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MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, March 31

8:00 AM - For the intentions of the people of St. Anne's 10:00 AM - + Dorothy Cummings 12:00 PM - + Mario Pereira Monday, April 1 9:15 AM - + Joao Anastacio Tuesday, April 2 9:15 AM - + Joel & Maria Vidal Wednesday, April 3 9:15 AM - + Claude F. Valladares and Deceased family 7:00 PM - + Antonio Medeiros and Idalina Medeiros + Miguelito Joaquin + Srimalee Cooray + Francisco D'Souza Family Thursday, April 4 9:15 AM – † Manuel & Maria Borges † Jose Barbosa Friday, April 5 9:15 AM - All Souls in Purgatory 7:00 PM - Gloria & Family In Thanksgiving + Antonio Corsino and Nunzia Palermo STATIONS OF THE CROSS

<u>Saturday, April 6</u>

9:15 AM – † Victor, Maria, Tony Rebelo 5:00 PM – Maikel Michriky and Iskandara Michriky



SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1 Special Intention SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2 Special Intention SACRED HEART LAMP Special Intention ST. ANNE LAMP Special Intention and thanksgiving DIVINE MERCY LAMP Justo & Mary Ann Lopez -18th Wedding Anniversary PADRE PIO LAMP

Special Intention

MARCH 31st, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Love of God

Today we read our story. A son who was really care-less (didn't care will be more appropriate) about the love of the father. Jesus invites us to reflect on God's unfailing love for His children. Although the son squandered his inheritance and lost the basic necessities of life, he was greeted with profound compassion after <u>freely deciding to return home</u>.

First this son wants his father's inheritance. What for? He wants to attach to money, power, pleasure etc. Most possibly he thought he would find happiness there. What happened? He found his father when he emptied himself from his power, money, pleasure etc.

There are many things in life we can be attached to. <u>Sometimes we can even</u> become attached to things that are good. Most often, what we become attached to is our own stubborn will. We want what we want when we want it. One key to authentic holiness is to strive to be detached from everything but God and His holy Will (Attaching to father). This requires much "letting go" in our lives and much surrender. Doesn't it?

Sometimes we are attached to God too much and we don't want anybody to have that space either. It is what elder brother does. He thinks father belongs only to him. Some of us pretty pious think Jesus belongs to us and he should get permission from us before sending blessings to our fellow parishioners. Elder son might thought father had to get his consent to throw a party on behalf of his younger son. When elder son came home he complained. Sometimes don't we do the same? When someone got blessed don't we ask why not me Lord? Isn't this not our spiritual jealousy? Maybe he silently waited for the death of his father and non-return of his bother. Who knows?

Can we reflect on our role in this parable? This parable really challenges us. Who are you in the parable? The restless and reckless younger son who already sees his father as dead in his eyes? Do you identify as the older, more orthodox brother, quietly waiting until his father dies and wishing his brother never returns? Or are you a shameful father (parent) who is willing to risk everything you have to win your loving children although they don't really love you? Do we see the love of the father?

If one of our sons or daughters (brother / sister) gone away from home (because of addiction or some other reason) will we wait in the same way this father waits and accepts him / her? If that family accepts that child will our parish / community accept that child or will we label her? Isn't that the challenge we have in our society today? More and more youngsters are moving away seeking what? LOVE. Why? They won't find it in our society.

What is it about the father and his response to each son that speaks to you? What action of the father reveals the love that God has for us? Is it his willingness to be shamed? Is it the patient watch he maintains until his son returns? Is it his heartfelt desire to greet and kiss his lost son? His tender mercy toward his eldest son? There is just so much to consider in our meditation this week.

On top of that I just want to add this. What is it that you are attached to? What comes to mind first? What is it that you would not want to let go of? Even attachment to good things in life is a way of trusting more in creatures than in God. And, in fact, the only way to authentically love another, be it God, family, friends, or anyone else, is to detach from your selfish attachments so that the love of God can flood you and love others through you with His pure and perfect love.

