

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT –YEAR C – MARCH 10, 2019

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2019

Second book - Preparing for Eucharist 1 & 2

This is just a reminder to our Grade 2 families preparing for **First Communion** that the **Unit 2 class (covering chapter 3 & 4) will be offered Sun Mar 17th at 10:30 am and Sat Mar 23rd at 4:00 pm.** Class will be followed by a regularly scheduled 5 pm Mass so that the family can fulfill its Sunday obligation.

Confirmation Classes

Also for **Confirmation** the **Unit 3 class (The call of Jesus to Mission) will be offered Sunday Mar 24th at 10:30 AM or Saturday Mar 30th at 4:00 PM.**

All of our **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** candidates have now been **enrolled with the Crucifix** that will accompany them on their Sacramental Journey and remind us, as parishioners, that these young people are continuing their faith journey that was begun at baptism. **Please remember to pray for them and their families.**

Candidates remember to wear your crucifixes for class and especially at Mass.

FAMILIES - please remember that you are strongly encouraged to participate in the Mass following our Catechism meetings.

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.

LENTEN FACTS

During Lent, God's people do not sing "Alleluia" until the believing community has undergone conversion and is ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning during the Easter Vigil.

Flowers are not permitted to decorate the altar or the area around it throughout the season except for Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent), Solemnities and Feasts (*GRIM* no.305).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MID-WINTER BREAK

There will be **no children's liturgy** on **March 10th and 17th,** coinciding with the TCDSB's Mid-Winter Break. Children's Liturgy **will resume** on **March 24th.** 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 avvizzì ufficiali.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS

Offertory	March 2/3, 2019
Total number of envelopes	184
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2626
Total loose donations	\$ 266
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 328
Weekly Total	\$ 3220
Weekly Expenses 2017	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	-\$1280 or 28%

Upcoming Second Collections 2019

Flowers for Holy Week – Today, March 10, 2019

Share Life Sunday – March 31, 2019

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

Saturday March 16 @ 10:00 AM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond St., Toronto

All are welcome to attend the annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Fr. Edward J. Curtis, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral will be the presider and homilist.

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BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!

Clean out your closets and drawers because coming up soon, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will have a truck available to collect gently used clothing and household linens. The truck will be open all day **Saturday Mar 23rd until 8 pm and all day Sunday Mar 24th until 8 pm.** Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass."



FAMILY OF FAITH



Family of Faith

Please remember to contribute towards your pledge, which you made to our Family of Faith campaign. Your continued payments of your commitment to our campaign will enable us

to fund future projects that will help in many practical ways to welcome and serve those who come to our Church to encounter Christ.

Vi preghiamo di non dimenticare di mantenere l'impegno che avete promesso durante la Campagna Comunità di Fede. Il proseguimento del pagamento del vostro impegno a favore di tale Campagna ci consente di finanziare iniziative per il futuro le quali aiuteranno ad accogliere e servire coloro che frequentano la nostra Chiesa per incontrare Cristo.

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.

*Prayer, Fasting
and Almsgiving*

**MASS SCHEDULE
MARCH 9TH TO MARCH 17TH, 2019**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
ST. FRANCES OF ROME**

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

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 -----

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

8:00 AM Giuseppe Sinopoli e famiglia

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:00 AM Vincenzo Bellissimo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:00 AM Jose Lumanglas

7:00 PM Pasqualina Malatesta

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

8:00 AM -----

7:00 PM Nicola Galle

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

8:00 AM -----

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

5:00 PM -----

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

9:00 AM Giovanni e Carlo Barbati
Giuseppe e Chiara Rauti
Luigi Nardella; Maria Spina
Famiglie Froio & Vigro
D'Urzo Domenico e Difina Rosa e def
Maurizio e Illuminata Cugliari e def
Domenico & Rosina Marafioti

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