



Sat. Feb. 29

5:00 pm +**Tecla Tarantino**

Sun. Mar. 1

8:00 am +**Donato Ranieri**

9:15 am **For the People of the Church**

10:30 am +**Paolo & Vita Gruppuso**

12:00 noon +**Franca Carella**

Tues. Mar. 3

9:00 am **In Thanksgiving**

Wed. Mar. 4

7:00 pm+ **Marie-Andrée Vergis**

+**Michela Chiaino**

+**Domenic Gomes**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thurs. Mar. 5

7:00 pm +**Deceased members Virgilio &**

Romanelli Families

Fri. Mar. 6

9:00 am **Alfonso Tullio**

Feast Days This Week

Wed. Mar. 4 – **St. Casimir**

Sat. Mar. 7 – **St. Perpetual & St. Felicity,**
martyrs

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:

Feranak Ali

Ann Castro

Brian Chen

Ping Liu

Qi Lu

Lina Yuan

Joyce Zhu

The CALLED BY NAME vocations program allows each of us to nominate those in our parish whom we feel may have a call to the priesthood, religious life, or consecrated single life. Nominations are kept strictly confidential and are based on the character qualities described in the nomination form. Nominees must be between the ages of 17-45. Please return your nomination forms located in the narthex, either to the Parish office, or drop them in the special box

in the narthex. *CALLED BY NAME* culminates in a final gathering event for nominees with Cardinal Collins.

Baptism Class will be held this Monday, March 2nd, at 7:30pm for the parents and Godparents of the children to be baptized in March.

The Knights of Columbus will have their General Meeting this Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7pm at the Sisters.

Change in Time – The clocks move ahead one-hour next weekend.

First Friday – Friday March 6th, is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9am only. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the Mass.

Stations of the Cross – will be celebrated this coming Friday evening at 7pm in the church.

World Day of Prayer – On Friday, March 6th, at 2 pm, the World Day of Prayer will take place at Christchurch Anglican Church, 8045 Islington Ave. The prayer service is written by women from Zimbabwe. Please join us for this ecumenical service.

Canadian Food for Children - The CWL is hosting a food drive for Canadian Food for Children. It began on the weekend of February 15/16 and continues for 4 weeks, ending March 7/8. The food items requested by CFFC are: Rice, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Salt, and Canned Beans. We thank all parishioners who contributed in the past and hope that you continue to support this mission to help feed our brothers and sisters in need. In addition to the food items, we will be collecting eye glasses. If you have any used eye glasses that you have no use for, please bring them to the church. We will have a collection box available throughout the food drive and throughout the year. Let's help our brothers and sisters to see and put a smile on their faces.

Income Tax Receipts – are available to be picked up for 2019 for donations over \$50.00. Family of Faith donations will be sent to you from the Family of Faith Office.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Family Day Skate. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Children and Lent - One way to help children celebrate Lent is to help them make up a Lenten calendar. This can either be made in the standard calendar format, with squares for each day of the week, or it can be more like a poster, with a path of stepping stones to Easter. On each of these squares or stones, they can choose one sacrifice or offering. We offer some suggestions, but you could think of applying many more to your family. It's important that children chose their own, and arrange them according to their own preference. Some can be repeated several times:

Read a story from the bible about Jesus.
 Do a secret good deed for someone.
 Make the Stations of the Cross.
 Don't say anything unkind about anyone.
 Pray for each person in your family.
 Share something with someone.
 Don't eat between meals.
 Tell someone that you love them.
 Don't lose your temper.
 Give something nice away.
 Pray for persecuted and suffering Christians.
 Put away your clothes.
 Eat no sweets.
 Pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in Church.
 Don't complain about anything.
 Try to listen to others more.
 Write a letter to someone who is lonely.
 Do something nice for an elderly neighbour.
 Try to put others first all day today.
 Say sorry to someone.
 Smile today – watch everyone light up.
 Read the Sunday Gospel.
 Pray for those in purgatory.
 Pray for priests and religious (nuns and bothers)
 Ask Mary to help you love Jesus and lead you to Jesus.
 Draw one of the Stations of the Cross – write your own prayer to Jesus about this station.
 Use one of the gifts God gave you to do something nice for someone.
 Pray a decade of the Rosary for this special intention.
 Write a letter to Jesus thanking him for dying for us.
 Do something nice for someone to whom you aren't always nice.
 Draw a picture of Jesus on the Cross – do your very best, and give it to someone.

The Indoor Stations of the Cross, "Jesus Falls the Third Time" is available. There is one portion left at a cost of \$5,600.00. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please call the office at 905-893-7879.

Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels and Electrical Room to be completed
 Back Sacristy: Upper Storage Room with stairs
 Basement: Meeting Rooms and Kitchenette
 Washrooms
 Hall and Stage
 Kitchen
 Storage
 Outside: Outdoor Amphitheatre at rear of church
 Top coat for paving
 Two wells at sides of church – rocks
 Landscaping (trees, shrubs, plants, flowers)

If you or someone you know would like to assist in any way with these projects, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893- 7879.

Longo Gift Cards -are available for purchase in the gift store. They are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500. Longo's supports our parish by donating a percentage of the cards purchased to our mortgage fund. If you shop at Longo's why not purchase a gift card from the store and in doing so, help your parish. If you require large purchases for your company event etc., please call Maria in the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Gift of Hope – The Gift of Hope Ministry was established as an extension of the St. Padre Pio Christmas Drive designed to help families in need throughout the year. In March, we will be helping a senior who lives by herself and is facing financial distress. Grocery gift cards, cleaning supplies and kitchen essentials have been requested. Please see the full list of requests posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you can help, please take a tag for one of the listed items of need and return the purchased item by March 31st. Thank you for uniting as a Catholic Community to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings - "The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

**Our parish goal is \$85,400.00
 March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**