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# Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A—Mar 19, 2023

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of Mar 18 to Mar 25

### Feast of St. Joseph—Monday March 20th 2023

Mar 18	Sat	9:00 AM	† Dolphy D’Silva
		5:00 PM	† Albamo Alvares
Mar 19	Sun	9:00 AM	† Mary & Louis Furtado
		11:00 AM	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Reynaldo Bitong
Mar 20	Mon	9:00 AM	† Zonar Fan
Mar 21	Tue	9:00 AM	† Maria Ching Chih Lai
Mar 22	Wed	9:00 AM	† Marcelino & Rosario Gatchalian
Mar 23	Thur	9:00 AM	† Michael Boyle
Mar 24	Fri	9:00 AM	† Deogracias Del Mundo
			† Emilda Mary Rodricks
			† Agnes Fowler
			† Francesco Emanuele
			Intention of the Liverpool Family
			Intention of Rick and Connie Chua
		7:30 PM	† Deceased members of the Vurro & Ricupero family
			† Sydney Fonseca
Mar 25	Sat	9:00 AM	Intention of Alicia Santos
		5:00 PM	† Guglielmo Nichola Grande

## PAVING OF THE PARKING LOT

We have received approval to proceed with the paving of the parking lot on the land to the west of the church. There is a poster in the Narthex of what the parking lot will look like when completed. We have started submission of applications to the city for the permits to proceed, and expect to get these permits by mid April at which time we will go out to tender for construction. We expect the construction to occur during the summer and look to have it completed by the end of September.

## REFLECTION

Jesus is the light of the world. As he gave sight to the blind beggar without being asked, so he heals our blindness. Like the blind man’s healing and David’s anointing, our gift of faith and baptism are unmerited. The beggar’s sight was restored by washing in the pool; our baptismal washing is a sacramentally effective sign of the vision which faith alone gives.

Yet full understanding comes slowly. The beggar became a type of the faithful Christian when he witnessed steadfastly to Christ even before he had actually seen him. Jesus seeks him out and reveals his full identity; the beggar is then ready to respond, “ Lord, I do believe!” The letter to the Ephesians tells us that, if we are children of light, we will learn to view life as God does. Our entire behaviour will be affected. The good shepherd psalm assures that God will be with us even on our dark days. May we be light to all who are blind, our witnesses to Christ, the Light.

*(Sunday Mass Book for Canada)*

## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

**Catholic Women’s League:** Therese Baduria at 416.938-5855 General meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 2.  
**Faith Enrichment:** Bonnie Washer at 416.284-5772 Meetings on Thursdays at 9:30 – 10:45 am in Room 2.  
**Knights of Columbus:** Roy Van Deen at 416.899-2771. General meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in Room 2.  
**Legion of Mary:** Dawne Williams at 416.284-8699 or Manisha Raju 647.678-0371. Juniors contact Manisha.  
**Prayer Group:** Patricia Furtado at 416.724-8570 and Michael McManus at 416.438-8453. Meetings held every other Thursday at 7:30 pm.  
**Refugee Outreach:** Carmela Gaudet at 416.283-8151. Meets on the last Saturday of every month.  
**Seniors 50+ Club:** Joe Van Pinxteren at 416.284-4213 Refreshments, coffee, cards and companionship from 12 – 3:30 pm in the Hall every Wednesday. Seniors mass held every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11 am.  
**Social Committee:** Bryan Noble at 647.937-6631 or bryannoble1967@gmail.com  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 416.282-0370 ext. 217  
**Technology Ministry:** Isis Rebello at 416.286-0707  
**Youth Ministry:** Angie Bernard at 647. 242-8429 or abernard@archtoronto.org

## PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

### Weekly Activities:

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 9:30 am to 12: 00 pm.
2. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross every Friday from 7:30 - 8:30 pm
3. Lenten Talks every Thursday beginning with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm in the church hall. Come listen to some amazing power-filled priests and be spiritually filled in preparation of our Lord's Resurrection. All parishioners are welcome, feel free to bring along your family and friends. Light refreshments will be served.

### Other Activities:

1. Parish Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 18th at 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Join us for a prayerful and thought-provoking visio divina presentation of the Sorrowful Mysteries directed by Robert Leblanc. All are welcome— refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
2. Archdiocesan Day of Confessions for our parish on Tuesday 21st March, 2023 starting at 10:00 am
3. Parish Lenten Confessions on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm.

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH'S

The Feast of St. Joseph's will be celebrated this year on March 20th (since March 19th falls on a Lenten Sunday). There will be 2 Masses, both of which will be followed by a small reception in the Hall, at 9: 00 am and 7:30 pm.



## TDC St. Michaels Scholarship



The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship of \$3,000 to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by **May 31, 2023**. For further information, please contact Lucia Vacca at 416-283-3536



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION DATES 2023



### FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Sunday, April 16th @ 1 pm

-St. Brendan, St. Jean de Brebeuf

Sunday, April 23rd @ 1pm

-Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio, Sunday School

### CONFIRMATION MASS

Sunday, 30th April @ 1 pm

- St. Brendan, St. Jean de Brebeuf

Sunday, May 7th @ 1 pm

-Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio, Sunday School

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 6)	9 AM	Morning Prayer only
	8 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Good Friday (April 7)	9 AM	Morning Prayer only
	12 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
	3 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday (April 8)	9 AM	Morning Prayer only
	8 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday (April 9)	9 AM	Holy Mass
	11 AM	Holy Mass

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023

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