

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

March 20th - March 25th, 2017

Mon. Mar 20th	8am +Gaetano & Cristina Gismondi
Tues. Mar 21st	8am +Vima Bueno
Wed. Mar 22 nd	8am +Ruth Biggin
Thurs Mar 23 rd	8am Binnet Family Sp Int
Fri. Mar 24 th	8am +Lydia Villarosa 7pm +Nicola Morelli
Sat. Mar 25 th	9am +Peter Vinh

GARDENING AT THE PARISH



Great news, there are three volunteers for gardening. That is one more than last year. We can however share the work around even more, so if you are willing to take on

part of the garden we will be happy to give you your little bit which will be your responsibility for the duration of the year.

RECONCILIATION DAY IN THE PARISH



We will have confession with visiting priests on Thursday April 6th beginning at 7 p.m. We encourage as

many as possible to make that their time for reconciliation in the lead up to Easter. We are from week to week sharing with you reflections on the Sunday Gospel with an examination of conscience included. You will find this elsewhere in the bulletin.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP



Playgroup will resume on Tuesday, March 21st, after March break. All caregivers and preschool aged children are invited on

Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:00am for crafts, peanut free snacks and playtime for children, coffee and conversation for adults. We hope to see you there!

ShareLife

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"Living the Gospel" by providing for homeless youth....

On a given night, 6000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20% of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75% of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth in Transition programs helps youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

Please help us by supporting our annual ShareLife appeal during this Lenten season!
Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously
Our goal at OLG this year is \$140,000.

OOPS!

We had hoped to have the renovation proposal ready for the congregation for the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. We realize now that we would be rushing to make that happen so we will reschedule the presentation of the proposal until the weekend of April 22 and 23rd. It is better to give ourselves the time that we need rather than rush and then try to tie up loose ends afterwards. The three-week delay is in part due to Palm Sunday and Easter which would not be ideal days on which to have this event.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday, March 24th at 7:30pm after the 7pm mass the stations will be led by the Altar Servers.

EDGE will resume Saturday, March 25th.
Enjoy your March break



Easter Flowers

Aurora Knights of Columbus

Lilies, hydrangeas, tulips, mums,
daffodils & hyacinths

Prices range from \$10 to \$25
per pot

Only **two** chances to place your order
after the Masses on

March 25th-26th and **April 1st-2nd**

Delivery on Sat. April 8th at Lynett Hall.

Order forms also available from

Grand_knight@kofcaurora.ca

LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MARCH 18/19th

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.

In today's Gospel Jesus meets the woman at the well. In their conversation she comes to know Jesus as the messiah. Do we strive to have a relationship with Christ? Do we meet him in the scriptures other than at weekend mass? Do we allow Jesus to draw us out of the deserts of our life and to give us the living water?

Remember, there will also be reconciliation on Good Friday and at the regular time on Saturday.

SHARELIFE SPEAKER

We welcome Shawn D'Sousa who is in his second year studying theology at St. Augustine's. He will be with us next weekend as part of our preparation for ShareLife Sunday on April 1st and 2nd.

Shawn is studying for the Archdiocese of Toronto. Before entering the Seminary he worked in I.T. Let us pray that his time of preparation for priesthood will be rich in blessings.

THE CALL FOR CONSCIENCE

The Call for Conscience Campaign has been created to voice the concern of a significant number of citizens of Ontario that physicians and institutions who have grave reservations about "medical aid in dying" will in this province be required to make referrals to others who will provide the service. The federal legislation gave protection to doctors who in conscience cannot participate but the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons have over ruled these expectations for our province. Bill 84 (Medical Assistance in Dying Statute Law Amendment Act) which is now before the legislature will not provide conscience protection for medical personnel.

What is to be done? Your provincial member of parliament should be contacted. For the majority of those who attend Our Lady of Grace that would be Chris Ballard. His office is at 238 Wellington St E., Aurora, L4G 1J5. He can be reached by email at cballard.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org or his office can be reached by phone at 905-750-0019. You may also go to the website for the Call for Conscience Campaign and express your concern on line.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



One of the great devotions of the church with a particular connection to Lent is the Stations of the Cross. We will leave a number of stations booklets in the vestibule of the church for your use when you come to make a visit. Please return the booklet to the vestibule after you are done using it.

FUNERAL CHOIR



One of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead. There are many people who take a role in this important Christian work. One vital part of this ministry is our funeral choir. This is composed of folks from various parish choirs and those who can only make the weekday commitment to attend funerals. All are welcome to assist with providing music at the funeral. If you wish to know more about assisting with this choir please call Madeline Swain at 905-727-3328.

EUCHRE



All are invited on Mondays at 1pm to the large meeting room for an afternoon of euchre. This is a successful initiative of our parish.

The tone is not highly competitive, the focus being on friendship and enjoying some time together.

There is a minimal admission which covers the cost of a prize and incidentals. Euchre happens every Monday, except those that are part of a long weekend.

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