

# Sunday, March 2, 2025



*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”*  
- Lk 6:43, 45

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 3, 2025

8:15 am: + Waclaw Barabasz

### Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:15 am: + Soosapillai

7:00 pm: + All Souls

### Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:15 am: + Joe Santos

12:00 pm: + Phil Thevapalan

7:00 pm: + All Souls

+ Teresa Emburgh

### Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:15 am: Braganca Family (In Thanksgiving)

### Friday, March 7, 2025

8:15 am: + Fernandes Family

7:00 pm: + All Souls

### Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:15 am: + De Mello Family

5:00 pm: + Giuseppi Lombardo

### Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 am: + Anselmo, Maria Pia and Adolfo Parente

10:00 am: + Cassandra Stevens

12:00 pm: + Eugene Espongja

7:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer. Jesus says, **“For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles”** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives. Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarrel-ing.

## Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated in the parish at on **Wednesday, March 5 at 8:15 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. 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.

## CWL Lenten Retreat

St. Patrick's CWL Council invites all ladies to *“A Morning of Ignatian Meditation and Prayer”* on **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, after the 8:15am Mass until 12:00 noon**. Coffee/Tea, Muffin 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 Andrea Tjioe email at [a\\_tjioe@yahoo.com](mailto:a_tjioe@yahoo.com) or text 416-525-3893.



### Parish Website

[StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org](http://StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org)

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[StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org](mailto:StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org)

### Youth Website

[stpatricksyouth.com](http://stpatricksyouth.com)

**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, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Jacintha Fernandes, Anna Iafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuervers, Teresa Marchese, Antonio Marchese, Wojtek Stanislawski, Theresa Fraiser, Beata, Arthur Moniz

**EDGE Camp**

Calling all youth in grades 6, 7 & 8! We are going to EDGE Camp this summer on August 24-28! Early bird registration opens on March 1st. Please contact Dave at [dquevarra@archtoronto.org](mailto:dquevarra@archtoronto.org) for more information!

**That Man is YOU!**

That Man Is You! addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husband and fathers. The weekly series continues **every Wednesday 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the church Hall. All men are welcome.

**First Friday**

March 7<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month. Join us for Mass at 7:00pm, followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

**Parish Office Hours**

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

**Jubilee Year 2025**

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as the Jubilee Year, an opportunity for renewed evangelization, prayer and service, drawing on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

As part of the yearlong celebration, here are the pilgrimage churches for the Jubilee:

**Archdiocesan:** St. Michael's Cathedral

**Shrine:** Martyr's Shrine

**Western Region:**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Etobicoke

St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

For more information about Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Toronto visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)

**Special Evening of Reflection and Prayer**

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to come out and support **John Cabot High School** as they lead us through the **Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM**. This beautiful tradition will take us on a powerful journey, reflecting on Christ's sacrifice. Following the Stations, they will celebrate **Mass at 7:00 PM**, followed by a **Holy Hour** led by our Youth Group. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in prayer, reflection, and support for our young people. We hope you will join us for this special evening!

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

We are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of coming together in praise and worship on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre**. The theme this year, "*Power From on High*", encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength. For tickets and information, please visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)