

## Sunday, February 18, 2024



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."  
- Mk 1:14-15

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 19, 2024

8:15am: + Carol Anderson

### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:15am: + David Hobart

7:00pm: + Paul Wijeskara & Cathrin Fernando

### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:15am: + Arthur & Iris Pinto

### Thursday, February 22, 2024

8:15am: + Louisa D'Souza

### Friday, February 23, 2024

8:15am: For Blessings Received

7:00pm: + Halina Maria Kozlowska

+ Bernie Prachert

+ Antonio Cruz

+ Manuel & Filomena Capelo

In Thanksgiving—Joseph Andre Torre Franca

+ All Souls

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:15am: + Felicitas De Leon

5:00pm: + Carol Anderson

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30am: + Francesco & Giovanina Spadafora

10:00am: Josephine Osmar

12:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

7:00pm: Lilly Sula

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stpatricksyouth.com

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it *mean*?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean? Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine. — *Father John Muir*

## Lent

Please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all those who are 14 years and older, the law of fasting binds those who are 18-59 years of age.

## Lift Jesus Higher Rally

March 2, 2024, Metro Convention Centre  
Tickets available in the office.

For more info or tickets: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

## Office Hours

**NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Feb 19, 2024 and will re-open on Tuesday, Feb 20 at 9:00am. Happy Family Day!

### REGULAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm

Sat: 9:00am-12:00pm, 3:00pm-6:00pm

Sun: 9:00am-1:00pm

### **Please Pray for the Sick...**

*Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:*

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryan Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Theresa Torrefranca



### **CWL Public Speaking Contest**

The C.W.L. will be hosting the "**Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest**" in our Parish Hall on **Sun, February 25th at 1:30 p.m.**

ALL ARE WELCOME to hear speeches by our parish elementary school finalists from both junior and intermediate grades. Our intermediate finalist will advance to the regional level contest.

### **CWL Lenten Retreat**

St. Patrick's CWL Council invites all ladies to "**A Morning of Ignatian Meditation and Prayer**" on **Saturday, March 9th, 2024, after the 8:15am Parish Mass until 12:00 noon.**

Continental Breakfast will be served in the Hall, followed by a "Guided Meditation", facilitated by Questa K. Fernandes. No charge, but freewill offering is greatly appreciated for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Space is limited, pre-registration required. Please contact Gayle Dzis tel# 905-270-2159 or Andrea Tjioe email at [a\\_tjioe@yahoo.com](mailto:a_tjioe@yahoo.com) or text 416-525-3893.

### **Men's Social Gathering**

Starting 6<sup>th</sup> of March!

This will take place weekly every Wednesday night at 7:30 PM.

Anyone interested can reach out to Fehmi: (416) 732-4296, Lorenzo: (647) 549-9420, Mark: (647) 926-1128

### **Stations of the Cross**

You are all cordially invited to join us every Friday evening throughout Lent. Participating in the Stations of the Cross is a profound way to accompany Christ during these sacred days. The Stations will commence following the 7:00 pm Mass each Friday, except the first Friday, March 1st, which will begin at 6:00 pm, and will be lead by the different organizations in our parish, as follows:

- February 23rd – St. Vincent de Paul
- March 1st - Online Prayer Group (Note: Time 6:00 pm)
- March 8th – Legion of Mary
- March 15th – Knights of Columbus
- March 22nd – Catholic Women's League
- Good Friday, March 29th - after 7:00pm Service

### **Easter Food Drive**

We are excited to announce our upcoming Easter Food Drive and invite you to join us in positively impacting our community.

**Date: February 17<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Drop-off Location: Parish Hall**

This is a beautiful opportunity to unite and support those in need. Your contribution can significantly impact someone's life, whether big or small. Here are some suggested non-perishable items to donate:

- Canned goods (soup, vegetables, fruits, etc.)
- Pasta and rice
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Baby Food and formula

Please ensure that all items are unopened and have not expired. Let's work together to make this Food Drive a success and bring extra warmth to those who need it most. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### **Resources for Lent**

**St. Augustine's Seminary**—watch Fr. Seamus Hogan on the Archdiocese Youtube Channel for Lenten weekly video reflections:  
[www.youtube.com/@archtoronto](http://www.youtube.com/@archtoronto)

**Catholic Latte**—Fr. Eric Mah, pastor of St. James in Colgan is a host of this popular podcast and YouTube channel. Fr. Eric will be posting daily!

**Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**—Journey Through Lent: [www.youtube.com/@CCCBCECC](http://www.youtube.com/@CCCBCECC)

**National Catholic Broadcasting Council**—Tune in now and start your 40 days of Lenten retreat: [www.youtube.com/@DailyTVMass](http://www.youtube.com/@DailyTVMass)