

PALM SUNDAY – YEAR B – MARCH 25th, 2018

WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS

Offertory	March 10/11 2018
Total number of envelopes	183
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,469
Total loose donations	\$ 285
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 305
Weekly Total	\$ 3,059
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$-1,441 or 32%

Upcoming Second Collections:

- Holy Thursday - Coin Folders**
- Good Friday Envelopes – Holy Land - March 30/2018**
- Special Easter Envelope – April 1/2018**
- Church Restoration Fund – April 18/2018**
- Share Life – April 22/2018**

**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.



Volunteers Needed to Decorate & Clean Church

We need volunteers to help tidying up **after the 11:30 Mass this morning**.

A team of volunteers will be needed on Good Friday for two hours to help clean and prepare the church for the Easter Vigil. Volunteers are requested to meet in the church **at the front of the altar at 5:00 pm following the procession**

**“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

**SOLEMN BLESSING OF NEW STATIONS &
OPENING OF RESTORATION CAMPAIGN**



Last Sunday our community participated in the Blessing of our newly installed Stations of the Cross that are close in age to the church here at St Francis of Assisi. They came to us from a sisters' convent in Belgium and the Stations date back to the 1870s.

Domenica scorsa abbiamo fatto la benedizione solenne della via crucis che ci è arrivata da un convento delle suore in Belgio dove erano dalla loro erezione negli anni del 1870. Dopo la Messa siamo incontrati con l'equipe di professionisti che erano presenti per rispondere alle domande dei nostri parrocchiani. C'era anche una piccola pubblicazione descrivendo le possibilità per contribuire o sponsorizzare diversi aspetti del progetto di restaurazione.

After our Sunday Masses our parishioners were invited downstairs for some coffee and pastries provided by our friends at **Bernardo Funeral Homes**. Our renovation team from **Angelus, Buttcon** and **+VG** were on hand to speak about the work with our parishioners.

Sunday also marked the first preview of the **St Francis of Assisi Church Restoration Campaign & Commemorative Opportunities**. Our community was given first opportunity to commit to the different restorations that have and will be taking place. It is our hope that this Holy Week we will be able to spread the word as many of our friends come to participate in the different events at St Francis. Many families landed at St Francis as their first parish. As they got a little more comfortable, they moved on to different neighbourhoods. Nevertheless, many still talk of St Francis as home and it is our hope that they will feel open to giving back to that spiritual community that first nurtured them.

**GOOD FRIDAY COURTESY TOWS
RIMORCHIO DI CORTESIA**

If your car gets towed during the Good Friday Procession, please call 416 808 6600 to ask the Toronto Police about where your car has been “relocated”. Have your license number handy.

Se rimorchiano la tua vettura il venerdì santo, chiamate 416 808 6600 per chiedere alla polizia dove hanno spostato la tua macchina. Ti chiederanno il numero della targa.

DOMENICA DELLE PALME E PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE – ANNO B – 25 MARZO 2018

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING THE DEAF COMMUNITY

SL ShareLife



You can work wonders!

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

IL VANGELO SI VIVE SOSTENENDO I NON UIDENTI



Prova ad immaginare di essere un bambino sordo e né i tuoi genitori né i tuoi fratelli e sorelle conoscono la lingua dei Segni. I tuoi genitori potrebbero provare a farti capire a gesti, ma come potresti comunicare le tue gioie, le tue paure e le tue necessità? Silent Voice insegna alle famiglie l' "American Sign Language" (la lingua dei Segni) e la cultura dei non udenti per permettere

loro di comunicare con una lingua comune. Come ci dice un genitore, "Sono così entusiasta di Silent Voice. Il loro programma di comunicazione in famiglia (Family Communication Program) salva bambini dall'isolamento sociale." L'anno scorso, oltre 750 bambini ed adulti sordi sono stati assistiti dai programmi di Silent Voice finanziati da ShareLife.

**La prossima domenica di ShareLife è il 22 aprile,
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.

We would like to thank Elizabeth Pires and Odette Pires-Cunha for kindly donating this year's Paschal Candle. We would like to also thank Domenica Mancuso who donated the wax altar candles that will be used for the first time during Holy Week.

PLEASE NOTE: Our parish office is closed on Holy Thursday March 29th at 3 pm. We are also closed Good

Friday and Easter Monday and will reopen on Tues April 2nd at 10am

Buona Pasqua: l'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso dalle 3 di giovedì santo e riaprerà' martedì 3 aprile alle 10 am.

MARRIAGE BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between
Halley Hein Requena-Silva and Nicole Marie O'Connor.

*Please pray for the couple and all others preparing for the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.*

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 24TH TO APRIL 1ST, 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

5:00 PM Mario D'Ambrosio

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 AM Rev. Ambrose De Luca OFM

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 AM Italo e Antonio Maceroni

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH

8:00 AM _____

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH

No Morning Mass

8:00 PM Bi-lingual Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH

**THE PASSION OF THE LORD
DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

11:00 AM English Liturgical Action

1:30 PM Azione liturgica in italiano

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

No 5 pm Mass

8:00 PM Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass
For Parishioners and Benefactors

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

9:00 AM For Parishioners and Benefactors

11:30 AM For Parishioners and Benefactors

