



Parish Week

Sunday, 3 March 2019

Saturday, 2 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey)
4.00 pm St. M.G. Sch. 1st Com. Family Instruction #1
5.00 pm Mass: † Arthur Braganza (family)

SUNDAY, 3 MAR. / 8 - C

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Salvacion Hubilla (Fe Edna & Family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Cyril D'Souza (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 4 Mar. / St. Casimir

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Joel Benedict (mother)
6.00 pm St. M.G. School 1st Com. Family Instruction #1
7.00 pm Mass: † Paul Vaz (family)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 5 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francis Jegasothy (Josephine)

Wednesday, 6 Mar. / ASH WEDNESDAY

- *Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence*
■ *All Ash Wednesday Masses include distribution of blessed ashes*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Zeca Almeida (Ondine)
8.45 am St. Maria Goretti School Ash Wednesday Liturgy
10.30 am ► St. Albert School A.W. Liturgy (Juniors)
11.15 am ► St. Albert School A.W. Liturgy (Seniors)
7.00 pm Mass: † Francisco Di Michele (family)

Thursday, 7 Mar. / St. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Rodol Ongjoco (Tolentino family)
9.10 am St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Instruction # 1
7.00 pm Mass: Vicente Roldan (Cristeta Villanueva)

Friday, 8 Mar. / St. John of God, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Justo Solana (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Valeria & Melicio Canda (family)

Saturday, 9 Mar. / St. Frances of Rome, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
11.30 am Stewardship: Meeting with Ministry Facilitators
12.00 pm *ShareLife* Committee
5.00 pm Mass: † Bert Lahey (Helen Hillier)

SUNDAY, 10 MAR. / LENT 1-C

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Nilda Ortiz
(Connie Santos & Cory Hernandez)
10.30 am Mass: † Marissa Luge (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Wong Cho & Maria Lan Ken
(Angela Tam)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

8th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Sirach 27.4-7; Corinthians 15.54-58; Luke 6.39-45

Grand us, O Lord, we pray that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Philomena Fernando Edward Blaker
Esther Gaghadar Charles Yang



The **46 Victims** of the **terrorist attacks** in **Burkina Faso**

Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

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 parish *Stations of the Cross* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The Facilitators for 2019 will be:

March	8	Catholic Women's League
	15	Youth Ministry
	22	Altar Servers
	29	St. Vincent de Paul
April	5	Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers
	12	Knights of Columbus
	19	Lectors



Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (7 April). Kindly place them in the *palm box* in the Vestibule.

New Altar Servers

The training meetings conclude on Saturday, 2 March for our new Altar Server Candidates. The induction ceremony will be on 17 March.



COMING UP

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16 Mar.	Wedding: David Shirbon – Leanne Vase (3:00 pm)
17 Mar.	<i>ShareLife</i> talk, James Cyfko, Hilton Chiu, Alvin Joys; - Religious Articles Sale; - Knights of Columbus Meeting (1:00 pm)
20 Mar.	► St. Albert School Lenten Reconciliation (9:15 am)
21 Mar.	St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Reconciliation (8:45 am)
23 Mar.	Stewardship Lenten Ministry Reflection (11.30 am – 2.30 pm)
24 Mar.	- 2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> ;
31 Mar.	2 nd Collection: <i>ShareLife</i>

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For more information, see page 3 in the website bulletin.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of FASTING AND ABSTINENCE. Ashes will be distributed at all our liturgies that day.

FASTING (one full meal and two smaller meals, no snacking) applies to those 18-60 years. This does not apply to those who are pregnant, sick or elderly.

ABSTINENCE from meat applies to those 13 and older.

During Lent, the **faithful** PREPARE FOR EASTER through:

☐ Prayer ☐ Penance and ☐ Works of Charity or Mercy.

During the Lenten season, we see some changes to the Liturgy:

The “*Alleluia*” is not sung, and is omitted in prayers.

Musical instruments are used sparingly, only as necessary accompaniment for singing;

Flowers are not placed in the Sanctuary, from the Baptistry to the Tabernacle. Any donations (e.g., from funerals) must be placed in the Blessed Virgin Shrine area.

In the RCIA, **Catechumens** present themselves to the regional **Bishop** at the *Rite of Election*, to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery through the various stages of Christian Initiation.

ShareLife 2019

Soon we will be launching our 2019 *ShareLife* Campaign. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages!

Today, we reflect on *Living the Gospel in countless ways*.

You might not realize the impact of your donation to *ShareLife*. Your generosity supports over 40 agencies that help thousands of people in your community and beyond. From counselling for someone suffering from depression, to a meal for someone who has nothing to eat, to support for a young mother trying to finish high school – you are making a difference in the lives of those who turn to a *ShareLife* agency for help.

As the 2019 Parish Campaign approaches, we thank you for your faithful support!

ShareLife Committee

Next *ShareLife* Committee meeting: 12.00 pm, Saturday, 9 March.



RCIA Rite of Election

2 pm, 10 March, St. Joseph Church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, 10 March, RCIA & RCIC candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION.

This year's ELECTION will be conducted by **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** at 2.00 pm at St. Joseph Church, 200 Morrish Road, Scarborough.



Sacramental Preparation

2 & 4 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

1st Holy Communion Instruction #1

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

Experiencing Lent

Here is a real 12-Step Program for your Lenten renewal.

