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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

BAPTISM:

Baptism kits are available from the church office after weekend Masses. A kit **MUST** be picked up before attending a Baptism Preparation Class. Please note that, due to the large size of our parish, Baptism dates are booked 2 months in advance, at the Preparation Class.

MARRIAGE:

Contact parish office **ONE YEAR BEFORE**.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:	9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**PREPARATION COURSES MANDATORY FOR
BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

Sacraments & Worship

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please note that on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent this year, we will be reverting to the Year 'A' cycle of readings. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops give parishes permission to do so, if they are celebrating the three Rites of Scrutiny for the Elect of the parish's RCIA programme.

Hence, for the 3rd Sunday of Lent, our readings are as follows:

**Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 95,
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42**

This week's reflection

Last week, Deacon Michael Hayes spoke about the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We heard how even Jesus was tempted by sin, yet turned away and remained faithful to the Gospel. Now, we hear about the ultimate sacrifice, the sacrifice of one's son. In realizing that Jesus is that son, that he sacrificed his life for us, we have to ask if our gifts to the Lord are sacrificial. Do we hunger to be faithful to the Gospel in our lives, to share our God-given gifts willingly? Fasting, one of the pillars of Lent, allows us to discover our hunger. This week, take time to reflect upon what you are truly hungry for in your life. Does it involve the Gospel?

Random act of Stewardship you can do at home

In keeping with the Lenten pillar of fasting, create a refrigerator magnet which says: ***"What can I do to help people who don't have a well-stocked refrigerator?"***

ST. PATRICK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Thursdays until April 2nd
EVENING PRAYER—7.15 pm
Spend 20 minutes in a unique prayer experience.

Fridays until April 3rd
STATIONS OF THE CROSS—7.30 pm
March 13 Families of Nazareth and Eucharistic Ministries
March 20 Knights of Columbus
March 27 Social Justice and Schola Choir
April 3 Youth

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday, March 9
8.30 am Nicholas Aniela Hudie

Tuesday, March 10
8.30 am John Rogers

Wednesday, March 11
9 am John Rogers
St. Patrick's School Mass

Thursday, March 12
8.30 am Victor Georgie Sr.

Friday, March 13
8.30 am Deceased & living members of Sorhaindo & Douglas families

Saturday, March 14
9 am Mass for Intentions of Recently Deceased
5 pm Intentions of members of Del Castillo family

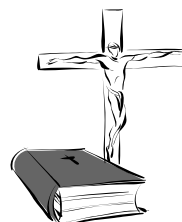
Sunday, March 15
4.30 pm Cesare DiFrancesco

PLEASE remember the sick in your prayers:

This month, we have been asked to pray for the following people:

Melvina Sutton, Erin Sarmiento, Winston Jones, Paul Notarfonzo, Celine de Souza, Consuelo Iletto, Paulette Greener.

For a complete list of those wishing to be kept in our prayers, please see our website, under *"Please remember the sick in your prayers..."*



PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday March 18th at 7 pm.
There will be a number of priests available for individual confessions following a communal service.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Tuesday March 17th at 7.30 pm.
Join your fellow parishioners for mass and then a social in the large hall afterwards, to celebrate our feast day.

Fasting and abstinence during Lent:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The obligation to fast binds those between 18 and 60, and the law of abstinence pertains to everyone over 14 years (Canon 1252 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law). The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day, but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening.

The law of abstinence forbids meat, but performing special acts of charity or piety may be substituted. Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays throughout the year (Canon 1251).

Fasting should never be done in a self-righteous way, to look good in the eyes of others, or even of God. Rather, fasting should be done to purify our bodies and minds, to take away what stands between God and us in our innermost hearts. The practice of "giving up" something for Lent is another way of fasting. When we decide to give up sweets, movies, cigarettes or a favourite TV programme, we are "fasting". Of even more value, however, is the giving up—or fasting from—habits that are detrimental to our spiritual health, and that go against the expectations God has for each of us.

**SUNDAY PROGRAMMES FOR
PRE-SCHOOLERS**

Faith development begins at birth and continues throughout one's lifetime. As part of their ongoing religious growth, the children of our community are invited to meet Jesus in the Gospels at a level they can understand. There are several opportunities in which this can take place during the Sunday masses:

8.45 am: children 4—7 years of age are called out after the opening prayer to participate in a Children's Liturgy. They return to the main assembly at the Offertory.

10.30 am and 12.15 pm:

Babysitting (for children 0-3 years of age) and Sunday School (for children 4-6 years of age) are available for the entire mass. The Gospel message is shared with each group and the children are guided to understand how it relates to their own lives.

These programs are not available on long weekends or during school vacations.

**MASS FOR THE INTENTIONS
OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

St. Patrick's is a large parish, and frequently when a parishioner wishes to arrange an "announced intentions" mass to be celebrated at our parish, they are dismayed to find out that the first available date is often six months or more in the future.

In order to meet the needs of parishioners **to have a mass celebrated shortly after the death of a loved one**, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, at the 9 am mass, there will be the opportunity for a number of intentions to be named. However, in accordance with Canon (Church) Law, for these masses, no stipend fee can be given to the parish; hence multiple intentions at these two bi-monthly masses can be proclaimed.

If you wish to have the names of loved ones remembered at these masses, please contact the parish office by the Thursday preceding the mass, so that the list can be prepared on the Friday. The names will be read out on the Sat. morning.

The next Mass for the Intentions of the Recently Deceased will be at 9 am on Sat. March 14.

BAPTISMS

This week, the following children are being baptized into our Catholic community.

Lia Sardelis, Shiloh Jerome

Let us pray for them, support them and their families, and lead them by our example.

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Infrastructure**

DONATION ENVELOPES

To avoid confusion and assist the admin staff, we ask that you please write your name and address on all donation envelopes you use on a weekly basis.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Servant Development

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH

Just a little note to wish everyone a fun and relaxing March Break!! Jr. and Sr. Youth meetings will resume after the break.

Please watch the website and bulletin for updates. See you all in a few weeks!

Service & Outreach

SENIOR'S SOCIAL

The next Senior's Social will be on Monday March 16 beginning at 1.30 pm with a Communion Service, followed by a social in the large hall. All seniors are welcome to attend this afternoon of fellowship.

What's Happening

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Michael—see the link on our website under “*What’s Happening*”.

PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY IN FAITH AND LOVE, July 3-5

\$230 per person, double or triple room. Includes accommodation, transportation, some meals.

Join a group of pilgrims to deepen your faith and enjoy the peace and serenity at the following shrines in Quebec:

Notre-Dame-du-Cap, St. Joseph, St. Peregrine, St. Anne de Beaupre.

Call Agatha Moo Choy 905-471-6794 before 8 pm. Reservations required, spaces limited.

SALE OF BELGIAN CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS

After all masses the weekend of March 21 / 22.

The Marguerite Bourgeoys Family centre helps women and their families maintain their reproductive health. To raise funds, a representative will be here selling these eggs.

AL-ANON

Are you affected by someone else’s drinking? “AL-ANON” can help. Join a caring group who meets here at the church every Thursday morning at 10.

Outside our Community

Lenten Journey—Meditation Series

At Scarboro Mission—see the link on our website under “*Outside our Community*”.

Mass for the sick


Is celebrated every first Friday at 7.30 pm at St. Philip Neri Church, Downsview. Call 416-241-3101.

“Call to Mission” —an overnight retreat at Scarboro Missions for anyone wishing to explore the idea of being a missionary priest or lay missionary, March 20/21. Call 416-261-7135 to register.

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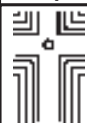
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