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WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please be sure to register, complete the registration form and get Sunday donation envelope.

Registration forms are available at the Information Centre, or at the Church entrance.

If you are moving from the parish, changing address, or phone#, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Last Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 11am.

PREPARATION

Baptism Class is required for Parents and Godparents, offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 7pm.

Requirements must be all completed before attending the Baptism Class. Contact Parish Office to register.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday –
10am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses –

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 4pm

Weekdays –

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am
Tuesday 6pm
Friday 9am
First Friday 9am & 6pm
Saturday 9am

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Wednesday after 8:15am Mass

School Mass Wednesday 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am
in the church

MARRIAGE

Contact Father Joe through the Parish Office at least six months before making any plans.

FUNERALS,

ANOINTING OF THE SICK,

COMMUNION FOR ELDERLY, AND HOUSE/CAR BLESSINGS

Contact Father Joe &
Father Francesco anytime.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

Classes on Sundays for Grades 1 to 7 & Post-Con, 10:30am to 12pm, from September 2023 to June 2024.

For more information, please contact Ana Alayan @ 604.872.2900.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Non-Catholic adults who desire to join the Catholic Church and also Catholics who wish to deepen their faith.

Every Thursday, 7pm to 8:30pm from September 2023 to June 2024.

For more information, please contact parish office @ 604.327.2824.

THE SCRUTINIES OF THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS CELEBRATED ON THE THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH SUNDAYS OF LENT

What are the "Scrutinies"?

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

In order to inspire in the Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the Elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (*gospel – the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny*), the light of the world (*gospel – the man born blind in the second scrutiny*), the resurrection and the life (*gospel – the raising of Lazarus in the third scrutiny*).

From the first to the final scrutiny the Elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (*scrutinize*) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers. Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, or not celebrated in our parish or congregation at all, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our faith journey.

**THE FIRST SCRUTINY –****THE WOMAN AT THE WELL** (John 4:3-42)

Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day? Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well? What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I

avoid interaction with others? What are the noon day wells of my life? Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there? How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers? I don't have time; I haven't done this before; my stuff's too complicated. Can I find the words to say to Jesus that He is the one I have thirsted for all my life?

**STATIONS of the CROSS**

DURING LENT, STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY @ 6PM

FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS.

~ PARISH LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES ~

EVERY FRIDAY BEFORE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 5:30pm to 6pm

DAYS OF MERCY with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

– March 20, 21, & 22 from 7pm to 8pm

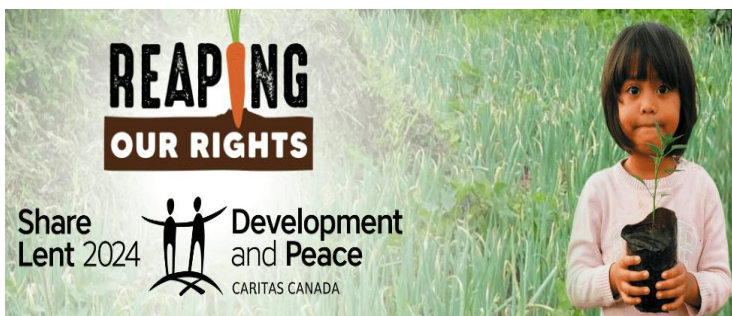
A 'LENTEN WALK' RECOLLECTION

by Father Vicente Miguel

Please join The Loved Flock Prayer Group on **Sunday, March 10, from 1pm – 3pm, St. Andrew's church basement**, to a Lenten Walk recollection. For details, please contact 778.310.9906.

SOUP NIGHT FOR THE POOR – MARCH 9

Door will be opened at 6:30pm, church basement. Proceeds will be added to our Share Lent collections.

SECOND COLLECTION – MARCH 17 IS FOR SHARE LENT**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS THIS LENT**

The Seminarian Prayer Calendar assigns each day of Lent to each of the young men in our Archdiocese who are preparing for the priesthood. Please check out the link below:

https://www2.rcav.org/l/897551/2024-02-09/3n4w8k/897551/1707515749nlcsAgnh/Seminarian_Lenten_Calendar_2024.

ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS LENT

Jesus awaits you in the Sacrament of Mercy! Lent is the perfect time to encounter Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to bring a family or friend along with you. This will be a great preparation for our Lenten journey.

OUR PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 @ 7PM

There will be several priests who will hear Confessions. Please bring a family member or a friend along with you.

THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY AND LOVE

Has Confession been a part of your Lenten journey? Do not lose another day. **Be courageous, and go to Confession!**

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to Easter, *Christ's victory over death*. This season urgently calls us to conversion. **We are asked to return to God with all our hearts, and to grow in friendship with the Lord.** Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, He patiently awaits our return and is always ready to forgive us.

We need to guard and protect our hearts, just as we protect our home with a lock. How often do bad thoughts, bad intentions, jealousy, envy enter? Who opened the door? How did those things get in?

