

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MON, FEB 24 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; For Joseph & Annie Farrugia in thanks- giving for leading the Rosary Aposto- late
TUES, FEB 25 7:00 pm	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Shirley Mathew †; Josefina Rastrullo †
WED, FEB 26 9:15 am	Dominic Maida †; Daniel Cabral Andrade †
12:00 pm	Giuseppe Tulotti †; Matilde & Ipolito Bozzo †
7:00 pm	
THUR, FEB 27 7:00 pm	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Ilda Sousa & Carmelia Rossi †
FRI, FEB 28 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Beatriz & Juan Salalila Jr. & Sr. †
7:00 pm	Camillo D'Alonzo †; Beatrice Dobruk †; For the Intentions of Maikel Michricky
SAT, FEB 29 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †;
5:00 pm	Giulio Lombardi †; Carmel Cutajar †; Bastian Muthaia Gomes †; Marguerita Ramscook †
SUN, MAR 1 9:00 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †
10:30 am	Mark Nicholas Pulmano Costales †
12:30 pm	Beatriz & Juan Salalila Jr. & Sr. †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, February 24th
9:00 am - SMDY High school Retreat
10:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
10:00 am - Stiches from the Heart
7:00 pm - General Meeting
Tuesday, February 25th
1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club
7:40 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior
ASH Wednesday, February 26th
6:00 pm - Choir
6:30 pm - RCIA
Thursday, February 27th
9:00 am - SMDY High school Retreat
6:00 pm - Alpha
7:30 pm - Prayer Group
7:40 pm - Choir
Friday, February 28th
10:00 am - Rosary Makers
5:50 pm - Legion of Mary
7:00 pm - EDGE
Saturday, February 29th
7:00 am - TMIY
8:30 am - RCIA

✠ “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” - Mt. 5: 48
In the First Reading, we find the verse, “You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” From the Second Reading, St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians offers us the words, “For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” All three cited verses work with such harmony for it is the truth. In the Gospel passage, Jesus taught about the unconditional love of God. Made in His image, we are called to a life of profound holiness. However, as we all know, our frail human minds and bodies fall prey to the wicked claws of evil, tarnishing the image that we were created in. The books of the Bible, through its stories and parables, teach us about a God who never abandons His people, His creation. Even in those moments that we fail to love one another or ourselves, know and believe that He will always envelop us with His endless love. Fully aware of humanity’s wickedness and wretched ways, the Heavenly Father knew that our hardened hearts could not be turned unless He came down among us. Through the Word, Jesus Christ, God showed us that our relationship is a mutual one. He suffered emotionally and physically, much like any one of us, enlightening us about the image that we were created in; even in those moments that we experience deep despair, especially as we are reminded of our imperfect beings, know that we are made in the image of the One who is perfect. In our strife to be perfect like the Lord, we must maintain our innate holiness for the Father is holy, and that requires constant work on ourselves and divine assistance. It is in our openness to accept our limits and allowing the Spirit to transform our human frailty for God’s glory that we embark on the journey to be one with the all-perfect Father; Paul puts this well when he wrote, “for whenever I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10), and I find solace in these words each time I prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No person is a mistake because the perfect God that created us never falters. While the world around and within us might not seem to be at its best, do take a moment to remember that the perfect Son of God showed us that our body, mind and soul can attain perfection by finding strength in Him to bear our crosses; to suffer and die with Him, only to arise in His glorious self, perfect and holy.
Ann Sairah Mathew

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In addition, under the terms of the authority with which we were invested by God, we exhort and request our very dear sons in Christ, the Roman emperor, as well as the other kings and princes, just as the republics. We recommend to them, both since they sought us to achieve this very admirable work, but also, and even especially, in order to maintain harmony between the Christian nations in the celebration of the festivals, to adopt for themselves our calendar and to take care that all their subjects adopt it respectfully and conform to it scrupulously.

