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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Mass for the Intentions Week

MON, MAR 11 9:15 am	
7:00 PM	
TUES, MAR 12 7:00 pm	Nada Naysun †; Vito Oliveri †
WED, MAR 13 9:15 am	Dora Vieira †; For the intentions of Eddi Medeiros & family
7:00 PM	Angelo Rosario †
THUR, MAR 14 7:00 pm	
FRI, MAR 15 9:15 am	Thomas Perumbil †
7:00 PM	Esperanza M. De Guzman †
SAT, MAR 16 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Cecilia DeSouza ; John Abela †; Pete Magboo †; Mary Doris & Joseph Pirota †; In thanksgiving - Matias family
SUN, MAR 17 9:00 am	Manuel Paul †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the anniversary of Kennedy & Jyothi Williams; In thanksgiving - Kennedy family

YOUTH MINISTRY EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ



Edge Nights for grades 6-8,
The first and third Fridays of the month.
Our next Edge Night will be
on March 15th, 7-8:30pm

Life Teen Nights for grades 9-12
The Second and fourth Fridays of the month. Our Next
Life Teen Night will be on March 22nd, 7-9 pm

Registration is ongoing, please pick up a
registration form from the church.
For more information email Margaret at
dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

We did not stop him. We cannot prevent our sons from serving the Church. It is their choice. He is a part of my heart. But our happiness is greater than our grief. He was a simple boy who died in the path of the Lord and saved the priest and worshippers. People love him. Akash is already our saint.

- Naz Bano, mother of Akash Bashir, speaking at the Mass that opened his cause as Servant of God towards canonization

Nine years ago, March 15, 2015, twenty year old Akash Bashir was standing guard as volunteer security at his home parish of St. John, in the Archdiocese of Lahore, Pakistan. Knowing the ever-looming danger of a terrorist attack, Akash's instinct and courage kicked into action on that fateful day. When a suspicious man tried to barge his way into the Church, Akash was standing watch. The jihadist declared his malicious intention. Akash seized him at the door and declared, "I will die but I will not let you go in!" Akash and two others died instantly from the detonation of the suicide bomb blast. The rest of the 1000 faithful inside the Church were spared. At that same time, at a neighbouring parish, the same Islamic militant group carried out a simultaneous foray and killed 17 while seriously injuring another 70 Catholics.

As the cited quote indicates, his parents are left with the valiant and sacrificial act of their son. Knowing the cost of what it is to be disciples of Jesus Christ, they never shied away from the practice of their faith as a family. They form part of the vibrant Christian community in the Youhanabad district of Lahore that educates their children in the Salesian tradition of fostering giftedness and generosity in service to God and neighbour. Akash's witness leaves us all with the wonder of considering what each of us as individuals would do if ever confronted with such a moment? May this Lenten season strengthen and renew us in the boldness of professing the saving mysteries we share.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.



In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David.

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple.

God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations. In Jesus, God keeps that promise.

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation. Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself.

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see [John 19:37](#)) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2024

2024 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$70,000, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:



- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- deliver food to children in developing countries
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!



If you have envelopes from previous years throw them out!

If you use envelopes from a previous years your donation will not be attributed to your name! If you wish to make a donation to the church please use the pink visitors envelopes and make sure you write clearly your full name and address so your donation can be assigned to your name *or pick up a set for this year at the parish office during office hours.*

NOTE: If you have not picked up your 2024 envelopes by March 24th, 2024 they will be cancelled and reissued.

THAT MAN IS YOU

Saturday, March 16th at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host our 24th session of "That Man is You" for the men of the parish with the theme, "Renewed in Mercy". Our Guest speaker will be **Michael Gormley**, Founder of a Catholic Evangelistic Communications Group. He will share his insight of the Mercy of God, our Father. **Come and See!** The Lord's mercies are new every morning! What is your understanding of the words **Mercy & Hope**? How do men respond to the divisions of darkness within us and in our communities? This session will truly prepare you for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in these remaining two weeks of our Lenten season. **"Jesus, we trust in You. Jesus, we hope in You"**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BENEFITS INFORMATION SESSION

Learn how Knights of Columbus can help you protect your family and plan for your retirement, while supporting an organization that contributes to important charitable causes aligned with your Catholic values. You are invited to join us for a Fraternal Benefit Event to learn more about the financial services and fraternal benefits offered by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday March 10 at 1:30pm. We will gather in the meeting room in the parish hall. Please reach out to Paul Roul through kofc15612@gmail.com for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SPRING DANCE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a spring dinner and dance on Saturday May 4th 2024 at 6:30pm. The event will take place at Caesar's Hall located at 12495 Highway 50, Bolton. The evening will include a four course meal, open bar, prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$110 per person and will be available after mass on March 9 and 10. Proceeds will be used to support local charities and the Knights of Columbus. For more information is available at the ticket sales or by contacting kofc15612@gmail.com

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is officially open and will be open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.

SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20)
If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM. For more details, email Olivia Saqui at screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.



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. We will begin with Mass at 7:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 19th: 5-7pm
Wednesday, March 20th: 9:45am-12 & 5-7pm
Thursday, March 21st at 5-7pm

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

Saturday, March 23rd - 5:00pm
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 pm
Procession of Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

10:00 am - Passion of our Lord
12:00 noon - Passion of our Lord
3:00 pm - Passion of our Lord
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena
7:00 pm - The Way of the Cross - Passion Play

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

4:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:30 pm; 8:00 pm
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Prayer/Novena

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Winter Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for five consecutive Saturday's April 6, 13, 20, 27 & May 4th from 12:00pm - 5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We resume our regular meetings on Tuesday January 9th in the Parish Hall. Wishing you all a New Year filled with God's blessings. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group will resume on Monday January 8, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905-915-8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

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