

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Vocation Seeds

St. Paul reminds us that we are “created in Christ Jesus for good works”. If you think God’s plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997

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ShareLife

Inspired by God’s love: Support ShareLife’ mission

Today as we contemplate God’s boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

Lenten Parish Confession

If you haven’t been to confession in a while, it is a good idea to go before Easter. Many people wait till the last minute. One of the Precepts of the Church is that we go to confession around Easter time. Take advantage of the extra confession times that parishes will be offering during the weeks of March 11 to 16 and March 18 to 23.

Parish Confessions at St. Aidan’s will take place on Tuesday, March 12 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We plan to have three priests hearing confessions.

St Anthony’s Novena Masses

St. Anthony’s Tuesday Novena Masses will start on Tuesday March 19 at 7:30pm followed by Novena Prayers to St. Anthony and Benediction. You are welcome to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket by St. Anthony’s statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena Masses.

Coins for Life

You are invited to put aside loonies, toonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during this Lenten Season in order to help support and promote the culture of Life in Canada. Please collect your container this weekend, March 9/10 in the foyer and return with your donations on the weekend of April 6/7 which is Mercy Sunday in the gift shop. Thank you in advance for your support.

This fund raiser helps make possible the National March for Life in Ottawa, which will be on May 9 this year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 9:

5:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Bernadette Singh
Birthday Blessings for Allen Huang
+Albert De Souza
+Victor Fernando
+Matilda Croos
+Muriyal Croos
+Lauer Croos
+Rodeshi Maleesha Croos

Sunday March 10:

9:00 am Carlos Garcia

10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Leung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 11:

9:00 am +Nestor, Jesus, Simplicia Obsioma

Tuesday March 12:

9:00 am Carmelita Palma

Wednesday March 13:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Arnaldo Vasquez
+Pedro & Biatriz Yurong

Thursday March 14:

9:00 am +Teofila Ylagan

Friday March 15:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm Jocelyne Wong

Saturday Mar 16:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

Stations of the Cross During Lent

One great way to deepen our spiritual life during Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during the season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross after the Friday evening 7:30 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Improving Marital Relationship

Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcoming couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from April 5-7, in Mississauga. For more information, call 437 -234-5610 or visit torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org.

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Movie Night

Thanks to the efforts of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Saturday March 23, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15. We will be showing the movie A Hidden Life. This stunning movie is based on a true story about a man who refuses to fight for the Nazis despite tremendous pressure and persecution of himself and his family. His heroism, conviction to his beliefs and his love are truly inspirational. We will have discussions during and after the movie. We will discuss the influence of propaganda, peer pressure and mind control, as well as pondering the question, "How much are you willing to suffer for our faith?" This movie is an ideal lead up to Holy Week. The St. Aidan Movie Nights are free! We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. Everyone is welcome. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so we know how much pizza to order. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed for Parish Library

Our Parish Library opened in May 2023, and we now have 72 members and close to 400 different book and DVD titles. (Please do check a book out if you haven't already). As this ministry grows, we need more volunteers for about 20 minutes after each weekend Mass to help sign-up new members and to manage book borrowings and returns. Ideally, we'd like three volunteers per Mass with one of them scheduled on a rotating basis to volunteer each week. This will ensure we always have adequate coverage if someone is away. If you are interested, please email Patricia Lobo at staidansparishlibrary@gmail.com specifying how often you can volunteer and for which weekend Mass. Thank you.

Lenten Day of Reflection

The CWL of our parish are organizing a day of Reflection on Saturday March 16, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Fr. Joseph Chandrantham. Fr. Joseph is a Professor of Theology and Scripture at the University of Toronto and Saint Augustine's Seminary. He is also one of the Parish Priests at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. He will speak on the Topic: "Walking with Jesus from Gethsemane to Golgotha." Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Question and Answer Session

Our Lay Pastoral Associate and Fr. Steven will again conduct a question-and-answer session on Saturday March 16th after the 5:00 pm Mass. You can place your anonymous questions into the box at the center of the main aisle in the church. There will be opportunities for discussions and further questions from those attending. The session will last about an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be available.

Thank You

The members of the CWL, St. Aidan Could would like to thank parishioners for their generous contribution to our Lenten Almsgiving Food Drive. The food items collected will be shared between the two food banks: Scarborough Good Neighbours Drop and Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities.

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"There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacles that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed. Not only with the virtue of good will, but also the gift of peace...." - St. Leo the Great

May God Bless you. We greatly appreciate your kind generosity in helping to make a difference..

Spiritus East Young Adult Talk, Adoration & Fellowship (ages 19 - 35)

"(Re)discovering Who We Are: God's Answer to the Question of Identity" Who am I? It's a question that can feel at times as confusing as it is obvious, or as elusive as it is important. What does our Creator have to say about our identity? In this talk, we'll look at the beautiful answer that emerges from God's Revelation. We'll consider the limitations of so many of the assumptions behind our approach to identity today, understanding better why those approaches leave us feeling incomplete and unsatisfied. Join us Wednesday March 13th, at St. Thomas More Parish (2234 Ellesmere Rd). Invite a friend and see you there! For more information or to get involved, please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister at spirituseast@gmail.com or 416-599-7676.