The best way to guard one's heart is with the daily practice of an **Examination of Conscience**, in which one quietly reviews what bad things one has done and what good things one has failed to do for God, one's neighbor and oneself.

- Do I only turn to God when I'm in need?
- Do I attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation?
- Do I begin and end the day with prayer?
- Am I embarrassed to show that I am a Christian?
- Do I rebel against God's plan?
- Am I envious, hot-tempered, biased?
- Am I honest and fair with everyone?
- In my marital and family relations, do I uphold morality as taught in the Gospels?
- Do I honor and respect my parents?
- Have I refused newly conceived life? Have I snuffed out the gift of life? Have I helped to do so?
- Do I respect the environment?
- Am I part worldly and part believer?
- Do I overdo it with eating, drinking, smoking and amusements?
- Am I overly concerned about my physical well-being, my possessions?
- How do I use my time? Am I lazy?
- Do I want to be served?
- Do I dream of revenge, hold grudges?
- Am I meek, humble and a builder of peace?

It is important that we go to Confession, in front of a **priest who embodies Jesus and is called to dispense the mercy, pardon and love of Christ**. It is being face-to-face with someone who acts in 'persona Christi' to welcome and forgive us. It becomes the vehicle through which grace reaches and heals us. Let us thank God for this overabundant gift of love and mercy.

- Excerpt from Pope Francis on Confession

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 04 - 17, 2024

Mon Mar 04 8:15 am	Lk 4:24-30	Violet Tham (RIP) Eva Planas (Thanksgiving)
Tue Mar 05 6 pm	Mt 18:21-35	Alicia Fuentesbella (RIP) Wilfried Winterhoff (RIP)
Wed Mar 06 8:15 am	Mt 5:17-19	Marino Miraflores (RIP) Tomas Dela Torre (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
Thurs Mar 07 8:15 am	Lk 11:14-23	Marino Miraflores (RIP) Pilar Dela Torre (RIP)
Fri Mar 08 9 am	Mk 12:28b-26	Madeleine De Silva (Thanksgiving) Mark Castro (RIP)
Sat Mar 09 9 am	Lk 18:9-14	Karen Catalan (Special Intention) Jose Yap (RIP)
Sun Mar 10 9 am	Jn 3:14-21	Fourth Sunday of Lent Daniel Cancino (Thanksgiving) Agaton Pedroza (RIP)
Mon Mar 11 8:15 am	Jn 4:43-54	Daniel Aguila (RIP) Ernel Rodriguez (Special Intention)
Tue Mar 12 6 pm	Jn 5:1-16	CWL Birthday Celebrants Arnold Oclida (RIP)
Wed Mar 13 8:15 am	Jn 5:16-30	Michael Therese (RIP) Maria Lo (RIP)
Thurs Mar 14 8:15 am	Jn 5:18,31-47++	Marino Miraflores (RIP)
Fri Mar 15 9 am	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jose Yap (RIP) Marino Miraflores (RIP)
Sat Mar 16 9 am	Jn 7:40-53	Eugene & Materna Martinez (RIP) Dipak Parekh (RIP) Edna Blanco (RIP)
Sun Mar 17 9 am	Jn 12:20-33	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jose Yap (RIP) All Parishioners
11 am		Peter & Ester Villadolid (RIP) Ana Di Benedetto (RIP) Aldo & Liliana Petrella (RIP)
4pm		Silvestre Lacerda (RIP) Mai Dela Cruz (Thanksgiving)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS –



ALL OF THE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Kathie Coll, Merlita Dayrit, Reynaldo & Cynthia Dela Cruz, Lorna Delos Santos, Esther Fajardo, Cindy Ferrer, Michael Hughes, Robert

Listecki, Lydia Martins, Elisa Mohammed, Kristina and Mila Moser, Linda Navalta, Ernesto Rodriguez, John Smith, Josie Taboada, Katherine Tomei, and John Topp.



ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs ~ We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

ANNUAL MASS FOR SENIORS, ANOINTING OF THE SICK & LUNCH – MARCH 16

All seniors in the parish are invited to attend on **Saturday, March 16 @ 11am**. Sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. Sponsored by CWL.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023

Tax Receipts for 2023 have been mailed out. **THANK YOU** for all parishioners who have continuously supported the parish in any way especially by using the Sunday Envelopes or through Online Giving.

R.C.I. A.

Our RCIA Team looks forward to meeting you every Thursday, from 7pm - 8:30pm, in church basement.

Topics: March 7 ~ The Eucharist:

Source and Summit of Christian Life

March 14 ~ Walk Through the Mass:

Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

OUR SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 8 – 24



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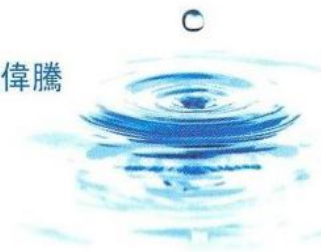
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