
**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION PREPARATIONS
PREPARATIVI PER LA PROCESSIONE DI
VENERDÌ SANTO**



We have one more meeting at St Francis Parish Hall – please spread the word:

Tuesday April 8th at 7 pm

Si svolgerà un'altra riunione nella Sala della Parrocchia di San Francesco. Vi chiediamo di passare la voce:

Martedì, 8 aprile alle 7 di sera

**FIRST COMMUNION &
CONFIRMATION REMINDER**

Parents, please remember that **FIRST COMMUNION** candidates have their meeting for Unit 1 Chapters 1 & 2 **Preparing for Eucharist** this weekend, **Saturday March 22nd at 4 pm**

Parents and **CONFIRMATION** Candidates are reminded to attend **ONE** of the following dates for their meeting for Unit 4 – please make sure to review the unit with your son/daughter and to accompany them to the meeting.

Sunday March 23rd at 10:30 am **OR**
Saturday March 29th at 4pm

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Refresh and rekindle your love for each other by treating yourselves to a marriage enrichment weekend at **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**, or give a weekend as a gift to family or friends. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program. **The next weekend is April 11-13, 2014. For information telephone: 905-278-5229**

REGOLE DELLA QUARESIMA 2014

Giorni feriali durante la Quaresima:

Non c'è obbligo di digiunare, però, sono consigliati atti volontari di penitenza.

Il mercoledì delle ceneri e il venerdì santo:

Sono giorni di digiuno e astinenza dalle carni. Ciò richiede a tutti coloro dai 18 anni ai 59 anni d'età compresi, di limitarsi ad un unico pasto normale quotidiano durante questi due giorni.

Giorni di Astinenza: (Tutti i venerdì di quaresima)

I fedeli che hanno compiuto i quattordici anni sono tenuti all'astinenza completa dalle carni.

L'obbligo del Precetto Pasquale:

Ogni cattolico, dopo che ha ricevuto il Sacramento della Prima Comunione, è tenuto all'obbligo di accostarsi alla Santa Comunione almeno una volta all'anno. Tale precetto dovrebbe essere adempiuto durante il Periodo Pasquale. I cattolici sono anche tenuti alla confessione dei propri peccati gravi (mortal), almeno una volta all'anno, ma ciò non è limitato soltanto al periodo di Quaresima e di Pasqua. (Dal 9 marzo, cioè la prima domenica di Quaresima, fino al 15 giugno, la Domenica della SS Trinità).

NB This was published in English in last weekend's bulletin.

**PERSONAGGI PER
LA PROCESSIONE DEL VENERDÌ SANTO**

Venerdì, 18 aprile, 2014, celebreremo la nostra annuale processione del Venerdì Santo. Chiediamo a tutti i Parrocchiani, inclusi quelli nuovamente arrivati tra noi, che sono interessati a partecipare come figuranti nella Processione del Venerdì Santo, di inviarcene una posta elettronica al Goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com

Quest'anno siccome non usufruiremo del cartello con l'elenco dei personaggi, vi chiediamo di specificare nella vostra posta elettronica il personaggio che desiderate raffigurare e un membro del comitato della processione del Venerdì Santo vi contatterà. Faremo del nostro meglio per abbinarvi con il personaggio che vogliate rappresentare però se la vostra richiesta ci giunge con ritardo e il personaggio che avete scelto e stato già affidato a qualcuno altro, vi chiediamo gentilmente di pensare a dare la propria disponibilità ricoprendo il ruolo di uno dei personaggi mancanti in modo da far sì che la processione quest'anno sia un successo e così anche da contribuire alla diffusione del messaggio del Vangelo percorrendo le nostre strade. Ricordate che inoltre all'indirizzo di posta elettronica sarebbe opportuno fornirci con ulteriori dati di contatto come ad esempio il vostro numero di telefono di ufficio o di casa.



GOOD FRIDAY CHARACTERS

We are asking those who would like to participate in our Good Friday Procession to get in touch with us with their details and contact info at

Goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com

Since we have been informed that previous lists have been lost to us, we need to reconstruct our lists. Your help will be greatly appreciated. We are also hoping to have some volunteers at the door of the church this weekend to collect procession volunteer info. This is also a great opportunity for high school students in need of volunteer hours.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013

We invite you to take a few minutes to review the Parish Financial details posted on the notice board at the entrance to the church. The numbers give us a sense of the ebb and flow of our parish finances. We take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts to sustain St Francis and to remind you that time and again, the use of offertory envelopes has been proven to encourage people in their support of the parish. Parish finances are ONE of the gauges used to measure a church's vitality

Thank you!



