



# Parish Week

Sunday,  
7 April 2019

## Saturday, 6 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † For the Unborn (Audrey)
- 4.00 pm St. M.G. School 1<sup>st</sup> Com. Family Instruction #2
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Mina & Mukesh Kapadia  
40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## SUNDAY, 7 APR. / LENT 5-C

### ■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Lydia Marquez on her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 10.30 am Mass: † Alex Rodrigues (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Michele Morra (Sophie Salve)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 8 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juliet Caldeira (Caldeira & Das family)
- 1.00 pm St. Albert School Lenten Mass
- 6.00 pm St. M.G. School 1<sup>st</sup> Com. Family Instruction #2
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Leo & Betty Landry  
(John & Louise Arsenaull)

## Tuesday, 9 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Noel Fernando
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Vicente Roldan & Louis Donnelly

## Wednesday, 10 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (Caroline)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Michele Morra & Anne Lily Jeyarajah

## Thursday, 11 Apr. / St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Magdalena Gatchalian & Linda Brett
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Segundo Jo (family)

## Friday, 12 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Doris Marquez (friends)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus)

## Saturday, 13 Apr. / St. Martin I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)

## PASSION SUNDAY, 14 APRIL / HOLY WEEK BEGINS

### ■ Religious Articles Sale

- 9.00 am Mass: † Salvatore Fidio (Carmela & family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Visitacion & Rodolfo Leal  
(Ellen Cruz & family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Billy & Ludy Ombac (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

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

Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.8-14; John 8.1-11

*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

Mark James O'Connell  
Rosy Rebello  
Janet Triunfo Woo



## The 50 Victims of the Mosque Shooting in New Zealand

## 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 following the 7.00 pm Mass.

The remaining Facilitators for 2019 will be:

April 12 **Knights of Columbus**  
19 **Lectors**

## 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



There will be an important general meeting for all Servers at 9.00 am on Saturday, 13 April, to review the Holy Week liturgies. Please come to walk through our Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday procedures.

## COMING UP

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- 14 Apr. **Palm Sunday:** *Holy Week* begins
- 18 Apr. **Holy Thursday:** *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;*  
- Adoration until midnight
- 19 Apr. **Good Friday:** *The Passion of Our Lord*
- 21 Apr. **Easter Sunday:** *Resurrection of Our Lord;*  
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory;* (b) *Easter*
- 28 Apr. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance;*  
St. Maria Goretti 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (2:30 pm)
- 5 May *ShareLife* Presentation, **David Bruce**
- 15 June ▶ Lectors' Workshop, Precious Blood Church (9 am - 2 pm)

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

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

# ShareLife 2019

Living the Gospel  
by supporting those  
with disabilities



Ben, a 66-year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to MARY CENTRE, a *ShareLife* agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of MARY CENTRE's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

May 5 is the next *ShareLife* Sunday.

Please give generously. Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

## Sacramental Preparation

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

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

**1 May: CONFIRMATION MASS**

ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL: 7.00 pm

**5 May: FIRST COMMUNION MASS**

ST. ALBERT SCHOOL: 2.30 pm

**9 May: CONFIRMATION MASS**

ST. ALBERT SCHOOL: 7.00 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.

### A Special Thank You

Many thanks to **Ashanthi Balachandran**, who kindly provided the pre-Holy Week cleaning of all the *bas-reliefs* (the raised plaster art) on our walls during the Third Week of Lent. This year, she was joined by her son **Jaysen**, who assisted in the delicate task of carefully dusting the figures in the Scriptural and devotional images, as well as the Stations of the Cross.

## RCIA *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Please pray for all who participated in the RITE OF ELECTION at St. Joseph Church, Highland Creek, on 10 March 2019:

**Elect (for Baptism)**

**RCIA : Stachia Adman-Reid, Olubukola Alabi, Miriam Asomani, Dione Burrell, Jeanette Cameron, Yanyao Fu, Fitzroy Harding, Kamesha Henry, Jinsy Joseph, Alanda Mayers, Vivian Oghogho, Hezekiah Olukare, Josephine Olukare, Roderic Ralston, Kevin Turner**

**RCIC: Xavier Cameron-Edwards, Gift Izekor, Hope Izekor, Pierce Laryea, Jeremiah Mayers, Elyshua Olukare, George Pei, Dodge Walford**

**Candidates for Enrolment of Names (for Profession)**

**RCIA: Grace Canto, Vince Fermo, Anthony Gittens, Richard Gomes, Patricia Pariñas, Soji Philip**

**RCIC: Leona Robin, Alexandra Santos**

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

On Sunday, 24 March, the ELECT celebrated the *Scrutinies* at the 7.00 pm Mass. On Friday, 5 April, 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 (20 April) and the Easter Octave (27 April); and the new INQUIRERS who are beginning the process of journeying towards membership in Christ's Body.



## Good Friday Collection

19 April: *Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*

We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. We feel 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 is an opportunity to respond. By our prayer and support, our community can ensure a significant contribution for the faithful; 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).



# 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 things that distract us from considering what really matters in life. The great English writer, Monsignor Ronald Knox, described Catholic education as an enterprise that allowed the 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 at the heart of things, and 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 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.

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

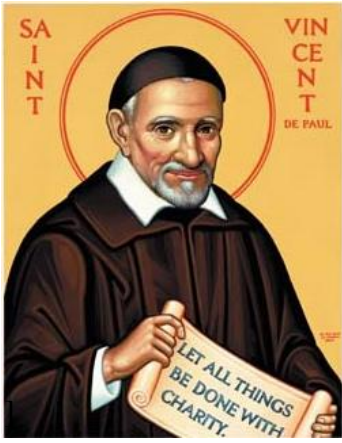
Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Daily prayerful reading of a portion of the Bible, especially the Gospels and Psalms, will draw us closer to God, and illuminate the path ahead. And until we see God face to face, there is nothing on this earth more important than the encounter 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.

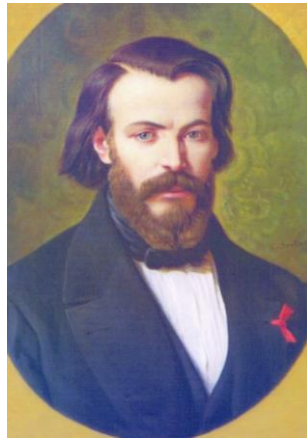


Although prayer and fasting are surely important, this year I would like to emphasize the importance of almsgiving, which means a generous sharing with others, especially those in need. It may well be that the most valuable thing we can share is our time, for our lives are woven out of time, and when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



*St. Vincent de Paul*



*Blessed Frederic Ozanam*

One vitally important but not so well known way of making the love of Christ present in this suffering world is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. It was founded in 1833 in Paris by a 20 year old university student, Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853), 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 put it into action? Frederic and his friends took that challenge to heart, and in addition to prayer and religious study, they headed out into the streets of Paris, offering practical assistance to those in need.

In this they were guided by Sister Rosalie Rendu (1786-1856), a Daughter of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, who had much more experience in helping those in need than did the young university students. Frederic and his companions decided to found a Society named after St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660), who had offered practical service to the 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 and recovery programs and Community Stores. Each night the Society provides emergency, supportive, and long term housing for almost 300 people. They 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 well 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 distributed 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**