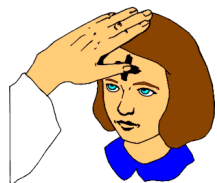


**ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6th  
MERCOLEDI DELLE CENERI - 6 MARZO**

- 8 am** Bilingual Mass in Italian and English  
**9:30 am** Mass in English - Both *St Francis & Pope Francis Schools* will attend and animate this Mass  
**7 pm** Bilingual Mass in Italian and English

**ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED  
AT ALL MASSES.**



Please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**. Our bishops ask us to observe Lent by also **abstaining from meat on Fridays during this penitential season**.

Iniziamo la santa Quaresima con la partecipazione alla S. Messa e ricordiamo che sia mercoledì delle Ceneri e sia venerdì santo sono **giorni di astinenza e digiuno**. Cerchiamo di osservare la natura penitenziale della Quaresima – i vescovi ci chiedono **l'astinenza dalla carne i venerdì di Quaresima**.

**LENTEN FRIDAYS - WAY OF THE CROSS**

During the season of Lent we recite the Way of the Cross on Friday morning after the 8 am Mass. The Italian community usually leads this prayer but we encourage you to follow along in the English translation available on the page facing the Italian text. This affords you the benefit of both carrying out the devotion and of praying in community. It also helps us to prepare for the Good Friday procession through prayer and meditation.

**PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE**

**Lent:** The penitential character of Lent is maintained; on these days, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

In the Roman Rite, including in Canada, **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat**. Pastors should invite and encourage their people to do special penance on these two days.

The law of **"abstinence from meat"** binds those who are **14 and older**; the law of **"fasting"** binds those from **18 to 59 years** of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to **introduce children gradually** to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY MID-WINTER BREAK**

There will be **no children's liturgy** on **March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**, coinciding with the TCDSB's Mid-Winter Break. Children's Liturgy *will resume* on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you

**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION  
LA PROCESSIONE DEL VENERDÌ SANTO**

With the beginning of Lent **our parish community** begins its preparation for **Good Friday Procession**. In the days ahead the Parish Committee will begin its planning meetings. Please watch the bulletin for announcements.

Iniziando il cammino di quaresima, prepariamoci anche per **la processione di venerdì santo**. Nei prossimi giorni, il comitato parrocchiale inizierà l'orientamento per il programma di quest'anno. Vi chiediamo gentilmente di tenetevi informati per mezzo degli avvizi ufficiali.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS**

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Offertory                   | February 23/24, 2019   |
| Total number of envelopes   | 178                    |
| Total amount in envelopes   | \$ 2,494.25            |
| Total loose donations       | \$ 457.75              |
| Preauthorized Giving (PAG)  | \$ 328                 |
| <b>Weekly Total</b>         | <b>\$ 3,280</b>        |
| <b>Weekly Expenses 2017</b> | <b>\$ 4,500</b>        |
| <b>Income Deficit</b>       | <b>-\$ 1220 or 27%</b> |

**Upcoming Second Collections 2019**

- Church Restoration Fund** – Today, March 3, 2019
- Flowers for Holy Week** - March 10, 2019
- Share Life Sunday** – March 31, 2019



Family of Faith

Thank you for your contribution to the Family of Faith campaign. The efforts that we make together will further the pastoral plan and mission of our

Church. Please remember to honour the pledge that you made. As payments are made, funds will be deposited in our account to address a number of local priorities.

**LENTEN FOLDERS MARCH 2/3**

As has been our custom, we will be handing out this year's **Lenten Folders** on this weekend March 2/3 just before Ash Wednesday. They are given so that our parishioners have the possibility of doing their sacrifices and putting the coins saved toward **helping the poor**. These folders **usually come back to us on Holy Thursday**.

This year we have had difficulty getting more folders so when the first 200 folders are distributed, we will be switching to little tin cans that can be used for the same purpose. It is a bit of a switch from our usual routine but we ask your patience and cooperation.

L' OTTESIMA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO– ANNO C – 3 MARZO 2019

**MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL  
RENEWAL CENTRE**

Friday, March 15 to Sunday, March 17 – 7 to 1 p.m.  
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition.

Fr. John Sullivan, SJ, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Toronto will facilitate the retreat, "We love because he first loved us." *Our discipleship as a response to God's love, mercy and grace.*

**COST:** Suggested offering \$220 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

**PHONE:** 905-839-2864

**EMAIL:** [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca)

**WEB:** [www.manresa-canada.ca](http://www.manresa-canada.ca)

**2019 ShareLife Campaign Goal**

**For St. Francis of Assisi Church**

**→ \$11,300**

2016 parish campaign achievement - \$11,457.15

2017 parish campaign achievement - \$11,930.30

2018 parish campaign achievement - \$10,352.50

**2019 Overall Parish Campaign  
goal: \$13.8 million**



In preparation for ShareLife this year, we will be welcoming the following speakers from Catholic Family Services:

**Monique Achong-Lindsey**

March 16 (Saturday), 5 p.m. Mass

**Andrea Jaramillo**

March 17 (Sunday), 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses

Our First ShareLife collection will happen on the weekend of March 30/31.

**MASS SCHEDULE  
MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> TO MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>  
ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA, VIRGIN**

**5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**9:00 AM** In Onore dei Santi Cosma e Damiano

Antonio Pitaro; Angelo Barillari  
Carmela e Don Giuseppe Scopacasa  
Fotunato e Chiara Scopacasa  
Salvatore e Giuseppina Pitaro  
Giuseppina Marrello  
Vincenzo Pietropaolo e Roy Pearson

**11:30 AM** For Parishioners' Intentions

**MONDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>  
ST. CASIMIR**

**8:00 AM**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>  
ST. JOHN JOSEPH OF THE CROSS  
FRIAR PRIEST**

**8:00 AM** Giuseppe Figliano

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>  
ASH WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 AM** Bilingual Mass in Italian and English

**9:30 AM** *School Mass* – here at St. Francis Church

**7:00 PM** Bilingual Mass in Italian and English

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>  
STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY**

**8:00 AM** Alfredo Manzo

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>  
ST. JOHN OF GOD**

**8:00 AM** Paul & Michelina Portelli

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>  
ST. FRANCES OF ROME**

**5:00 PM** For Parishioners' Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**9:00 AM** Gregorio e Giovanni Callipo

Giovanni e Filomena Villani

Angelo Di Santo

Salvatore e Rosa Aiello

Famiglie Carnovale e Simonetta

Salvatore Amato e famiglia

Maddalena Cioffi e famiglia

Bruno Gagliardi e famiglia

**11:30 AM**

*Prayer, Fasting  
and Almsgiving*