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# March 10 and 11, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	Mar. 10	+ Gerdie Doherty requested by Hazel Jones
Sun. 9:30am	Mar. 11	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	Mar. 11	People of the Parish
Tues. 9:00am	Mar. 13	No Mass Intention
Wed. 9:00 am	Mar. 14	No Mass Intention
Thurs. 9:00am	Mar. 15	No Mass Intention
Fri. 9:00am	Mar. 16 <b>Stations of the Cross After the mass.</b>	No Mass Intention

The Collection on March 3 and 4, was \$1,429.90,

The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

The second collection next weekend is the first among the three ShareLife collections and our parish goal is \$44,000.00. Please donate generously and support those in need.

Please consider donating through PAG – Pre-Authorized Giving. You can set-up your PAG donations on a weekly or monthly basis. PAG Cards are available at the vestibule of the church to be used instead of the regular envelopes during the offertory collection.

Also please seal your donation envelopes. When envelopes are not sealed, your donation tends to slip out of the envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## Sacramental Calendar

Please submit the baptismal forms four weeks before the baptismal date. This will allow the office to gather all information necessary for the baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Course for parents intending to have their infants get baptized is being offered every first Sunday of each month. Next Baptismal Preparation Course will take place on, April 8, Sunday, at 12 noon, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. If you are not registered, please pick up forms at the Parish Office. Baptism this month will take place on March 18, Sunday, at 12 noon right after the 11:00 am Mass.

## Sacramental Preparation

Parents who have signed up their children for the Sacramental Preparations are requested to follow the schedule for the entire sessions.



## Corpus Christi Women's Lenten Reflection

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 will be the date for this year's Women's Lenten Reflection night, tickets will be sold after all masses and the cost is \$20 each including dinner. This year's speaker is Dr. Anna Boyagoda. Anna directs the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for the Archdiocese of Toronto and serves as a Level 1 & Level 2 catechist at Corpus Christi Parish in Toronto. She and her husband Randy have four children, who have given her ample opportunity for the "observation" of children that is so essential to the Montessori method. Her topic is "Unless you change and become like children". What children can teach us about our relationships with God?

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a spiritual exercise to remind us about our Lord's Passion and Death. All his suffering was to save us from the bondage of sin. Here at our parish the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated after the 9:00 am mass on Fridays during Lent.

## Good Shepherd Mission

Good Shepherd Mission Needs Your Help. Can you spare a couple of hours a month to help serve lunch at the Good Shepherd Mission (Queen St. East and Parliament)? The Good Shepherd team from Corpus Christi is looking for volunteers to help out from 2 to 4 pm the **Third Friday** of every month. Please contact Lorraine Kong at [lorrainekong.ca@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainekong.ca@gmail.com)

## Eucharistic Adoration



The next Eucharistic Adoration will be on Tuesday, March 13, from 7:00 - 800 pm.

We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and spend some time in silent prayer and a benediction to conclude.

We encourage everyone to spend one hour with our Lord and experience a wonderful personal relationship with Him.

*Come let us Adore Him.....*



## Day of Reconciliation JOURNEY BACK TO GOD

The Archdiocesan wide Day of Confession will be observed at our parish on Thursday, March 15. Hours of confession will be from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

## ShareLife

### Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

Archdiocesan Goal: \$ 13.6 Million  
Our Parish Goal: \$ 44,000. 00

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

**March 18 is the First ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

### Inter-Faith Lunch (Mondays)

Interfaith Luncheons in our neighbourhood is a wonderful program to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are in need, and runs solely on donations from the well-wishers. Now the volunteers are looking for donations in terms of canned goods like tuna, salmon, vegetables, chicken, mayonnaise, margarine, ground coffee and tea. We also take cash donations. Thank you for your kind consideration.

### Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent - 2018

*"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12)*

#### **A cold heart**

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, [2] in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. [3] All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal. [4]

#### **What are we to do?**

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, [5] and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

**To be continued.....**

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