Pope St. Gregory XIII, from the Papal Bull, “Inter Gravissimas” 1582
This coming week, we have the one-out-of-every 4 year phenomena of February 29. Its history is connected to the papacy of the cited pope; accordingly then, we derive the name, “the Gregorian Calendar.” The recognition of the need for an additional corrective day was common to the ancient calendars of the Egyptians and Jews. The aligning of lunar cycles to seasonal changes had been a challenging matter for centuries. By the 16th century, the difference in calendar months and weather seasons had become so pronounced that a further adjustment was necessary – especially in attempting to fix the date of Easter to the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox (March 21). The leading intellectuals, scholars and clerics of the day devised a strategy to restore symmetry. The solution was to eliminate 10 days of that reform year of 1582 from the calendar – specifically, the days from October 5 to 14 were completely removed and the leap year, February 29 and its subsequent number 4 divisibility of years and centuries has remained ever since. To get the rest of the world on board with this change is fascinating to ponder when considering that the written and spoken word were your only means of communication. Its direct result on us today is evidenced in the start of the Lenten season this coming Ash Wednesday, Feb 26.

Fr. Robert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY

Over forty passages in the Bible associate ashes with mourning and grief. In Old Testament times people used ashes as a sign of repentance. They would sit in ashes, roll around in them, sprinkle them upon their heads, or even mingle them with their food and drink. They did this as an outward sign of their inward posture of repentance. Ash Wednesday begins Lent, a time when we stop and assess how we’re doing in our walk with God. Lent helps us identify spiritual areas in which we can grow and sinful areas that we need to avoid. To repent, put simply, means to turn away from sin and turn toward God. We use ashes as an outward expression of our need to begin again. <https://lifeteen.com/blog/why-do-catholics-put-ashes-on-our-heads-on-ash-wednesday/>
Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.
Pope Francis

FIRST COMMUNION - IMPORTANT DATES
LENTEN PROMISE WEEKEND - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten promise weekend February 29/ March 1st is next week; the Lenten Promise letters have been delivered to our parish schools. On this day (February 29/March 1) your child will receive the workbook “We Share in the Eucharist” to help prepare them for their First Communion. Please attend ONE of the following weekend Masses
· **Sunday, March 1st 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm or 8pm**
· **Saturday, February 29th at 5:00pm**
And bring in your Lenten Promise activity. If you do not receive the letter and activity please visit our website: <https://stmargueritedyouville.archtoronto.org> or pick up a copy at the parish office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

If you were not able to attend the assigned dates for First Reconciliation we ask that you bring your child in on a Tuesday or Thursday at 6:30 pm or a Saturday at 4:00 pm. Let the priest know that this is your child's first confession and then check in at the office so that we may keep track of all children that come in. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 7:40 PM; every Friday Children 5:50 PM. Parents are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary’s most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? Join the Rosary Apostolate. Training and supplies will be provided. For more information please call Paula at 905-867-0683.

THAT MAN IS YOU

Join us every Saturday from 7:00am to 9:00 am. Given that we all struggle as men to persevere in the responsibilities and commitments we face, I am inviting you to participate in an effective and strategic program to help us win both at home and at work. This men's group is proving successful in parishes across North America. With our group now active for the past 3 years, I can vouch for the beneficial impact it is having in the lives of those who gather. If you would like more information please email: robertmignella@hotmail.com.



ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26th, 2020
9:15 am; 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm.
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Mass Every Weekday Evening during Lent
(Monday - Friday) at 7:00 pm.

Weekday Morning Mass
(Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday)
Remains at 9:15 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held each Friday;
honouring the Lenten tradition of meditating on our Lord's Passion, the Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm.
Upon their prayerful completion, Mass will begin.

“On the threshold of Lent, it is necessary that this perspective be opened before us, so that we may believe deeply in the gospel with all the truth of our mortal existence. We are called to take part in the Resurrection of Christ. For this appeal to resound within us with all its force at the beginning of the Lenten season, let us realize what death means.
‘You are dust,’
‘Repent!’
‘Believe in the gospel’
(St. John Paul II).

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 // 7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DIANNE AT
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