## Sunday, March 13, 2022



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

- Lk 9:34-35



Monday, March 14, 2022

8:15am: Memorial Mass for + Geleong Apong

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:15am: In Thanksgiving

7:00pm: + Josefina E. Borromeo & All Souls

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 8:15am: + Jennifer & Henry D'Costa

Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:15am: + Ernesto Pagnotta Friday, March 18, 2022 8:15am: + John Fernandes

7:00pm: + All Souls

+ Peter Quyet

+ Orfelia Zuniga

+ Joseph Phong & Mai Le

+ Maria Binh & Ngoc Hoa

Saturday, March 19, 2022 8:15am: + Karen Weatherby 5:00pm: + Bruce Gouldby

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:30am: + John Truong Ngoc 10:00am: + Vitandrea & Maria Magistrale

12:00pm: + Donato Di Benedetto & Grazia Giovanni

Scazzariello

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



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# Second Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose. Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so. St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

## St. Patrick's

Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)
Please join us Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections via Zoom.

We will dedicate the month of March to The Passion of Our Lord and we will journey with Our Lord through the Stations of the Cross, each Monday and Friday evenings.

March is also the month dedicated to St. Joseph, and we will honour Him on the week of His Feast day, together with our very own St. Patrick. Further details and zoom link will be email through the Parish email distribution. If you are not currently on the email list, please contact Beatrice at <a href="mailto:bbalano@archtoronto.org">bbalano@archtoronto.org</a> or (905) 270-2301.

For more information, please

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

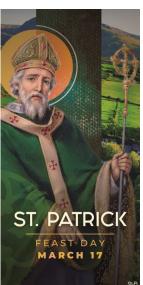
Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex Romero, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina

Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Baby Elijah

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open for a limited time each day starting **March 2**. The Chapel will be open from **8:00 am - 1:00 pm** each day, 7 days a week. Seating is limited to **8 people**, masks are to be worn and hand sanitizing is to be done. Since there is limited seating, the Adoration time will be for **ONE HOUR**.

Please be considerate, and allow time for other people. We will see how this goes, and at a later date consider longer hours for Adoration. Please remember the Blessed Sacrament is in the Church, so if the Chapel is full, come and spend some time in prayer in the Church.



## St. Patrick Feast Day: March 17

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned

to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

#### Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

In response to the request of parishioners, The Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

The Archdiocese will channel donations to support the Office of Refugees (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Associatiom (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportations to safe locations. ORAT is Canada's largest private Sponsorship Agreement Holder, which helps bring hundreds of newcomers to our country each year.

Your donation will help the people who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe.

# Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online via our website
- By phone through the Development Office (416) 934-3411
- Through the Parish (make sure you mark your cheques and envelopes with "Ukrainian Relief"

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war. Thank you for your continued assistance.



## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm, Sun 9am-1pm

