

Living the Gospel



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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
20 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
21 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – Lolita Bayon	Bella Celestial
22 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – Lolita Bayon	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
23 Thurs, 9am	Suresh Alfred +	Angela Alfred
24 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – John Taylor	Pauline Taylor
7pm Stations of the Cross	Thanksgiving Birthday – Charina Zano	Mila Benedicto
25 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Wounds of Jesus Christ Incoronata Ambrosini Nikola & Sharon
	Rose Marie Rivers + Thanksgiving – Owen Taylor Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon	Pauline Taylor Ruel & Edhu Gutierrez
5pm	Thanksgiving Birthday - Cerniel Valdez Cruzada	Bonette & Cailean Valdez Cruzada
26 Sun, 9am	Gerry Boudreau +	Karin Doumouras & Family
11 am	Angelo Nunno +	Teresa Nunno

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

Gospel: John 9.1-41 – Jesus Heals a Blind Man

True Recovery of Sight

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ. Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

Summary

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00**

a.m. in the Church ***except on holidays.***



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Activities	Mass / Service
Every Friday from Feb 24 to Mar 31	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm Start with 7pm Mass
Mar 28 Tuesday	Parish Lenten Confessions	6:30 to 7:30pm Frs. Freddy & Vijai
Apr 2 Sunday	Palm Sunday	Saturday: 5pm Mass Sunday: 9 & 11am Mass
Apr 6 Thursday	Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper & Washing of the Feet	No 9am Mass 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm
Apr 7 Friday	Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of Christ Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3pm 7pm
Apr 8 Saturday	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	No 9am Mass 8pm
Apr 9 Sunday	Easter Sunday	9 & 11am Mass
Apr 10 Monday	Easter Monday NO Mass / Office is closed	



A special prayer initiative in view of the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate

An invitation is open to the faithful worldwide to pray at least one "Hail Mary", for the Holy Father's 10th anniversary of his Petrine ministry. As part of

the initiative, a special online map will feature virtual lighted candles, representing the prayers of the faithful who will have registered. The map will be presented to the Holy Father as a gift and in support for his ministry. Anyone who wishes to participate may register using the following link (you can choose your language preference at the right upper corner): <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>



Fourth Sunday of Lent: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are grateful for your support and that of your

parish community toward the work of our ShareLife agencies, and for the excellent achievement in the last campaign! This letter will provide your parish with the suggested goal for the 2023 ShareLife campaign. As we speak about the campaign in our parishes, we should first and foremost mention that ShareLife agencies are bringing Gospel values to life every day in our communities and around the world. The family seeking counselling, the deaf child and family receiving assistance through Silent Voice, the senior receiving support to live independently through our Seniors Program, or the seminarian studying to serve as a future parish priest. There are many stories of how ShareLife agencies are making an impact on the lives of those who turn to them for support. The 2023 suggested parish campaign goal for Holy Cross Parish, Toronto is **\$33,000.00**. We encourage you to strive for and achieve your 2023 ShareLife parish goal. If every parish were to reach their goal, the archdiocesan parish campaign would achieve the goal required to support our agencies this year.

The weekend of Sunday, March 26 is the first ShareLife parish special collection of 2023. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Soup Night

The **Catholic Women's League** will be hosting soup night on **Friday Mar 31st, 2023**, after the Stations of the Cross from 7 to 9pm Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join.



Are you new in the Parish?

If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket.

Kindly provide us with the complete information so that the Parish office will then contact you.

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