

Mass Intentions  for the week		
Saturday Mar 30	5 pm	"On the Occasion of Edda Spada 90th Birthday" (The Spada Family) † Mary Kudlak (The Family) † Maria Gouveia & Gabriella Gouveia (Maria Gouveia) † Gabriel Coelho (The Family)
Sunday Mar 31	8:30 am	"In Onore al Bambino Gesù"
	10 am	† Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) † Ana Gornik (Son Tony) † Bienvenido & Catalina Deblois (The Family)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Apr 1	8 am	† Steve & Helen Golen (Joanna Bak)
Tuesday Apr 2	8 am	"All Souls of Purgatory" (Barry)
Wednesday Apr 3	7 pm	
Thursday Apr 4	8 am	
Friday Apr 5	8 am	"Priest's Intentions"
Saturday Apr 6	5 pm	† Joe & Tony Galardo (Carmela Galardo) † Aurora Liebe (Friends) † Edward Krubnik (Elizabeth Krubnik) "For the Health of Marie Friel" (Patrick & Mary Leane)
Sunday Apr 7	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia) † Joe Lo Giudice (Maria Creta) † Carmela Santaluce (Lucia Capuano) † Attilio Favaro (La Famiglia)
	10 am	† Caterina Roberto (Gerry, Louise & JoAnne) † Josefa & Teofil Lecznar (The Lecznar Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Healing Celebration

Sacrament of Anointing and Mass

We invite all members of the Parish who are in need of Physical, Mental or Spiritual Healing to join us for the Lent Healing Celebration Mass on Sunday April 7th 2019 @ 3:00 pm. Everyone can partake of the Anointing of the Sick as it is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death, this sacrament brings Jesus' healing peace to all who are suffering.



Sunday of Joy

A joyful outcry opens this 4th Sunday of Lent: "Rejoice Jerusalem, be glad for her" because the salvation is near, although the repeated betrayal God does not abandon its people. The 4th Sunday of Lent marks the "center" of the penitential way in preparation for Easter; All three Readings of this Sunday are crossed with joy:



the joy of the sons of Israel who celebrate Passover and eat the fruits of the earth of Canaan, the promised land (First Reading); the joy of who receives from God the gift of the reconciliation (Second Reading); the joy of the father who has found again the son who he thought was dead (Gospel). It is not accidental therefore than this Sunday it is "Sunday of joy", a joy that is in the first place "in" God. It is from this joy that is born an authentic innovation: the innovation of who begins a new lifestyle. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Bless Me Father

Sacramental Confession is one of the best ways to prepare for Easter. Bring your personal sins and weaknesses and lay them at the feet of Jesus. The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate a **"Day of Confession"** and provide the opportunity for all. From March 31st to April 6th 2019 each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confession offering the sacrament of reconciliation at different times throughout the day and week. Whether it's been weeks or months since your last Confession this is an opportunity for all Catholics to return to the Lord with honesty and integrity. Fr. Frank will hear confessions in our church on Wednesday April 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For time and dates at other parishes please visit: www.archtoronto.org/confession

New Beginnings

New Beginnings, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through death. If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. Together... we explore our grief, experience healing and renew our faith. Transfiguration of Our Lord Bereavement – Support Group Start Date: Thursday April 4, 2019 Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For more information and to register, please contact: Arcangelo Limanni – Program Promoter alimanni@cfstoronto.com (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225

STATIONS of the CROSS

During the Lenten Season Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday @ 7:00 pm. The community gathers in the church and the pastor or the deacon lead the service. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish groups and Parishioners are asked to participate in this very importance Lenten observance.

First ShareLife Sunday Mar 30/31 2019

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

By supporting ShareLife, you bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Your contribution to ShareLife supports over 40 agencies in our community and around the world, serving all regardless of religious affiliation. Please reflect on your ability to help through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign. This Sunday there will be a second collection for ShareLife. Please give generously.



Meatless Fridays

Many Catholics mistakenly think that Friday abstinence from meat is a thing of the past or only to be observed during Lent. It's not! The universal law of the Church requires all Catholics to abstain from meat on every Friday of the year. In Canada our bishops permit us to substitute another penance of "equal value". Please offer your Friday sacrifice for those Catholics who no longer come to Mass.

Memorial Mass

Saturday April 6th @ 10 am a memorial mass will be celebrated in suffrage of the soul of Carmela Galardo recently deceased in Italy. The family of Carmela is inviting the parish community to attend and pray for her soul. *Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Parental Sacramental Instructions

1st Communion and Confirmations

Monday April 1st - Tuesday, April 2nd @7:30pm

Saturday April 6th @ 1:00 pm

The instruction is for the parents or guardian of those who are to receive the sacraments and it is obligatory. There is one instruction required. You may attend any one of the above evenings on which the instruction is held. Attendance will be taken.

In Loving Memory

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of April is sponsored in loving memory of:

Marco G. Celis

From wife: Shirley Hernando & Family

The Prodigal, the Vindictive & the Provident

Today's Gospel passage is usually known as the parable of the Prodigal Son. A more fitting title might be the parable of the Prodigal and the Vindictive Sons. Prodigal means "wastefully extravagant". It aptly fits the young man who



wants his father's legacy before the father dies. He acts foolishly and shows no regard for the survival of his family. His brother is no less blameless. While he has worked for his father, his words suggest that his motives were not exactly pure. His vindictiveness against his brother also indicates his base character. The real hero of the story is the provident father. He loves both his sons, despite their flaws. In the boys, we see the extremes of human failure. In the father, we see God.

Serra Vocation

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 Email: vocations@archtoronto

Mary, Mother of God School

Come out for a fun-filled evening to support a worthy cause! Mary, Mother of God School invites you to its annual Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 pm at the King's Garden Banquet Hall (Queensway & Islington.) Tickets are \$125 each. Join us for a delicious meal, silent auction, balloon surprises and lively entertainment! Call Stephanie at the school for more information: 416-531-7897 (last day of ticket sales: April 23, 2019.) 1515A Queen Street West Toronto ON M6R 1A5 Telephone: 416-531-7897 www.marymotherofgodschool.org

Confirmation gifts

For the best in 1st Communion and Confirmation gifts you can kindly call or visit: Pauline Books & Media, 3022 Dufferin St., Toronto - 416-781-9131. Open Monday-Saturday from 10am - 6pm. Wide selection of gifts, books and bibles to help you find just the right gift for that special young person who will be celebrating First Communion or Confirmation this year.

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