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## SUNDAY Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

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## WEEKDAY Mass Schedule

Mon: 8:00 AM  
Tues: 7:00 PM  
Wed: 12:10 PM  
Thurs: 8:00 AM  
Fri: 8:00 AM  
Sat: 9:00 AM

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## Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM  
and by appointment

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## Marriage & Baptism

by appointment

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday March 17th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

◆ Pro-Populo

### Sunday March 18th

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass } ◆ Pro-Populo

12:00 pm Mass

### Monday March 19th

8:00am Mass

### Tuesday March 20th

7:00pm Mass

† Leonardo Pipitone

◆ Intentions of the CWL

### Wednesday March 21st

12:10pm Mass

† Lorenzo Bondi

◆ Liam Hoban

### Thursday March 22nd

8:00am Mass

† Vincenza Tersigni

† Susana Alneida

### Friday March 23rd

8:00am Mass

### Saturday March 24th

9:00am Mass

† Carlos Casanova

### Sanctuary Lamp

March 18-March 24

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the health of Christina Bieber & her daughter  
*(requests for the lamp can be made in the parish office)*

### We ask for your prayers



**Please pray for the sick:** Yvonne Way, Caitlin Grace McDonald, Rita Trance, Salvina Pace, Madeleine Anta, Frank Turco, Barbara Lechner,

Maria Mora, Anne, Brian & Vince Allen, Elva Corcoran,

**Please pray for the deceased:** Marietta Abrasosa, Ron Steer, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Joseph Hennessy, Allison Morrison, Mary Fenech, Onofrio Papasodaro, Carla Tamburri, Jose Meneses, George Chabrzynski, Bonifacio Bertumen, Johnny Ezpeleta Sr., Robert Anderson, Doy Tanedo

### Prayer Requests:

Requests for prayers can be submitted in the parish office to be published in the bulletin. You can email your requests to:

[stjohns@neptune.on.ca](mailto:stjohns@neptune.on.ca)



As Lent progresses, we come closer to the heart and meaning of the Gospel: that Jesus must suffer and die for new life to happen. There is nothing here about rules, practices, theological formulae or perfection. Jesus embraced what is painful and frightening to achieve life on our behalf. Those of us who call ourselves Christian must be willing to walk the same road. (by Joan DeMerchant)

## Reconciliation Tree

"The Kingdom of God is within You," Jesus tells us. Do we really believe this? How can this Kingdom reign in our weak and fragile hearts that so often fail to love as God made them to love? This week, let us look at the ways in which we need to forgive ourselves for not living up to the dreams God has for us ... for not living up to the dreams we have for ourselves. Let us forgive ourselves for our failures and our fragility and offer up our

weaknesses to the One who made himself weak to save us. This week, let us remind ourselves that no failing we have is greater than God's mercy. Let us remember that we are immeasurably greater than our worst sin. Let us add a ribbon to the Tree of Reconciliation to represent our attempts to forgive ourselves.



### Parish Office Hours

#### Monday to Thursday

9:00am to 9:00pm

Office closed from 12noon-1:00pm and 5:00pm - 6:00pm

#### Fridays

9:00am to 5:00pm

Office closed from 12noon - 1:00pm

### Day of Confession

The Archdiocese has again planned a day of confession, and it will take place at St. John's on **Friday, March 23**. A priest will be available to hear confessions from **8:30am to 11:30am** and from **6pm to 9pm**.

### Penitential Service

A communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will take place at St. John's Church on **Tuesday, March 20** at **7pm**. This is a joint celebration with St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and a number of priests will be available for individual confession following the liturgy.

### Italian Social Club

**Wednesday, March 21** after the 12:10 pm Mass, confessions will be heard in the parish centre starting at **1:00pm**.

### Celebrating the Scrutinies

On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of lent, we celebrate the Scrutiny Rites with the people preparing for initiation at Easter. The three weeks of scrutiny address three kinds of sin in our lives. The first week we hear the story of the woman at the well. In this story, Jesus confronts the woman with her sinful past - a history of broken relationships. This is a story of the healing of a woman from individual sin. The second week we hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. Because he is blind, the community around him assumes he has sinned in some way and, for that reason, excludes and judges him. In curing the man, Jesus not only heals his physical blindness, but challenges the attitudes of the community. This is a story of the healing of a community from social sin. In the third and final week we are told the story of the raising



### CWL News

Our next general meeting will be **March 20** following the **7:00 pm** Mass. We welcome Brandon and Vicky from the Chippewa band of Georgina Island as they will explain and demonstrate a "smudge ceremony". This will be followed by Vicky giving us a glimpse of their culture from the viewpoint of women, including the importance of water. Everyone is welcome to attend this special presentation.