At home

1. **Prayer:** Make sure to pray Grace together at family meals; pray the Rosary daily – offer the Sorrowful Mysteries on Friday. Read Psalms 27 and 146 at Morning and Evening Prayer. Include the *Divine Mercy* devotion in your daily prayer. Meditate on the Stations of the Cross daily. On Sunday, share *Evening Prayer*: gather as a family, or with friends, using the formula provided in the current Sunday Missal (books at the office: \$5).

2. **Peace Time:** Read some solid spiritual books this Lent; note the references to the Sunday Readings (under “Focus on the Word” in the second column), and read them in your Bible at home at a quiet time during the week. Let the Word of God permeate your life and bring you healing and peace.

Prayer and Church Community

3. **Weekday Eucharist:** Participate in daily Mass as detailed each week in the Parish bulletin.

4. **Stations of the Cross:** Pray the Stations after daily Mass; join as a family in the weekly parish Stations, every Friday at 7:30 pm, following the 7.00 pm Mass.

5. **Prayer and Action:** Offer the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* your time & talent to help the poor. In addition to the hour's wage as the Sunday Offering, sacrifice a day's wages for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, to help people to help themselves.

Concern for One Another

6. **Ghost:** Be helpful to people anonymously, without revealing who you are to take credit.

7. **Threads:** Got any good clothes to spare? Set them aside for the St. Vincent de Paul's *Bundle Sunday*.

8. **Lift:** Spend time with someone who is hurting and really needs encouragement. Set aside your own problems for a moment, and pray with that person for God's peace.

Forgiveness: Self-Concern and Others

9. **Reconciliation:** Have a good Confession early in Lent; make up with God; open up – every Saturday, 4:00 pm. This is the Sacrament that keeps our hearts from getting clogged by sin; instead of growing cold, warm up!

10. **Family Forgiving Time:** Take time to reflect upon the past year, and talk about your relationships at home. Pray to God for help in discerning areas that need renewal, forgiveness and healing and then take action.

Fasting and Almsgiving

11. **Shrink:** Remember that both *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday* are days of Fast and Abstinence. In Lent, observe abstinence every Friday. This is a spiritual exercise. Choose a time in your period of fasting when you can concentrate, and pray for a spirit of solidarity between our own poverty, and that of the poor in our city and in the developing nations.

12. **Grow:** Ask God for help to get into spiritual self-renewal. Select appropriate acts of self-denial during Lent, and follow through! Cut out smoking; cap the alcohol; abstain from favorite foods; limit your time on the internet; and skip the mindless TV - pick programs from Catholic stations that highlight life's positive values, or just give “The Screen” a rest one day a week.



SL ShareLife

[Photo above] Members of our Parish *ShareLife* Committee gather on 23 February to plan the 2019 Campaign.

(COMMITTEE MEMBERS, l-r: *Back:* Fr. Edwin Galea, Laureano Cruz, Peter Carnie *chair*, Judel Villardo, Ray Dabrowski, Willie Mulla, Cezar Corbillon, Shahana Gomes & son Jason; *Front:* Erma Jeresano, Norma Cruz, Celine Donald, Cheryl Dalliday)

As we prepare for our 2019 *ShareLife* campaign, it would be helpful to revisit the Mission and Vision statements.

The Mission and Vision of *ShareLife*

The primary focus of *ShareLife* is supporting agencies that carry out the mission work of the Church. Their efforts to serve the marginalized in our communities and around the world are made possible thanks to our donors' generosity.

By supporting *ShareLife*, we extend a helping hand to some of the most isolated and vulnerable people in our region. Every contribution rebuilds hope and reinforces self-worth, as our agencies treat clients with compassion, care and respect.

ShareLife is how the Catholic community collectively demonstrates our commitment to fulfilling the Gospel value to "love one another as I have loved you."

MISSION: *To live the Gospel by providing for those in need*

Our mission statement speaks to our focus on bringing Gospel values to the greater community. By supporting agencies that provide for those in need and operate in line with the values of our faith, we bring the hands of Christ to people in need.

VISION: *The Catholic community and its partners responding generously with justice and love*

Our vision reflects "*Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love*," one of the five core directions of the PASTORAL PLAN of the Archdiocese of Toronto. We desire that all Catholics, and our partners in the corporate community, respond to the call to serve the poor to the best of their ability.

PRINCIPLES

REVERENCE FOR LIFE AT ALL STAGES – This has been a core principle of *ShareLife* since our founding in 1976. We hold all lives sacred from conception to natural death. All of our agencies hold this value and maintain it in everything they do. In a society that now permits assisted suicide, our agencies care for those who face end-of-life issues. We continue to assist mothers who wish to raise their children in the face of difficult personal circumstances.

COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – We are committed to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable locally and around the world. All humans are created in the image of God and have the right to live with dignity.

COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – We value the work Catholic Charities, our agencies, and our parishes do to communicate the message of *ShareLife*. We work closely with these groups and our parishioners to promote *ShareLife* year round.

RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR RESOURCES – We have always treated every contribution to *ShareLife* as a sacred trust. All contributors have a right to know how their funds are being used. Maintaining a low cost ratio of less than 11%, we work to ensure the maximum amount possible is dedicated to the work of our agencies.