, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting in the Latin Church is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between.

The law of abstinence binds those who are fourteen years of age and older. The law of fasting, however, binds all those who are eighteen to fifty-nine years of age. Nevertheless, pastors of souls and parents are to take care that minors not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are also educated in a genuine sense of penance.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays are days of abstinence but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.



CWL MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for the Catholic Women's League 2021 are now due. Please submit your \$25.00 fee either in the box at the back of

the church on

Sundays during opening hours. Ensure you put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Also, you can contact Alice Warford to arrange a pick up. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in the Spring.

Thank you.

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