



# Parish Week

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
From The mouth of God.

Sunday, 17 March 2019

## Saturday, 16 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Audrey Caza (Beatriz Remedios)  
12.00 pm Finance Council  
3.00 pm Wedding: David Shirbon & Leanne Vase  
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Frances Andreas  
(Antania Ambrose)

## SUNDAY, 17 MAR. / LENT 2-C

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- Share Life Presentation, James Cyfko, Hilton Chiu, Alvin Joys
- Religious Articles Sale

- 9.00 am Mass: † Patricia Kang (family)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Aurelia Adriano (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 18 Mar. / St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eardley Hall (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Frank Tarone (Steve Aldorasi)

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

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Lillian D'Souza & famiy)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Amalia Ongjoco (Tolentino family)

## Wednesday, 20 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Olga Braganza (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Michele Morra (Jerry & Tina)

## Thursday, 21 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carlos Rodrigues (Amelia Bernardez)  
8.45 am St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Reconciliation  
1.10 pm St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Instruction #2  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Maristela Velasco on her Birthday (family)

## Friday, 22 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lolita Barboza (Tato family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Beato & Natalina Gonsalves  
(D'Cunha family)  
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Altar Servers)

## Saturday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (Helen)  
11.30 am Stewardship Lenten Ministry Reflection  
5.00 pm Mass: † Anjelica & Dominic Fernandez (Joe)

## SUNDAY, 24 MAR. / LENT 3-C

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance
- R&R March Report

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan De Verno (Pamela)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe (friends)  
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# Focus on the Word

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

Genesis 15.5-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 9.28-36

*O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Gemer Castro** **Dr. Barrie deVeber**  
**Leo Joseph Doucette** **Antonio Esporas Sr.**

**Cardinal Fernando Sebastian Aguilar of Pamplona, Spain**  
**Bishop Armando Bortolaso of Aleppo, Syria**  
**The 37 Victims of the terrorist attack in Mali**

## 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 remaining Facilitators for 2019 will be:

March	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.

## COMING UP

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31 Mar.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>ShareLife Appeal</i>
1 Apr.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
2 Apr.	St. Maria Goretti School Lenten Mass (12:30 pm)
7 Apr.	Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

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

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

For more information on these and other parish activities, see pages 3 - 5 in the website bulletin.

# Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who will be receiving the Sacraments of *Eucharist* and *Confirmation*:

21 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**  
1.10 pm **Confirmation Instruction #2**

27 March: **St. Albert School**  
9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #2**

3 April: **St. Albert School**  
9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #3**

4 April: **St. Maria Goretti School**  
9.10 am **Confirmation Instruction #3**

6 & 8 April: **St. Maria Goretti School**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Instruction #2**  
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

**28 April: FIRST COMMUNION MASS**  
ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: 2.30 pm

## Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates have begun using their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. They represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers and gifts to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus. 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 unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

## Altar Servers *Novice Installation, 17 March*

Would you like to be an Altar Server? Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. For servers who have completed the New Year Training series, the installation of Novices will be held on 17 March, at the 12.00 noon Mass.

## Ash Wednesday

**William McLeod**, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in Bountiful, Utah, was forced to wash off his Ash Wednesday cross by a teacher who did not understand Lent. The Davis School District later apologized for the incident, as did the teacher in a handwritten note.



## Passion of Christ Conference *23 March*

*Sponsored by the Ave Maria Centre of Peace*  
With **Barrie Schwartz** and **Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC.**  
Saturday, 23 March, 8 am to 6 pm, at the Toronto Pavilion, 190 Railside Road. Free admission; registration required at: Eventbrite.ca. For more information, call: 416-251-4245.

# ShareLife 2019

## *Living the Gospel by helping the vulnerable*

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. "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."

