

## Sunday, February 25, 2024



*Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 26, 2024

8:15am: + Carol Anderson

### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:15am: Charles Sollis

7:00pm: + Deceased Brother Knights

### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:15am: + Kathleen Smith

### Thursday, February 29, 2024

8:15am: Marcos Harston (Birthday Blessing)

### Friday, March 1, 2024

8:15am: + Carol Anderson

7:00pm: Intentions of Pearl Ventour & Family

+ Deceased Members of the Paul Family

+ S. Devotta

For fast recovery from illness

+ All Souls

### Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:15am: + Joe & Colette Fernandes

5:00pm: + Clarence Pereira & Deceased Mem-

bers of the Pereira Family

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30am: Thanksgiving Mass

10:00am: Joseph Phong & Maria Binh

12:00pm: + Mariyamama Arasaratnam

7:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen. God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **"Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do? **Lenten challenge:** This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy. — *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.

## First Friday

**March 1st** is the First Friday of the month. Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:00pm and Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

## 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



### **Fish & Chips Dinner**



Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Fish & Chips dinner on **Saturday, March 16, 2024 after the 5:00pm Mass.** Cost is **\$15.00 per person.**

Tickets will be available after all

Masses starting March 2/3 and 9/10. See you there!

### **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 or text 416-525-3893.

### **Movie Night**

The St. Patrick's Squires are planning a cozy movie night and would love for you to join us. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, enjoy a great film, and share some laughs.

**Date:** 9th of March 2024

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Parish Hall

**Movie:** Top Gun: Maverick

Snacks and drinks will be provided, but if you'd like anything specific, please feel free to bring it along. Looking forward to a fantastic movie night with you!

### **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:

- 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

### **Lenten Food Drive**

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

**Date: Now until 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. 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)

### **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