### Scholarship Opportunity

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a \$3,000 scholarship to St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. This scholarship is open to any Catholic young woman, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Science or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by **May 31, 2018**. For further information email Sue Lubowitz at [juslubowitz@gmail.com](mailto:juslubowitz@gmail.com).

of Lazarus from the dead. The ultimate consequence of our sin is death and this week we are reminded that in Jesus even death is overcome. As St. Paul tells us, death has no real sting for Christians. Because of Jesus, we need not fear any kind of sin - even the sin that leads to death. This is a story of the healing of all of humanity from radical sin and death. The celebration of these scrutinies is not only for the people joining our Christian community for the first time. It is an opportunity for each and every one of us to examine the kinds of sin which prevent us from living fully as followers of Jesus.

### Living the Gospel

"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." Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.



### Lenten Ecumenical Worship

United at the Cross

7 pm - 8 pm - Wednesdays of Lent



This Lent, the Christian congregations on Main Street are joining together for Lenten prayer around the theme of the cross. The prayer will be in the tradition of the particular congregation and will be followed by refreshments & social time.

**March 21: St. Andrew's Presbyterian**  
The Cross-The Way of Life through Death

### Drivers Needed



The family that we sponsored three years ago has expanded to include six children. This means lots of appointments to the dentist, doctor, grocery store, etc. And this with no vehicle. If you could help drive members of the family to appointments, please contact Teresa at 905-806-7560.

### The Parish Needs your Help

Our parish is in need of volunteers to help with the counting of the offertory. This is a volunteer position that requires a generous commitment of time on Sundays. There are some requirements that need to be discussed with the pastor beforehand. If you wish to know more about this invitation, please contact the parish office and leave your contact information or email Fr. Efen as soon as possible. (see address below).

### Ministry of Hospitality

For the past few years, several our ministers of hospitality (ushers) have expressed the need for more volunteers to join this ministry. We are grateful to those who have been giving this service to the parish so faithfully and generously. However, this ministry is one of the most difficult for a pastor to promote since most ushers assist with taking up the offertory collection only. As a result, many ushers remain anonymous to the parish and when we need to plan, we have no way of contacting them for training, scheduling and, most importantly, screening. This **Monday, March 19**, we invite those who have been taking the role of ushers to a meeting in order to discuss the role. **The meeting will be at 7pm in the parish centre.** We extend this invitation to anyone who wishes to know more about this important ministry.

### Cleansing of the Temple

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our spring cleaning of the church in preparation for Easter. There were helpers of all ages from retirees to teenagers, including many candidates for First Communion and Confirmation and their families. They came for two hours and cleaned pews and organized cupboards. We are very grateful for their enthusiastic help!

### The Three Pillars of Lent

This **Friday** is the last of our Lenten prayer, fasting and giving. Join us for soup and bread at **5pm - 6:30pm**, the proceeds of which will be given to the needy, followed by Stations of the Cross at **7pm**. in the Church.

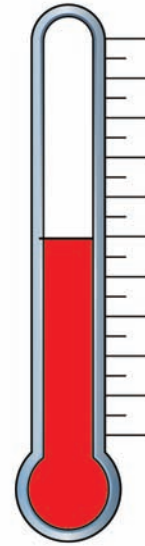
### Pray for Vocations

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God has a plan for you, call us at 416-968-0997 for more information or visit us at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



### Sing Praises to the Lord!

**GOAL!**



Congratulations! With your generosity we have paid for just over 50% of our new Glory and Praise hymnals. We have placed the hymnal dedication bookplates in these hymnals and put them in the pews. Each time you open one of the dedicated hymnals, please offer a prayer for that which is mentioned in the dedication. It is a wonderful way to

support one another and give thanks to God. If you would still like to contribute to this project, please contact the office or watch for people at the back of the church to accept your donation. For a donation of \$30, we will provide you with a bookplate in memory of someone or in gratitude for someone or something.

**I am interested in donating towards the new hymnals**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hymnals: \_\_\_\_\_

(Submit request to the office or email info to the parish office email: see front of bulletin)

**We will be in touch with you to arrange the dedication of your choice.**

<p><b>Email Addresses</b></p>	<p>Fr. Efen: <a href="mailto:ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com">ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com</a>                  Fr. Norbert: <a href="mailto:norbertoyule06@gmail.com">norbertoyule06@gmail.com</a>                  Christine Way Skinner: <a href="mailto:cway@neptune.on.ca">cway@neptune.on.ca</a>                  Deacon Gary Johnson: <a href="mailto:deacongary.saintjohns@gmail.com">deacongary.saintjohns@gmail.com</a>                  Deacon Michael Miranda: <a href="mailto:deacon.michael10@gmail.com">deacon.michael10@gmail.com</a></p>
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