31 March is *ShareLife* Sunday.



## Speakers from St. Augustine Seminary

At our Masses on 16/17 March, our parish is honoured to have our three Seminarians serve as *ShareLife* speakers, on behalf of ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY: **James Cyfko, Hilton Chiu, Alvin Joys.**

## Our Parish Goal

Our parish goal for 2019: \$43,000.00

### BY WAY OF COMPARISON:

Bugatti *La Voiture Noire* sports car \$25,000,000.00

Manny Machado's 10-year contract with the San Diego Padres, signed 19 February 2019 \$300,000,000.00

### MILITARY EXPENDITURES FOR 2018:\*

Russia \$ 63,000,000,000.00

Saudi Arabia \$ 83,000,000,000.00

China \$ 168,000,000,000.00

\* *International Institute for Strategic Studies*

U.S. National Debt, 31 Dec. 2018 \$ 22,000,000,000,000.00

## Finance Council *16 March*

The next Finance Council and R&R Committee meeting will be at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 16 March.

## Stewardship Ministry Reflection *23 March*

All parish Liturgical, Service and Administrative ministry participants are invited to a STEWARDSHIP LENTEN MINISTRY REFLECTION on Saturday, 23 March, from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm. This is a time of prayer, to grow in our relationship with Christ and in service to our parish. Make sure you have picked up your personal invitation, and see the Agenda at the Ministry Room.

## R&R Report *24 March*

The next R&R report will be made at all Masses on 23/24 March, detailing the work completed on the Rectory foundation repairs..



“As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our archdiocesan appeal during this Lent!

- *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

## Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Durham

Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County

Catholic Family Services of Toronto (416) 921-1163

Catholic Community Services of York Region

FertilityCare Toronto (416) 465-2868

Natural Family Planning Association | (416) 481-5465

## Children and Youth

Camp Ozanam (416) 364-5577

Covenant House (416) 598-4898

Office of Catholic Youth (416) 599-7676

Sancta Maria House (416) 925-7333

Youth-In-Transition (416) 598-4898

## People with Special Needs

Mary Centre of Toronto (416) 630-5533

Our Place Community of Hope (416) 598-2919

Saint Elizabeth Health Care (905) 940-9655

Silent Voice Canada (416) 463-1104

St. Bernadette Family Resource Centre (416) 654-9810

St. Michael's / Matt Talbot Houses (416) 926-8267

Street Haven at the Crossroads (416) 967-6060

## Elderly People

Centres d'Accueil Héritage | (416) 365-3350

LA Centre for Active Living | (416) 452-4875

Providence Healthcare | (416) 285-3666

Society of Sharing | (416) 413-0380

## Immigrants and Refugees

Catholic Cross-Cultural Services | (416) 757-7010

Office for Refugees | (416) 934-0606 ext. 804

## Single and Teen Parents

Rosalie Hall | (416) 438-6880

Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services |  
(905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) | (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)

Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers | (905)  
853-5514

Vita Centre | (905) 502-7933

## Education of Clergy

St. Augustine's Seminary | (416) 261-7207

Office of Vocations | (416) 968-0997

Redemptoris Mater Seminary | (416) 264-9477

## International Development and Missions

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development &  
Peace | (416) 922-1592

Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567

## Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto |  
(416) 934-3401

## Special Projects

Special Project funding was directed to our Parish Outreach to Seniors pilot project, Grief Reconciliation for Young Mothers pilot project and Shared Services between agencies for financial management, human resources and information technology.

## Grants-in-aid Agencies

The deVeber Institute

Birthright International - Toronto

Toronto Right to Life

New Beginnings

Canadian Food for Children

Good Shepherd Ministries

St. John Paul the Great Family Centre

Hospital Chaplaincy

Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities \*

\* Catholic Charities, with the support of *ShareLife*, provided additional community grants for services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying; to refugees and immigrants; to children living in poverty; and for prison ministry through community reintegration programs.

