



# Parish Week

Sunday,  
18 March 2017

## Saturday, 17 Mar. / St. Patrick, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lackmattee Raj Ganesh (Shirley Persaud)
- 9.00 am Altar Servers training session
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Dominic & Maria Fernandes (Joe)
- 6.00 pm Memorial Prayers: † Antonio Berardinetti

## SUNDAY, 18 MARCH / LENT 5-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Share Life*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Beato & Natalina Gonsalves (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 19 Mar. / St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Giuseppe Bianchini (Irma Pisciola)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosy D'Souza (Molly Monteiro)

## Tuesday, 20 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Olga Braganza (children)
- 9.10 am St. Albert School Confirmation Instruction #2
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving to St. Joseph (Lillian D'Souza)

## Wednesday, 21 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Renzo Iogna (Letizia Iogna)
- 8.45 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Edwin Galea (Carlton Paul)

## Thursday, 22 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joseph Mariathas (Jennifer)
- 9.10 am St. M.G. School Confirmation Instruction #2
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Orlando, Virginia & Arnel Tolentiono (Augusto & family)

## Friday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Holly Fisher (Evelyn Walsh)
- 9.30 am Jean Vanier Secondary School Reconciliation
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Erma Ortega (Senen)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (*Knights of Columbus*)

## Saturday, 24 Mar. / Blessed Oscar Romero, *bishop & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosy D'Souza (Santana Leito)
- 9.00 am Altar Servers Holy Week Rehearsal
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe (friends)

## PASSION SUNDAY, 25 MARCH / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

- *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Perna Angela (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33

*By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your son handed himself over to death. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

Eugene Kim      Maryann Williams

The 34 victims of the car bombing in Idlia, Syria



## Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



## Passiontide

The last two calendar weeks of Lent comprise *Passiontide*. The last Sunday, which begins Holy Week, is liturgically known as *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*. All crucifixes, statues and images may be covered in violet veils, until the Easter Vigil.

## Altar Servers

The *training meetings* are held at 9.00 am on Saturdays for our Altar Server Candidates.



There will be an important general meeting for all Servers at 9.00 am on Saturday, 24 March 2018, to review the Holy Week liturgies. Please come as we carefully walk through our Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday procedures.

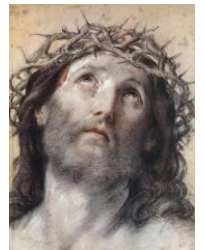
## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the *Stations of the Cross* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The remaining Facilitators for 2018 will be:

March	23	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>
	30	<b>Lectors</b>



## COMING UP

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25 Mar.	<b>Palm Sunday:</b> <i>Holy Week</i> begins; - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance
29 Mar.	<b>Holy Thursday:</b> <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</i> - Adoration until midnight
30 Mar.	<b>Good Friday:</b> <i>The Passion of Our Lord</i>
1 Apr.	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> <i>Resurrection of Our Lord;</i> 2 Collections: (a) <i>Offertory</i> ; (b) <i>Easter</i>

2 Apr.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
5 Apr.	Memorial Mass: † Inconronata Morra (7:00 pm)
8 Apr.	Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

# Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

20 March: **St. Albert Confirmation Instruction #2**

22 March: **St. Maria G. Confirmation Instruction #2**

4 April: **St. Albert Confirmation Instruction #3**

## RCIA & RCIC

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*

Please pray for all who participated in the **RITE OF ELECTION** at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Pickering on 25 February 2018:

#### **ELECT** (*Unbaptized*)

##### **R.C.I.A.**

**Matthew Barnes, Mark Gittens, Kemelee Swaby, Selvamathana Satheesan, Tatjana Varga.**

##### **R.C.I.C.**

**Gabriel Bundev, Yanna Bundev, Adalyhn Durnin, Itzel-Ice Remy Harding, Mikayla Heywood, Selina Keeshig, Hannah Mutesi, Sharon Satheesan, Phoebe Soong, Tristan Soong, Rheanne Teja.**

##### **Witnesses**

**Joshua Anokye-Bennett, Nichola Carter, Isabella Lacaria, Leon Ramtahal, Leya Ramtahal, Sue Ann Ramtahal**

#### **CONTINUING CONVERSION** (*Baptized*)

(At St. Maria Goretti Parish Mass, 2 March 2018)

##### **R.C.I.A.**

**Tiffany Garnett, Grace Inparajan, Angelica Lim, Federico Ramos, Ryan Saxton, Christopher Soong.**

##### **R.C.I.C.**

**Andrea Inparajan**

The **BOOK OF THE ELECT** is displayed near the Presider's Chair.

