

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 6<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Mon. Mar 6th	8am +Lucio Zucca
Tues. Mar 7th	8am +Evelyn Berryman
Wed. Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	8am +Levato & Giulino Family members
Thurs Mar 9th	8am +Russell Hinds
Fri. Mar 10th	8am +Mary White 7pm +Teodora Torres
Sat. Mar 11th	9am +Giuseppe Giannotti

**EDGE will resume Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Enjoy your March break!**

## THE PARISH REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The Parish Refugee Committee over the last year and few months welcomed ten people from three different households to Canada and supported them in many, many ways. Their work has been magnificent. People who are escaping oppression and violence while struggling for a better life often need support in ways that we are not aware. For the most part those we sponsored are now very much on their way to integrating well in Canadian society and being useful citizens. They variously have employment at Shouldice Centre, Magna, Southdown and in private employment.

The refugee committee will now be taking a year break to recoup and reflect. We will raise the question at the beginning of Lent next year to see who wishes to continue with this valuable work. We hope at that time if we are to continue that we will have new folks come forward as well as welcome back some of the veterans.

Thank you to the many people who participated in this work over the last year, in some cases even providing accommodations. A very special thank you to Catherine Falzone who spearheaded this work on behalf of the parish and was there for every challenge or crisis.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm after the 7pm mass the stations will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

## FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY EVENINGS MARCH 7TH AND (OR) MARCH 21ST

There are still a few spaces available for the First Communion Family Nights on March 7th and March 21st.

We invite you to come and spend an hour of shared activity with other families preparing for First Communion.

After a short prayer service there will be a tour of the Church and Sacristy, followed by crafts and refreshments.

Contact Sandra at [sandra@ourladyofgrace.com](mailto:sandra@ourladyofgrace.com) if your family would like to attend

## CLASSROOM VISITS

The visiting team will be visiting the elementary classrooms in March to discuss the parable of the two men who went up to the temple to pray. For those who wish discuss it at home they will find it in Luke chapter 18, beginning with verse 10. We thank the teachers in our schools for their continuous hospitality in this ministry.

## OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The OLG Children's Playgroup continues to be a success with both familiar and new faces each Tuesday morning. All caregivers and preschool aged children are invited every Tuesday from 9:30- 11:00 for crafts, peanut free snacks and play for children, coffee and conversation for adults. It is a wonderful way to meet new families within the parish community so come out and join us! **There will be no playgroup over the March break, Tuesday March 14th.**



## GARDENING AT THE PARISH

Last year we had two incredibly committed gardeners who looked after the bulk of the flowerbeds. Spring is coming and we will soon need to get back on track with gardening. If this is something you would like to be part of leave your name at the office for Fr. Frank. The parish covers any costs for purchases that are incurred. What seems to work best is that a volunteer is given a certain flower bed space to care for throughout the year. Your interest is appreciated.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 5, 2017**

"Living the Gospel" by supporting ShareLife agencies...

As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to "Live the Gospel," in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

Please help us celebrate by supporting our annual appeal during this Lenten season!

**Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday**

**Please give generously**

**Our goal at OLG this year is \$140,000.**

**OUR LADY OF GRACE PASTORAL VISITING MINISTRY HAS BEGUN!**

The Pastoral Visiting Ministry team have been introduced to the residents they will be visiting. The response has been very good from both volunteers and residents alike and we look forward to welcoming more parishioners to this ministry. If you can offer a few hours please email Sandra [sandra@ourladyofgrace.com](mailto:sandra@ourladyofgrace.com).

**Thank you from the Knights of Columbus**

We wish to offer a big thank you to the parish from the Aurora Council KofC for your support of the Pre-Lenten Parish Pancake Breakfast which took place on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The breakfast netted us proceeds of over \$400. Our Council will be making donations to Sharelife and the Special Olympics. A big thank you to Sylvio at No Frills who provided the pancake batter, sausages, syrup and fruit at cost.

**Our next event will be the Saint Paddy's Day Pub Night on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm to 12 midnight at Lynett Hall. Please come and support our efforts.**



**Saint Paddy's Day Pub Night**  
**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in Lynett Hall**  
8 pm to Midnight

**\$10 per person D. J. - Cash Bar**

*Proceeds - Southlake Regional*

*Health Centre Rehabilitation Services*

**Tickets available after each Mass weekends of**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> or from**

[grand\\_knight@kofcaurora.ca](mailto:grand_knight@kofcaurora.ca)

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**LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MARCH 4/5<sup>th</sup>**

Instead of putting a large examination in the bulletin just before the parish reconciliation day on April 6 at 7 p. m. We will put in a shorter reflection in each bulletin throughout Lent. We will base the reflection on the gospel for the Sunday.

This week we hear of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. One of the things we see here is the desire of Satan to have power over Jesus. So let's think about power during this Lent. Do we struggle for unnecessary power in our families or work place? Do we try to claim power through unnecessary talk about others? Do we struggle to get the upper hand? Do we become jealous of others authority or responsibilities? Do we have easy answers to difficult situations? There will also be reconciliation on Good Friday and on Saturdays at the regular times

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

**March 17-19, 2017**



This is an invitation for all men feeling the need to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ which also leads to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997.

