



Sat. Mar. 9
 5:00pm **For the People of the Parish**
 Sun. Mar. 10
 8:00am **+Tony DiZio**
 9:15am **+Primo Direnzo**
 10:30am **+Florinda Sirizotti**
 12:00 noon **+Angela Carnovale**
 Mon. Mar. 11
 7:00pm **+Margherita Presta**
 Tues. Mar. 12
 9:00am **+Anto Zeda**
 Wed. Mar. 13
 7:00pm **+Frank Lippa, +Cosimo Ientile**
 Thurs. Mar. 14
 7:00pm **+Antonio, Isabella & Patricia Virgilio
 & deceased members of the Romanelli
 family, +Francesco Cavallo, +Carolina Lisi**
 Fri. Mar. 15
 9:00am – **In Thanksgiving**

RCIA – The Rite of Election of Catechumens takes place this Sunday at St. Clare of Assisi Church at 3:00pm. After months of preparation, the Catechumens (those preparing for baptism) are elected or chosen by the Church to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. During the season of Lent they will begin their period of purification and preparation for this great event. The Catechumens are:

**Yang (Ocean) Jiang
 Preeti Singh
 Rahoul Singh
 Wing Hung (Iris) Tran
 Zhendong (Richard) Zhang
 Weirong (Tony) Zhu**

The CWL will be having a food drive for Canadian Food for Children beginning March 9-10 and ending March 30-31. The items we are collecting are:

**Bars of soap/body wash,
 toothpaste/toothbrushes,
 peanut butter
 rice.**

Please do not bring any other items as they cannot be used at this time.

We would like to thank all who contributed in the past and ask for your generosity to continue in helping our brothers and sisters in need....God Bless

The CWL will hold their General Meeting this Monday, March 11 at 7:45pm, in the Narthex.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – Because the Seminar had to be cancelled for the past three Wednesdays, due to bad weather, the entire Seminar has been cancelled at this time. We plan to have it in the Fall.

Children’s Liturgy will be cancelled this weekend and next weekend because of the March Break.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated this coming Friday evening in the church.

Bible Study –There will be no Bible Study next weekend due to the March Break. The last Bible Study will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 9:30am in the Chapel.

ShareLife 2019-Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies

“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, or 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 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal during this Lenten season!” — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

The first collection will take place on March 30/31.

An Aid to Examining Your Conscience

The following, based on the Ten Commandments is a list of questions to help you recognize what is sinful in your life. Remember also that some sins are more serious than others.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I seek to love God with all my heart and with all my strength? (Dt6:5) Do I put anything or anyone above God? Do I pray daily?
 Have I had any involvement with the occult, witchcraft, Wicca, Ouija boards, séances, tarot cards, new age crystals, fortune telling, or the like? Have I put faith in horoscopes?
 Have I received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I abused the sacrament of Penance by lying to the priest or deliberately not confessing a mortal sin? Have I denied a truth of the faith out of concern for the respect or opinion of others?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I used God's holy name irreverently? Have I blasphemed God, the Church, Mary, the saints, or sacred places or things?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I try to keep Sunday as a day of prayer, rest and relaxation, avoiding unnecessary work? Have I deliberately come late or left early from Mass without a good reason?

4. Honour your father and your mother.

Do I honour and respect my parents? Have I deliberately hurt my parents? Do I treat my children with love and respect? Do I support and care for the well-being of all family members? Have I neglected family duties? Do I honour and obey my lawful superiors?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I deliberately harmed anyone? Have I had an abortion or encouraged an abortion? Have I attempted suicide or seriously considered it? Have I abused drugs or alcohol? Have I led anyone to sin through bad example or through direct encouragement?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

(for the married) Am I faithful to my spouse in thought and action? Have I used artificial contraception or been sterilized? Was I married outside the Church without proper permission of the Church?

(for the unmarried) Have I engaged in sexual activity with anyone of either sex?

(for all) Have I deliberately viewed pornographic magazines, videos or internet websites? Have I masturbated? Have I used impure language or told impure jokes? Do I dress modestly?

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

"God, Heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy season of Lent. By the good works you inspire, help me to discipline my body to be renewed in Spirit. Without You, I can do nothing. By your Spirit, help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by your faith and be active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me your forgiveness, open my heart to your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during the Lenten season, nourish me with your word of life and make me one with you in love and prayer. Fill my heart with your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me a new life

by your sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp your hand; let me walk more readily in your ways. Guide me in your gentle mercy for left to myself I cannot do your will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from the old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen

Pastoral Visitors - Pastoral Visitors are available to bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass due to illness. If you know of someone in the Parish in need of this ministry, please call the office at 905-893-7879.

Altar Servers Needed - The Parish is currently inviting individuals grades 4 and higher to join in the Altar Server Ministry. This ministry is a way for parishioners to express their active participation in the life of the Church, and learn their faith on a personal level. If you or your child is interested, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Stained Glass Windows - Only 3 portions left! - Feeding the 5,000-3 portions available.

The window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500 per portion. A plaque will be placed below the window, once your portion has been paid in full. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please contact the office at 905-893-7879.

Longo Gift Cards - Longo gift cards are available. You can purchase the cards from the parish store in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25. For each purchase, Longo's will donate back to our Mortgage Fund. These make excellent gifts for your family, friends or employees. Please contact Maria at 905-893-7879 ext. 201

2018 Income Tax Receipts are available in the office for those that did not pick them up.

Sympathy - We offer our deep sympathy to Franca Chiaino and her family on the death of her mother, Michela Chiaino. May God grant her His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn her passing.