

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Share Life

This Lent, you are Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22.

Our Parish goal this year is \$ 78,000.

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

Patrician Meeting

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to attend their monthly Patrician Meeting, which will be conducted 3rd Saturday of every month in the church hall, after the 9:00 am Mass.

The Patrician meeting will be on the topic of “Discerning the will of God”, and will be held on Saturday March 21 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The purpose of a Patrician meeting is to enhance our knowledge and our ability to speak confidently and persuasively about our Catholic beliefs. We invite our parish family to come and learn more about our Catholic faith, in a friendly and social atmosphere. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served..

Looking for new members for our Finance Council

Would you be willing to volunteer to be a member of our Finance Council? We are looking for someone who has knowledge and experience with finances. We are also looking for individuals who have knowledge of properties, construction, and legal matters. Meetings are roughly once a month (online). If you are interested, please contact Fr. Steven.

Parking Issues

Most churches do not have enough parking places to accommodate all their parishioners. We are fortunate in that we can use the school area next door for parking. When parking at the church, please don't park at the ends of the parking rows. By doing so, you are blocking traffic, creating an obstruction.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7:

5:00 pm Henry Lokwa Ekima & Family
In Thanksgiving of Loong Family
Jean Luc I
Birthday Blessings for Allan Huang
In Thanksgiving of Ylagan Family
+Esther James
+Edgar Acon
+Joseph Chow Tak Sang
+Florie D'Souza

Sunday March 8:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Carlos Garcia

10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Loong

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 9:

9:00 am +Al Jacob

Tuesday March 10:

9:00 am +Alroy Jacob

Wednesday March 11:

7:30 pm Victor Valdez
Belinda Chen
Birthday Blessings for Kimberly Yap-Kutlesa
+Clara & Charlaire Pereira
+Jessie Joseph Solomon
+Erwin Coutinho
+Brian Bulgin

Thursday March 12:

9:00 am +Luke Jan Nigli

Friday March 13:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Dina & Alejandro Anajao Sr.

Saturday March 14:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening, after our 7:30 pm Mass, we will have the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to participate.

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Bundle up for Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul St. Aidan Conference is focusing on collecting textiles, shoes, clothing, beddings, draperies, and small household goods this weekend March 7-8 to support our Neighbours in Need (NINs). Please bring your donation to the truck or bin parked at the back of the church parking lot. The collection bin will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Volunteers will be available to assist with loading before and after each Mass. Please secure your bags to keep the items safe. For more information, please visit www.ssvptoronto.ca
Thank you for your continued support.

Ways in which Christ is Present at Mass

Christ's primary presence in a Catholic Church is in the Eucharist. He is truly and substantially present in the Consecrated Hosts, reserved in the Tabernacle and made present on our altars at Mass. In the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, from Vat. II, we read, "To accomplish so great a work, Christ is always present in His Church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of His minister, "the same now offering, through the ministry of the priests, who formerly offered Himself on the cross", but especially under the Eucharistic elements. By His power He is present in the sacraments, so that when a man baptizes it is really Christ Himself who baptizes. He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them'. (Mat. 18:20)

Question and Answer Session

Our Lay Pastoral Associate, Luis Dizon, and Fr. Steven will again conduct a question and answer session on Saturday March 21st right 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. The session will last about an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be available.

Holy Hour

The Knights of Columbus will host their next Holy Hour on Tuesday March 10 at 7 pm to 8pm.

How to Dress for Sunday Mass

Attending Sunday Mass should be something we look forward to, and not something we just check off on a to-do list because we know we need to attend Mass. If we understand what the Mass is all about, and all the benefits it can afford us, we would definitely look forward to Sunday Mass. As mentioned previously, the celebration of the Mass is the greatest act of worship of God; it is the greatest prayer, the greatest offering we could ever make to God. It is also the greatest praise of God and the greatest manifestation of thanksgiving to God. Even if for some reason we could not receive Holy Communion, our faithful participation in the Mass can gain for us the greatest blessings from God and an ever-greater union with Him. How would you dress if you were to visit the home of a great dignitary, such as a prime minister or a king or queen in their palace? We are visiting the house of God when we come to a Catholic Church, and we will be encountering God Himself who becomes present to us in many ways throughout the Mass. The term "Sunday best" comes from the fact that traditionally people always wore their best for Sunday Mass. We should wear our best to honour and respect God, whom we will encounter in His own house; the church.

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What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. - Albert Pike

St. Anthony Novena

St. Anthony's Thirteen Tuesdays Novena will start on Tuesday March 17th with a Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction.

Feel free to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket located in front of St. Anthony's statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena Masses.

Meet & Greet

The Social Committee of St. Aidan Parish invites you to a Meet & Greet in the Parish Hall on Saturday after the 5 pm Mass and Sunday March 15th after all Masses.

CWL Easter Basket Fundraising

The CWL is holding its annual Easter Basket Fundraising and tickets are available at the end of each weekend Mass from March 14-28.

Ticket prices range from \$5 for 3 tickets, \$7 for 10 and \$20 for 15 tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn on Easter Sunday April 5 after the 12 noon Mass. Please see CWL reps in the foyer to purchase tickets.