

**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 today, Sun Mar 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and Sat Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM or Saturday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

**WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!**

Clean out your closets and drawers because this weekend, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> until 8 pm and all day Sunday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> until 8 pm.** Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass."



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS**

Offertory	March 10/11, 2019
Total number of envelopes	173
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2251
Total loose donations	\$ 259
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 328
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 2838</b>
<b>Weekly Expenses 2017</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>
<b>Income Deficit</b>	<b>-\$ 1662 or 37 %</b>

**Upcoming Second Collections 2019**

**Share Life Sunday** – March 31, 2019  
**Church Restoration Fund** – April 9, 2019

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

There will be **no children's liturgy** this weekend, coinciding with the TCDSB's Mid-Winter Break. Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday, **March 24.** Thank you!

**ASSOCIATIONS AND CHARACTERS FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION YOU CAN REGISTER AT [stfrancis.ca](http://stfrancis.ca)**

On Friday April 19th 2019, 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](mailto:Goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com).

Please note that in a week's time you will be 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 processions, you may also register online (see above).

**Procession Meeting**  
 for Associations, Groups & Participants  
 Mon March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall



**10 REASONS TO FAST**

1. Jesus did it
2. Fasting is a traditional sign of sorrow.
3. Fasting helps us empty ourselves and focus on God and others.
4. Fasting gives us that familiar "yearning" feeling.
5. Fasting helps us develop self-discipline.
6. Fasting reminds us that our bodies are part of our prayer.
7. Fasting helps us be more mindful of others.
8. Fasting builds our sense of community as Church.
9. Fasting makes Easter more joyful.
10. Fasting helps us imitate Jesus.

Amy Ekeh at Franciscan Media

II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA– ANNO C – 17 MARZO 2019

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS – Coming Up! – April 3**

*“Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us.” - POPE FRANCIS*

From **March 31 - April 6, 2019**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Confessions at our parish will be available **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9-11 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.**



**Living the Gospel by helping young mothers.**

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called **Rose of Sharon**. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it."

**March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

**Il Vangelo si vive aiutando le giovani madri.**

Anika divenne madre a 19 anni. Dopo un po' di tempo, il fidanzato iniziò a fare il prepotente. Sentendosi isolata, si mise in contatto con un'agenzia di ShareLife, la **"Rose of Sharon"**. Con il bambino, frequentò tutti i corsi offerti dall'agenzia, incluso quello sulle "Relazioni Sane". Anika comprese che non era tenuta a sopportare il comportamento del compagno. Con l'aiuto di Rose of Sharon, Anika trovò un appartamento ad un modico affitto, che le permise di andare a vivere per conto proprio con il bambino. "Non avrei mai pensato di potercela fare da sola, dice Anika, ma grazie a Rose of Sharon, eccomi qua che ce la faccio."

**Domenica 31 marzo, è la prima domenica di ShareLife.  
Per favore, dona generosamente.**



**MASS SCHEDULE  
MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

- SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:00 PM** For Parishioner's Intentions
- SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** Giovanni e Carlo Barbatì  
 Giuseppe e Chiara Rauti  
 Luigi Nardella; Maria Spina  
 Famiglie Froio & Vitro  
 D'Urzo Domenico e Difina Rosa e def  
 Maurizio e Illuminata Cugliari e def  
 Domenico & Rosina Marafioti
- 11:30 AM** Patricia Maio McClean
- MONDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP AND  
 DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
- 8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_
- TUESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND  
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 8:00 AM** Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**
- 8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**
- 8:00 AM** San Giuseppe e Anime Di Purgatorio
- FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**ST. BENEVENUTE SCOTIVOLO OF AUXIMO**
- 8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_
- SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO**
- 5:00 PM** For Parishioner's Intentions
- SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 AM** Pasquale Gallippi  
 Rocco e Domenico Didiano  
 Famiglia Maria e Giuseppe Moretti  
 Caterina e Bruno Ienerella  
 Rocco Didiano e Vincenzo Derenzo  
 Giuseppe e Teresa Pileggi  
 Bill e Lisa Lenders  
 Maddalena Cioffi e Famiglia
- 11:30 AM** Rev. Ambrose De Luca, OFM