# Cardinal Thomas Collins: Pastoral Letter for Lent 2019

Through the penitential season of Lent, Christians are invited each year to look deeply at the foundation of their life in Christ. Lent is a time to focus our so often dispersed attention, to cut away those things that distract us from considering what really matters in life. The great English writer, Monsignor Ronald Knox, once described Catholic education as an enterprise that allowed students to “fly to the heart of things.” That is what Lent allows us to do: to fly to the heart of things.

Lent begins with ashes and ends with fire. The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are made from the palms that exemplify the fickleness of the human praise received by Jesus on Palm Sunday. “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Those words remind us that so many things we waste our time on are useless; they are not at the heart of things. Lent prepares us for the experience of the Easter Vigil, when we celebrate the new life in Christ which is at the heart of things, and which is symbolized by the Easter fire, and by the Easter candle, the sign of the light of Christ, which is ritually carried into the darkened church, which then becomes bright with light as we catch the fire from the candle, and share it with our neighbour.

In order to focus our attention in Lent, the Church invites us to engage in the practices recommended by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, in Chapter 6 of the Gospel of Matthew: *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*. In this Lenten letter I would like to highlight a few ways in which we can respond to this invitation of Our Lord.

Certainly it is spiritually valuable to engage more earnestly in a life of prayer in this penitential season. There is no better time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we can prepare for it by a daily examination of conscience, by making the Stations of the Cross, and by the constant practice of the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Daily reading of a portion of the Bible, especially the Gospels and Psalms, will draw us closer to God, and illuminate the path ahead. And of course, until we see God face to face, there is nothing on this earth more important than the encounter with God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is continued through time in Eucharistic adoration.

We can be enslaved to our appetites, and to the things of this world, which are ultimately dust. Is it not sad that a common way in which each of us is classified is as a “consumer”? Do I want to be remembered on my

tombstone: “Here lies a consumer”? So often we think that our wants are our needs, and become slaves to our desires, weakening our will to control our appetites. In Lent we should fast in some way, so that we may become focused on what truly matters. The most obvious way is to give up some food or drink. But a more fruitful fast might be to cut back or eliminate some forms of social media, which can truly enslave us. In whatever way is most spiritually fruitful, we should do significant fasting in Lent.

Although prayer and fasting are surely important, this year I would like to emphasize the importance of almsgiving, which means a generous sharing with others, especially those in need. It may well be that the most valuable thing we can share is our time, for our lives are woven out of time, and when we give time generously to another, we give our very selves.

In this Archdiocese the primary way in which we engage in almsgiving is through ShareLife, in which we as a Catholic community reach out to care for the most vulnerable among us. As disciples of Jesus, when we make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife, we put our money where our mouth is.

One vitally important but not well known way we make the love of Christ present in this suffering world is the *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*. It began in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853), a 20 year old university student in Paris, who with his Catholic friends was trying to study the faith, and to explain the Catholic faith in the anti-Catholic university world of their day. One antagonistic student challenged them: you talk so much about your faith, but where do we see you putting it into action? Frederic and his young friends took that challenge to heart, and in addition to prayer and study of religion, they headed out into the streets of Paris, offering practical assistance to those in need.

They were guided by Sister Rosalie Rendu (1786-1856), a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who had experience in helping those in need. Frederic and his friends decided to found a Society named after St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660), who in his day offered practical service to slaves and others in dire need.

In his brief life of 40 years Frederic became a great scholar, and a loving husband and father, and his Society spread. Dr Joseph Painchaud, a Canadian studying in Paris, was one of the many students who joined the Society, and when he returned to Canada established it in Quebec in 1846. Dr George Muir was a member of the Quebec Conference of the Society, and when he moved to Toronto established it here at St



Michael's Cathedral in 1850. It has since spread throughout Canada. You can understand why I named our most recent parish "Blessed Frederic Ozanam Parish." Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul at the World Youth Day in Paris in 1997, and Sister Rosalie was beatified in 2003.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in our area is engaged in numerous endeavours that serve those in need, and which are funded not only by donations to the Society, but also by the municipal and provincial governments. It operates shelters for women, a prison apostolate, supportive housing, Community Homes, recovery programs and Community Stores. Each night the Society provides emergency and long term housing for almost 300 people. They also run summer camps for girls (*Marygrove*) and for boys (*Camp Ozanam*) supported by the Archdiocese and *ShareLife*.

