

# Sunday, March 20, 2022



Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” - Lk 13:2-3

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Monday, March 21, 2022**

8:15am: + Rita Flynn

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

8:15am: In Thanksgiving

7:00pm: + Gloria Mergelos

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

8:15am: + Gino Palumbo

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

8:15am: + Pasquale & Concetta Landolfi

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

8:15am: In Thanksgiving for Healing

7:00pm: + All Souls

+ Peter Quyet

+ Clarence Pereira & Deceased Members of Pereira & Costa Families

+ Ciro Castillo & Gladys Castillo (Health)

+ Deceased Members of Ferrari & Maio Families

**Saturday, March 26, 2022**

8:15am: + Huy Luong

5:00pm: + Ewa Rodrigues

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

8:30am: + Resurrecion Ben

10:00am: + Stasia Aranha & Deceased Members of the Aranha Family

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

7:00pm: + John Truong Ngoc

# Third Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the “I am” of all existence. Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That’s when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God’s work, the pondering of life’s mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God’s presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed. God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn’t rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don’t get lost or confused and stay on course.

## 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 [bbalano@archtoronto.org](mailto:bbalano@archtoronto.org) or (905) 270-2301.

For more information, please Email: [stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com)



### Parish Website

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

### Email

[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, 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, Diane 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.

### Share Life

With the season of Lent, we turn our minds and hearts to our Share Life campaign. It is a tangible way for us to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters, at home and around the world. For 46 years, we have said yes. I hope that as we begin this year's campaign that "YES" will continue to live in the parish. **The Parish donated over \$110,000.00 to the campaign last year.** With all that was happening in the world, that was a wonderful response. I hope that we will be able to meet that amount, and maybe surpass it. Shortly, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Collins addressing the needs of the appeal this year. I hope that we will be able to respond as generously as we have done in the past. For those of you using parish envelopes, an envelope is contained in your box. Those who do not use Parish envelopes, we will have envelopes available for you. **The dates of this year's appeals are: March 27, May 1, June 5.** Further information will be in the bulletin this week-end. Thank you for your continued generosity. - Fr. John

### 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 Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a papal agency currently working in Eastern Europe, providing Ukrainians with food, shelter, medicine and transportation 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

### Lectors Needed

Readers are needed for the 8:30am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please visit the parish office to complete a registration form or send an email to [StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org](mailto:StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org) The Lector Coordinator will be reach out to you. Thank you!

