



Mass Intentions

March 12th - March 17th, 2018

Mon. March 12 th	8am	+Adriana Cunha
Tues. March 13 th	8am	+Marina Funtera
	7pm	CWL & Knights of Columbus
Wed. March 14 th	8am	+Rocco Colangelo
Thurs. March 15 th	8am	+Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio
	10am	Chartwell Park Place
	2:15pm	Chartwell Resthaven
Fri. March 16 th	8am	+Filomena Petricca
	7pm	+Joseph Szucs
Sat. March 10 th	9am	+Tim Russell

PARISH RECONCILIATION

We will have confession with visiting priests on Wednesday, March 14th beginning at 7pm.

We encourage as many as possible to make that their time for reconciliation in the lead up to Easter.

OUR LADY OF GRACE PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 13th due to March Break. The fun will resume on Tuesday, March 20th at 9:30am for all pre-schoolers and their caregivers.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Rose of Sharon 'Services for Young Mothers' is in need of volunteer drivers who can pick up and drop off young moms and their children at various appointments and classes. If you are able to assist a couple of hours a week please contact Jill Jambor at: jjambor@roseofsharon.com or 905-853-5514 ext. 239.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The next blood donor clinic at Our Lady of Grace will be held in Lynett Hall on Monday, March 12th - 2:30pm to 7:30pm. Please call 1-888-2 DONATE to book an appointment.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

On Good Friday, March 30th at 7pm, Our Lady of Grace Parish will be holding a Tenebrae Service.

The music for this service was written by Msgr. J.E. Ronan, founder of St. Michael's Choir School in Toronto and will be sung by a four-part men's choir made up of the alumni from the choir school. This is a most appropriate way to celebrate the sufferings and death of our Saviour. Please plan to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League at Our Lady of Grace Church invite all women in the parish to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30 pm following the 7pm mass. The focus of this meeting will be to prepare for our annual Rose of Sharon hamper drive. We hope to see you there.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 13th to 15th, 2018 in Oshawa. Please speak to Fr. Marijan - registration is going on now.

EDGE & LIFE TEEN

EDGE will meet next on Friday, March 23RD from 6:30 - 8pm in Lynett Hall. Life Teen will meet on Monday, March 19th at 6:30pm in Lynett Hall.

EDGE CAMP REGISTRATION

EDGE camp will take place from August 22-26, 2018 at Camp White Pine. Participating EDGE children have booking priority as the number of spots is limited. For more info please speak to Fr. Marijan or email: muriel.brennan7@hotmail.com

St. Paddy's Day Pub Night

Sponsored by the Aurora Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 17th

7:30 pm to Midnight

Lynett Hall

Tickets \$10.00

DJ, Cash Bar

& Irish Dance Studio Dancers

Proceeds to Southlake Regional Health Centre

Rehabilitation Services

Tickets available after all Masses

March 3rd-4th and March 10th-11th

or from john@kofcaurora.ca



LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING SHARELIFE

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Nest Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

March 18th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Our goal at Our Lady of Grace this year is \$143,000

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday March 24th/25th

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15am, 10am, 12 noon, 7pm

Holy Thursday March 29th

(There is no morning mass)

Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church proper until midnight. The mass this evening includes foot washing and we invite all of those who wish to participate to come forward.

Good Friday March 30th

Celebration of the Passion: 9am, 12 noon & 3pm
Confessions following each liturgy in the church
Tenebrae 7pm

Holy Saturday March 31st

(There is no morning mass)

Blessing of Food: 12 noon in the church
(note there will be no Saturday 5pm mass)

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 31st at 8pm

Easter Sunday April 1st 8:15am (Church)

10am (Church & Lynett Hall), 12 noon (Church & Lynett Hall) **No 7pm mass on Easter Sunday**

Easter Monday April 2nd 9am

REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Throughout 2015 and 16 the parish was heavily involved in welcoming refugees that the parish sponsored. These folks for the most part are well on their way to integration into Canadian life. Some are firmly settled into jobs and others are pursuing education.

It must be said that the whole undertaking proved to be very demanding and those who were involved became, for the most part, very over taxed by the work. It was decided when our sponsorships ended in January last year that we would take a break and revisit the commitment to refugees during this Lent.

If there are people that are interested in investing their time and talent in this work it would be good to know who you are. There will be a couple of expectations as we move forward. The first and most important is that we will only accept a commitment to one individual or family at a time. The second is that a core group will gather now of a maximum of four people. When we know that our individual or family is truly on their way, then we call on others to come forward to help with the process of settling and supporting refugees in their new country.

The reason for the process being undertaken this way is because the government does not have the wherewithal to undertake this important humanitarian work in a proactive way. There are parishes in the diocese who have been waiting over two years since they made a commitment to a family or individual to come to Canada. These refugees have done absolutely everything required and are left in limbo in the place they fled to because of the violence or chaos in their home country. The problem rests with our government who inadequately staff the offices that should be expediting these humanitarian claims. I guess the photo-ops are over.

If you are interested would you indicate as much to Fr Frank and we will decide whether we will move forward or not.

If we do not move forward at the present time we will visit this issue again in the fall.

Thank you to all who played a role in assisting the ten people who came two years ago.