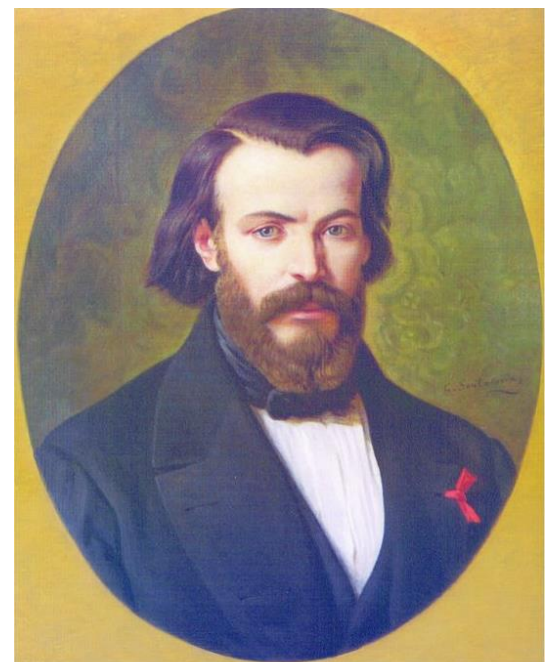
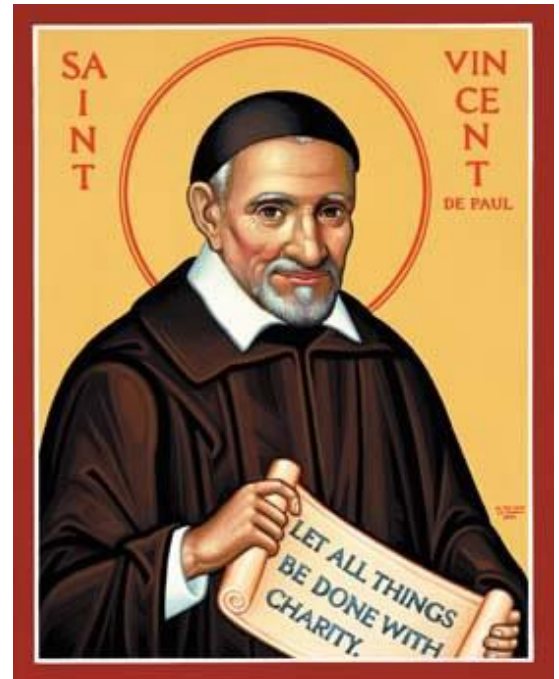
One most visible aspect of the mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is the way in which it cares directly for our neighbours in need in the parish. Over 1200 volunteers make over 28,000 home visits giving assistance with food, beds, clothing and basic supplies. They visit 18,000 children, and 25,000 adults, including those who are isolated, lonely, and suffering from mental health issues.

You may see members of the Society at the doors of the Church after Mass soliciting donations. In our diocese each year over two million dollars is raised and given to those in need. I very strongly urge you to donate. In so many ways, the local conference of the Society reaches out in a most practical way to serve those who are suffering, and also, of course, as with Frederic and his young friends, offers a profound opportunity for the members to grow in holiness as disciples of Jesus. There are conferences of the Society in about half of our parishes. I want a vibrant conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to be active in every parish in this Archdiocese. I urge you to support generously the work of the Society and to become a member.

As we enter into the holy season of Lent this year we need to step back from the clutter and distraction of our lives, and fly to the heart of things, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Two of the ways in which we can generously support our neighbours in need are *ShareLife* and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. May God give us the determination to put our faith into action by doing so.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Thomas Cardinal Collins**  
*Archbishop of Toronto*



*Above: St. Vincent de Paul,  
Blessed Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam*