# Sunday, March 27, 2022



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a



Monday, March 28, 2022 8:15am: + Wayne Eyles Tuesday, March 29, 2022 8:15am: + Henry De Souza 7:00pm: + Anthony Joseph & Esmeralda Sequeira Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:15am: + Harry Johnston Thursday, March 31, 2022 8:15am: Healing-Pearl Ventour-Weekes Friday, April 1, 2022 8:15am: + Renee Fernandes 7:00pm: Guardian Angels & Holy Souls + Mary Loan + Ellis Merkley + Elias Patrick D'Souza + All Souls in Purgatory Saturday, April 2, 2022 8:15am: + All Souls in Purgatory 5:00pm: + Nancy Pevcevicius Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:30am: + Alroy Vaz 10:00am: Peter Cavanagh & Family 12:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth 7:00pm: + Zofia & Wolter Grodecki



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# Fourth Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us. As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others. We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

### **Online Prayer Group**

Join us for the following upcoming prayer times: During Lent we will continue to journey with Our Lord through the Stations of the Cross on:

- Mondays at 7:00pm via Zoom
- Fridays at 7:30pm (after 7pm Mass) live from St. Patrick's Church and via Zoom.

Also, please join us for **ROSARY for Ukraine on Tuesday, Mar 29 at 7:30pm**, after the 7:00pm Mass. This will be done via Zoom and live at St. Patrick's.

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please contact Beatrice at the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list. For more information, please Email: <u>stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com</u>

### **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

The Lector Coordinator will be reach out to you. Thank you!

### 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 Mel-bourne, 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, Maria Espinoza

### Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open for a limited time each day. The Chapel will be open from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, 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.

### **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 at the back of the Church or by the parish office. April 2-3 & April 9-10, 2022 The dates of this year's appeals are: March 27, May 1, June 5.

Further information will be in the bulletin this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity. - Fr. John

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2022**

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

~ no registration required Tuesday, Mar 29: 5:00-6:45pm Friday, Apr 1: 5:00-6:45pm Saturday, Apr 2: 3:00-4:45pm Tuesday, Apr 5: 5:00-6:45pm Friday, April 8: 5:00-6:45pm Saturday, April 9: 3:00-4:45pm

#### NO CONFESSSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

#### Passion (Palm) Sunday: April 9/10

Palms will be distributed and blessed at all Masses. Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

> Monday, April 11 8:15am

#### Tuesday, April 12

7:00pm, please note there are NO CONFESSIONS!

> Wednesday, April 13 8:15am

### Holy Thursday: April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm

#### <u>Good Friday: April 15</u>

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 1:00pm, 3:00pm Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday: April 16

Easter Vigil: 9:00pm (NO 8:15am MASS and NO 5:00pm MASS)

### Easter Sunday: April 17

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm NO 7:00pm Mass

### **Easter Food Drive**

Accepting unexpired canned food and nonperishable items. With your support, we can make a difference for families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

### <u>Bundle Up Sunday</u>

Weekend of April 30-May 1, 2022 Accepting all clothing, all footwear, bedding, drapery/towels and toys. NOT accepting baby items, construction material, dishes, furniture, books, video & audio cassettes. Thank you for your generosity.