

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B – MARCH 18th, 2018

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation class Unit 3 (The call of Jesus to Mission) will be offered today Sun. March 18th at 10:30 am or Sat. March 24th at 4:00 PM.

ALL FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

We remind our parents that they need to **make sure the dates are on their family calendar and they need to bring their children to these meetings. The preparation work needs to be done at home-** this is part of the understanding and commitment you took on when you registered your child. As we hear in the Baptism rite - **you are the FIRST teachers of your child - may you also be the best of teachers.**

Also, please remember that **your child should be wearing their crucifix** when they attend class and when they attend Mass. **We also expect families to stay for the Mass immediately following the class.**

Our **recommendation** is that families plan to attend the first class of the two opportunities for each unit. Flu season is upon us and the family may not be able to make the second meeting.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS

Offertory	March 10/11 2018
Total number of envelopes	171
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,164
Total loose donations	\$ 298
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 305
Weekly Total	\$ 2,767
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	-\$1733.00 or 39%

Upcoming Second Collections:

Today - ShareLife 2018
Holy Thursday - Coin Cards
Good Friday Envelopes – Holy Land - March 30/2018
Special Easter Envelope – April 1/2018

PARTIAL CHURCH CLOSURE CHIUSURA DELLA CHIESA PRINCIPALE

**Monday to Friday ONLY – dal lunedì al venerdì solo
From March 19th to March 23rd**

The scaffolding dismantle will require the temporary closure of the church for the safety of all concerned and to expedite "The Dismantle" ahead of Holy Week. This partial closure will only affect our weekday Mass schedule. During these days, the Monday to Friday 8 a.m. Masses will be celebrated in the Work Sacristy which has been converted into a **TEMPORARY CHAPEL**. When coming to Mass, during this closure on a weekday, please enter the church via the Mansfield Avenue entrance adjacent to the rectory. This entrance will give you access to the temporary chapel set-up in the Work Sacristy.

La Chiesa principale sarà chiusa nei giorni indicati sopra per facilitare il smantellamento dell'armatura, così da riacquistare la chiesa per la settimana santa. Durante questi lavori, abbiamo trasformato la sacrestia secondaria e così abbiamo **UNA CAPPELLA TEMPORANEA** per le SS. Messe feriale. Entrate dalla porta laterale vicino al convento.

ASSOCIATIONS AND CHARACTERS FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION YOU CAN REGISTER AT stfrancis.ca

On Friday March 30th 2018, we will be celebrating our **Annual Good Friday Procession**. For all parishioners and newcomers that are interested in acting as the characters of the Good Friday story, we ask that you send an email to Goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com.

Please note that you are now able to register online at stfrancis.ca. We will do our best to match you up with the character you have requested but if your application comes in late and someone has already been assigned your character, we ask you to consider making yourself available for whatever personality is needed to make this year's procession a success and to help bring the Gospel message to our streets. Please remember that in addition to your email contact info, it would also be helpful to have your daytime and evening telephone numbers. If you are part of an Association that participates in the procession, you may also register online (see above).



We are still looking for: 30 Banner carriers; 10 Soldiers; 6 Apostles; King Herod; Lazarus; Mary Magdalene; Joseph of Arimathea

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from **Friday, March 23 (6:30 p.m.) to Sunday March 25 (1:30 p.m.) 2018**, 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. For more information, Please contact the **Office of Vocations** at: **416 968-0997**; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

"THE MASS" A BROADCAST BY THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION

The National Catholic Mission 2018, The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Coutts S.J. will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following Networks across Canada:

VisionTV:

Part 1: March 26; Part 2: March 27 at 8 pm ET

Salt + Light:

Part 1: March 27; Part 2: March 28 at 8pm ET

The 2018 Mission will rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass. The Mission will also be available at

www.dailytvmass.com

For more information, please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or by e-mail at info@ncbc.ca

V DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA – ANNO B – 18 MARZO 2018

SUNDAY MARCH 18TH, 2018 BLESSING OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Today Sunday March 18th, 2018, we will be blessing the historical Stations of the Cross at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Join us in the Parish Hall after each blessing ceremony and meet with the project team for further updates on the restoration progress.

As we prepare for Holy Week and the influx of visitors to the Good Friday procession, we will be launching **The Restoration Campaign and Commemorative and Memorial Opportunities brochure** today, Sunday March 18th.

We will be giving our parishioners a sneak preview of the many items that are available as commemorative and memorial opportunities for your intentions, special anniversaries and birthdays and remembering your dearly departed loved ones.

Donations will be recognized in the future Parish Hall for many years to come with a Donor Wall for those selflessly giving to the restoration of St. Francis of Assisi.

We thank you for your patience, prayers and support as we continue with the restoration work of our church.

LIVING THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday - collected after Communion.
Thank you for your generosity.**

"IL VANGELO SI VIVE" LOCALMENTE ED INTORNO AL MONDO

È importante continuare a sostenere la campagna ShareLife per aiutare gli emarginati, sia nella nostra comunità che nel mondo. Talvolta, i risultati si vedono alla luce del sole, altre volte rimangono invisibili ma producono sempre una differenza tangibile nella vita delle persone che aiutiamo. Per favore considera nella preghiera come puoi meglio sostenere questa raccolta fondi oggi, domenica di ShareLife." Thomas Cardinale Collins, Arcivescovo di Toronto.

**Oggi è domenica di ShareLife
Per favore, dona generosamente.**

PASCHAL CANDLE 2018



We are beginning our preparation for Holy Week. The Easter Candle or Paschal Candle is lit at the solemn Holy Saturday liturgy as a symbol of Christ and the Light of Christ. It remains lit during Easter Season Masses and is also used during the sacrament of Baptism and during

Funeral Masses.

This year's candle will cost us \$450. Would anyone like to donate these funds? Perhaps this would commemorate someone who died or someone who has just joined the family and been baptized?

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 17TH TO MARCH 25TH, 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH ST. PATRICK'S DAY

5:00 PM For Parishioner's Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

9:00 AM Giovanni e Carlo Barbati
Don Peppino e Carmelo Scopacasa
Antonio Pitaro; Rita Aiello
Chiara e Fortunato Scopacasa
Carmela e Giuseppe Nasso
Pietro e Arnaldo Gallo
Chiara e Giuseppe Rauti
Famiglie Forio e Moretti

11:30 AM Joseph & Matilda Zammit

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

SOLEMNITY: ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF CANADA,
PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

8:00 AM Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

8:00 AM _____

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

8:00 AM _____

7:00 PM Domenico Mandalari

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:00 AM Catena e Giuseppe Pace

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

8:00 AM _____

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

5:00 PM Mario D'Ambrosio

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

9:00 AM Frank e Maria Rosina Colantonio
Brandano e Carmela Guadagnoli
Pasquale Gallippi; Filippo Zambrano
Rocco e Lucia Amato
Caterina Rizzuto; Giuseppe Leone
Giovanni e Elisabetta Artusa

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions