



Sat. Mar. 14

5:00 pm +**Francesco Cavallo**

Sun. Mar. 15

9:15 am +**Lorenzo & Vincenza Cosentino**

10:30 am +**Patricia St. Amand**

12:00 noon **For the People of the Parish**

Mon. Mar 16

7:00 pm +**John Hegarty**

Wed. Mar. 18

7:00 pm +**Marie-Andrée Vergis**

+**Angelo & Angela Tarantino**

+**Antonio & Giuseppina Bucci**

+**Thomas Koipuram**

Thurs. Mar. 19

9:00 am +**Maria Vomiero & deceased**

members of the Vomiero family

+**Fiore Luciani**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Fri. Mar. 20

9:00 am +**Remigio & Cristina D'Antonio**

Feast Days This Week

Tues. Mar. 17 – **St. Patrick**, bishop

Wed. Mar. 18 – **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Thurs. Mar. 19 – **St. Joseph**, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church.

A Father's Prayer to St. Joseph (Patron of Canada)

St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, grant me the spiritual gifts and virtues I need to fulfill my duties as head of the family entrusted to me by God. With the help of my wife, may I discharge the God-given responsibilities with devotion and respect, with faith and charity. Following your example may I bring to my daily task the care and respect that will really make it collaboration to God's work and a true service to men, my brothers.

In spite of social conditions and spells of sickness, may I earn enough to supply my family with food, lodging, clothing and education, in the joy of a heart safe from distress.

Teach me the true virtues of a husband and Christian educator. As you went to great pains to feed and educate Jesus, the child of God entrusted to your care, grant that I may bring up my children with love and firmness, with intelligence and tact; that I may pray with them and explain to them when and how I must, their obligations as Christians by word and act; may I stay calm and patient when they fail or err, without fear of admonishing and correcting them

when I must. May I give each one, according to his or her character and personality, the necessary incentives with special attention and affection. May I not be too often absent from home, since my wife and children require my presence. O St. Joseph, grant that I may always live as a true Christian, and observe the fidelity, the love and devotion I owe to my wife and children, since I have received from God the difficult and wonderful mission of leading them all to His Kingdom. Amen.

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

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

RCIA – This weekend the First Scrutiny will take place for those taking the RCIA program. This rite takes its name from the action of God in scrutinizing the hearts of those preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good, and to give them the strength that is in Christ who is our way, our truth and our life. This is also an opportunity for us to join in with the Elect in their spiritual journey by also scrutinizing our own life. The Elect are:

Feranak Ali
Ann Castro
Brian Chen
Ping Liu
Qi Lu
Lina Yuan
Joyce Zhu

Laetare Sunday – Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, the halfway point of Lent. The Latin word "Laetare" means 'to rejoice,' and the Church calls us to rejoice that Lent is half over. As a sign of that rejoicing, the vestments change from the colour of purple to the colour of rose. Flowers may decorate the altar and

solo musical instruments may be played. So why not wear something rose-coloured next weekend to express your joy.

Knights of Columbus – are selling Easter Colomba and Lindt Chocolates and chocolate Easter eggs in the Narthex after all Masses beginning next weekend up to and including Palm Sunday. Profits in the past have contributed in supporting parish projects and initiatives. Please support the Knights.

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.

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.

Children’s Liturgy – Will not be held on the weekend of March 21/22 because of the March break. It will resume of March 28/29.

Bible Study has ended at this time and will resume in the Fall.

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.

Income Tax Receipts –2019 tax receipts are available in the office for pick up during office hours.

Rosary Group – we invite all parishioners to come together as a group to recite the Holy Rosary every Friday in the chapel after the 9:00am Mass.

Pastoral Visitors – are available to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness. If you know someone in the parish in need of this ministry, please call the office 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.

Women’s Lenten Retreat - Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, on March 20-22, 2020. The retreat is entitled “In the Spirit of Quietude” preached by Fr. Peter Nowak OMI. The centre is located at 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON L5H 2C3. For more information please call (905) 278-5229

Chalice - Thank you to all the families that sponsored a child this year. A total of 42 adoptions have been confirmed with more potential files on the way. For more information on Chalice, please go to www.chalice.ca or call 800-776-6855.

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