On Sunday, 4 March, the **ELECT** celebrated the *Scrutinies* at the 7.00 pm Mass. On Friday, 16 March, they celebrated the *Presentations* at the 7.00 pm Mass, at which they received the **CREED** and the **LORD'S PRAYER**.

Parishioners are asked to remember in their prayers the **ELECT** who will be initiated as members of the Church at the Easter Vigil (31 March) and the Easter Octave (7 April); and the new **INQUIRERS** who are beginning the process of journeying towards membership in Christ's Body.

PHOTO BELOW: *St. Maria Goretti RCIA & RCIC Candidates at the Rite of Election, St. Isaac Jogues Church, Pickering on 25 February 2018.*

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process for initiating new members. It is a restoration of the original **Catechumenate** used in the early Church, and specifically mandated by the Church at the *Second Vatican Ecumenical Council* ("Vatican 2"), held from 1962-65.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults has been in use in Canada since 1974.

# ShareLife 2018

**You can work wonders !**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, 18 March

**ShareLife Sunday**



*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.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Seminarians: Ryan Nigli and Victor Valdes**

Many thanks to our Seminarians **Ryan** and **Victor**, who will speak to us on behalf of *ShareLife* at our Masses this Sunday, 17/18 March. They are both students at St. Augustine Seminary.

The tradition of Catholic charity runs deep in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Catholic agencies have been serving the poor, the needy and the sick among us for more than 150 years. In 1927, the first organized diocese-wide charitable appeal was conducted to support the Catholic Charities family of agencies in Toronto.



## Good Friday Collection

**30 March: Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

We come together this year as brothers and sisters with regard to the Christians and the works of the Holy Land. We feel and know that Jerusalem is our home and our family. *My home is within you* (Psalm 87, 7). The Psalm reminds us of our ties to the Church of Jerusalem, mother of all the churches of the world.

The Church in the Holy Land appeals for our solidarity. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection remains a special opportunity to respond accordingly. By our prayer and a concrete gesture of support, our community can ensure a significant contribution for the faithful and to charitable and social works, as well as to the care of the Holy Sites and the training of future priests.

By supporting the Church and its work in the Holy Land we are looking after ourselves and our own spiritual heritage. We allow Christians who are sorely tested to remain steadfast and be witnesses of reconciliation and peace. We support men and women who care and provide access to the Holy Sites, the living memory of Jesus. For more information please visit [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca)



Photo above: Members of our Parish RCIA and RCIC processes celebrate the Rite of Election with His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen, on Sunday, 25 February, at the lovely Church of St. Isaac Jogues in Pickering. The book which the Bishop signed is currently in our Sanctuary.

## Liturgy Notes

### 17 March: St. Patrick Day

St. Patrick of Ireland was born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; he died at Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461. As a boy of fourteen, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd sheep. He escaped, but had a dream in which the people of Ireland were begging him to come back. He was ordained a Priest and later a bishop, and was sent to Ireland on 25 March 433. He converted all of Ireland, using a shamrock to explain the Trinity.



### 19 March: St. Joseph Day

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture. He was a carpenter, a working man (Matthew 13.55). We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. We know he loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. We also know that he treated Jesus as his own son for the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4.22)

## Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation: The Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates submit their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS, which represent their wish to join the prayer action of all parishioners. After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather near the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when they are led by the Servers to the Altar. The Candidates place their slips in the basket held by the Priest.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: LAETARE

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare* Sunday. It gets its name from the first word (in Latin) of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her." *Laetare* Sunday is a chance for us to pause and remember the whole point of Lent, said beautifully in the Prayer over the People where God is asked to "give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good."

By this Sunday we are well into Lent and sometimes we might lose the forest through the trees. We might forget that we know the end of the story. Yes, there is suffering, yes there is death, but we can rejoice in the fact that death does not have the last word. "Be joyful" the Entrance Antiphon continues, "all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

We rejoice because Easter is almost here. We rejoice because our Salvation has been won for us. Yes, we still have more Lent, yes Good Friday is coming, but for this one Sunday, in a special way, we rejoice and remember that the battle is already won.

## Come & See Weekend

23-25 March

St. Augustine Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road, invites single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ, leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. This is a time for prayer, reflection and information on the possibility and process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic Priest. **Jesus** said, "Come, follow me." (Mark 1.17) Is God calling *you*? Contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997, or: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

