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FOUTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MON, MAR 20 9:15 am	Arduino, Sylvestro & Rosa DeLellis †; Death Anniv. of Rosario Mocampo †; Thomas Francis & Anie Thomas †
7:00 PM	
Tues, Mar 21 7:00 pm	Strength for Ansly & Shone's Family
WED, MAR 22 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	
THUR, MAR 23 7:00 pm	
FRI, MAR 24 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	
SAT, MAR 25 9:15 am	
5:00 pm	Rudolph Mathias †; Pete Magboo †
SUN, MAR 26 9:00 am	Victoriano & Angelica Lucero †; Rudolph Mathias †; Nihal Senewiraine †
10:30 am	Florence Rita Manuel Pillai †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish



You can still register for our Parish Youth Program Edge (Gr 5-8) Sign up after Mass and drop off the registration and payment at the parish office.

NEXT EDGE NIGHT Friday, March 24th

Cost: \$50 (includes t-shirt and snacks)

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information

email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

I start early and I stay late, day after day, year after year, it took me 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success.

Before if I lost or did something wrong I didn't talk to anyone for three or four days until it passed. Now, I come home after a game, I see my son, and everything is alright.

One of the Arsenal players came up to me afterwards and said it had been an honor to be on the same pitch as me. I thought, My God, that is a great thing to say when your team has just lost.

I knew that God was going to grant this gift to me; I had a presentiment that it was going to be.

-Lionel Messi, various quotes about his career

The fourth Sunday of Lent invites us to anticipate the triumph of Our Lord's Resurrection via the rose coloured vestments. The lighting of the Lenten mood against the heaviness of penitential observance is perhaps best done by revisiting the "laetare" euphoria released three months ago through the eyes of Messi - "the little magic man from Argentina". His story is known the world over. Already identified as a childhood phenom and heir successor to the country's national hero, Maradona, the diminutive boy required hormone treatments to reach his 5 ft 7 inch height. Dwarf in comparison to most professional athletes in the football world, he undoubtedly now stands as the biggest of giants as to his unrepeatable and unsurpassable accomplishments.

His Catholic faith has been a central driving force. Beyond his background from the city of Rosario (he has a Rosary tattooed on his arm, in addition to his Christ crowned with thorns on his right shoulder), he has maintained a humble, fierce, and gracious figure in the uber competitive world of billion dollar global sports. And so, if one is looking for incentive in one's Lenten observance, Lionel Messi oozes inspiration. Perhaps his fellow Argentinian, Pope Francis, said it best, "of course, he brings happiness, but he is not God." Rightfully, then we reserve our adoration for Christ alone. Reflecting on the World Cup win, Messi spoke about how much suffering - as a team, and likewise as with the fans – was required to achieve this crowning victory. Such insight provides ample motivation to sustain us in our Lenten journey.

CC Ponder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The healing in this week's Gospel is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was re-



ally born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2023

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE



The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for four consecutive Saturday's April 15, 22, 29 & May 6th, 2023 from 12:00pm -4pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -COUNCIL 15612 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Age Group 5 - 7 Years - Lucas Gopaul. Age Group 8 - 10 Years - N/A Age Group 11-14 Years - Rhianna John.



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THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We will resume in the New year on January 10th. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Will resume on Monday January 9th and meets every Monday at 10 am, everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-915-8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm. 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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs. To learn more, focus your smartphone's camera on the symbol or visit www.catholic-cemeteries.com



THE REAL IMPACTS OF MAID

"Right to Life Mississauga & Area will be hosting an in-person event on Medical Assisted Suicide entitled: "The Real Impacts of MAiD (Medical Assisted Suicide) Revealed!". Keynote speakers will discuss the legal, institutional and personal impact of this ill-conceived legislation. It is being held on Sunday March 26th at 4:00pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS



"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org Email:

www.vocationstoronto.ca

PARISH ENVELOPES

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS as all numbers have been reassigned. Once you receive

your new box make sure you write all your information (Name, Address and phone number) for the first couple of weeks. Thank you.





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

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

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.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 11th - 18th at 6pm Sunday, March 19th - 12:30 pm Devotions & Mass

PARISH MISSION

Every Friday during Lent - February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 27th: 9:45am-12 & 4-7pm Tuesday, March 28th: 5-7pm Thursday, March 30th at 5-7pm

"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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