We can love everybody but love God first. Through him everybody. It will never go wrong.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY – MARCH 31ST

Living the Gospel locally and around the world

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS – APRIL 3RD

In our parish, the schedule for DAY OF CONFESSIONS is as follows: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD - 9:45AM-11:30AM, 2PM-4PM & 6:30PM-7PM

Sat. April 6 9:45AM-11:30AM

LENTEN & CONFIRMATION Confessions *Several priests available to hear confessions speaking* a variety of languages.

NEWCOMERS IN NEED OF FURNITURE

We have a parishioner (newcomers to Canada) in need of furniture. This family of 4 with 2 boys does not currently have any furniture. Anyone who may be able to assist in any way, please leave your contact information at the parish office. Thank you for your compassion.

ST. ANNE'S FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

St. Anne's Food Assistance Program provides assistance to those in need in our community. Funds for the program are acquired through the generosity of those parishioners who deposit their change in the poor boxes available in the lobby after weekend Masses.

"I want to thank the parishioners and ladies for the Wednesday grocery cards for their support. Thank you all at St. Anne's as I have had some hard times but want to express my GRATITUDE towards your help. Power of prayer at work. Your help got me through some trying times. Thank you (all is well)." - Steve

Thank You for depositing your change in the "Poor Boxes" in the lobby after Mass "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

2019 NATIONAL CATHOLIC TV MISSION: SIN, FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission Leader, and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt & Light and VisionTV during Holy Week.

Please check your local listings, call the NCBC toll-free 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com for more information.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE LOBBY ON WEEKENDS

First Holy Communion and Confirmation articles and many other religious articles are available after all Masses in the lobby on weekends



CWL BAKE SALE – APRIL 27/28

The CWL will be holding their bake sale on the weekend of April 27/28 after all Masses in the Stephenson room.

Donations of baked goods will be appreciated. Donations of baking can be brought to the Stephenson room on Saturday after the morning mass. Thank You!

This Week	Room Booking
Sunday (Mar. 31 st)	10:00am - Children's Liturgy (SR) 12:00pm - Children's Liturgy (SR) 10:00am – RCIA (PR)
Monday (April 1 st)	7:00pm - Ping Pong Group PR)
Tuesday (April 2 nd)	10:00am – Legion of Mary (FR) 6:00pm - Tiny Treasures Leaders (SR) 7:00pm – RCIA (PR) 7:00pm - Parent (Conf.) Retreat (C) 7:30pm – Faith Sharing (FR)
Wednesday (April 3 rd)	10:00am – Food Assistance (F) 9:45am - Confessions (C) 2:00pm - Confessions (C) 6:30pm – Confessions (C) 7:30pm - Baptism Class (SR)
Thursday (April 4 th)	9:30am – Centering Prayer (FR) 7:00pm - Parent (Conf.) Retreat 7:00pm – Ping Pong Group (PR) 8:00pm - 10 AM Choir Practice (fr)
Friday (April 5 th)	9:30am – Over 55 Group (SR) 5:00pm Youth Ministry Band Practice 6:30pm – Youth Ministry – All rooms 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross (C)
Saturday (April 6 th)	9:45am – Lenten Confessions (C) 2:30pm – Sacramental Classes (F,SR,PR) 4:00pm – Legion of Mary (FR) 4:00pm – Confessions (C) 6:00pm – Lifeteen (PR)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular – March 24	\$ 7,058.31	
Easter Flowers	1,949.75	
Thank you for your Generosity!		

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE – July 12-14, 2019 "BELONG" - 1 John 3:1 Uoit Campus, Oshawa All youth are welcome to join us Contact Arlene Morgan, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, at the parish office

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE SICK

Adriana Young Doris Chimbo Nazario D'Souza Lorraine Viegas Michael Gomes Dennis Molyneaux Steven Rei Raymond Kunkel Dwayne Adamson Manuel Ferreira

Maria Corsino Albert Purugganan Justine Del RIzzo Jack Collia Allan & Kevin Ackbarali Curtis Young

FOR THE DECEASED

Violeta De Leon Paulina Teves Iluminada Pedrosa Rosario Bustos Fernando La Posta