The next meeting for The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held on Tuesday March 25th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office.

LA TERZA DOMENICA QUARESIMA – ANNO A – 23 MARZO 2014

PARISH COUNCIL

Friday March 14th was the date of our first Parish Council Meeting.

Early in the parish year we put out the word that we were interested in taking nominations for service on the Parish Council and Finance Council. The call resulted in only one name being put forward. As the **Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese** (see www.Archtoronto.org) is being implemented, one of the efforts has included surveys and statistics for parishes. We were recently invited to bring “parish leaders” to a discussion on **Parish Vitality**. A number of our active parishioners accepted the invitation and they formed the nucleus of our new Parish Council.



As we go to print we are preparing for our second meeting with other parishes on Parish Vitality – it will take place this Saturday (March 22).

Another event that we will need to be working on soon is the 100th anniversary of our church cornerstone this autumn and then the 100th anniversary of the official opening of the building a year later. Please start digging around for old pictures, news clippings and printed materials.

Moving beyond the Parish Council, we will eventually need to work on a Finance Council.

This year we have also seen progress in working with the Good Friday Procession and the organizers. As we move into the future of St Francis we acknowledge that the make up of this parish community is changing – that is always a healthy sign.

Abbiamo dato inizio al nostro Consiglio Parrocchiale. È stata formata da diversi “leaders”, i quali hanno partecipato a un incontro convocato dal Vescovo McGrattan. Siamo in fase di studio della vitalità nelle nostre parrocchie. Cerchiamo di dare più energia positiva alla nostra comunità.

WORKING WONDERS IN OUR LIVELIHOODS



Andrew attended counselling at Catholic Family Services in Simcoe at the suggestion of his employer. He was experiencing a considerable amount of conflict at work which was affecting his job performance. Andrew realised that if he didn't get some help he was at risk of losing his job.

Through counselling he learned more positive ways of interacting as well as some healthy stress management skills. Today Andrew has fewer conflicts at work and has learned how to separate his work and home life. He appreciated the help that Catholic Family Services provided to him when he needed it most. Last year, ShareLife-supported Family Service agencies provided family counselling to over 5,100 people in the Greater Toronto Area.

This weekend Candace Pio from the Archdiocese of Toronto, will be speaking at all the masses about the different agencies sponsored by ShareLife.

**First ShareLife Sunday is next Sun March 30, 2014
Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 22ND TO MARCH 30TH 2014

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND

COMM OF ST BENVENUTE SCOTIVOLI OF AUXIMO

5:00 PM Antonio Fusillo

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00 AM Gregorio Callipo e Famiglia;
Francesco e Basilio DiLeo;
Ferdinando e Filomena Baldassarro;
Famiglia Moretti e Pontrelli;
Basilio e Francesco DiLeo;
Maria Cioffi; Famiglia Piazza;
Eduardo Cipolla e Famiglia;
Francesca e Domenica Suriano

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

MONDAY MARCH 24TH

8:00 AM Rev. Ambrose DeLuca OFM

TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH

SOLEMNITY: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Frank e Maria Rosina Colantonio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 AM Giovanni Olimpico

FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 AM Rev. Riccardo Polticchia OFM

VIA CRUCIS IN ITALIANO DOPO LA MESSA

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

1:30 PM Wedding: Rebelo & De Barros

5:00 PM Maria Rotiroti

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

9:00 AM Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi;
Antonio e Domenica L'Europa;
Agostino Lanzeroti e defunti Famiglia;
Giuseppe e Maria Moretti;
Antonio Pitaro;
Giovanni e Elisabetta Artusa;
Domenico e Maria Console; Albina Cariata;
Vincenzo Mendicino; Finizia Mendicino

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MARRIAGE BANNS



The marriage between Marco Fernando Curvalo Rebelo and Arminda Fabia Ferraz De Barros will be held at St Francis of Assisi Parish this coming Saturday March 29, 2014.

We ask you to support all our young couples preparing for the **Sacrament of Marriage** by your prayers and encouragement.