# Living the Gospel



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 $2^{nd}$  Scrutiny

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." John 9:13-15

> First Reading + 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Second Reading + Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel + John 9: 1-41

## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, March 12 NO MASS SCHEDULED **Tuesday, March 13** 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR 6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS 7:00pm+Sr. Michelle THIBERT, Pers. Int. – C/P Morrison Wednesday, March 14 8:00am+Rev. Msgr. Thomas KALARAHIL, RIP - Diocese Thursday, March 15 80am+Terry SMYTH, RIP – E/J Byrne 10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan Complex Friday, March 16 12:10pm+J/R Vandervoort, 60th Ann - J/A Pendergast 7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS Saturday, March 17 (Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Shannon GUNNINGHAM, RIP – J/S Duggan 5:00pm+John KENNEDY, RIP - J/C Orr Sunday, March 18 9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10:30am+Andrew MAKAROFF, RIP - Family

#### Saint of the Week:

The Lord opened the understanding of my unbelieving heart, so that I should recall my sins. - *St. Patrick of Ireland* (385-461), Bishop, Patron St. of Engineers, Feast Day March 17

Last Week's Collection: General Offering \$4330.90

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

The power of silence.

One of the best books of recent years is Cardinal Robert Sarah's autobiography, *God or Nothing*. Sarah was born in 1945 in a poor village in Guinea, West Africa. At the age of twelve, he answered God's call to study for the priesthood. A gifted student, he was later sent to continue his studies in France, Rome and Jerusalem. He was appointed Archbishop of Conakry, Guinea in 1979 at the age of thirty-four, at the time when the country was under an oppressive Marxist dictatorship. In 2001, Pope John Paul II called him to work in Rome. He was made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict and Pope Francis appointed him head of the Congregation for Divine Worship, one of the top posts in the Vatican.

Last year, Cardinal Sarah published a second book, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*. In this book Cardinal Sarah, as one reviewer says, "offers a richly engaging, elegantly written reflection on the importance of recovering silence in our own lives, and through silence, rediscovering the presence of God, the beauty of creation, and the nature of our mission as disciples."

After reading this book, Pope Benedict felt compelled to offer his own praise:

Cardinal Sarah is a spiritual teacher, who speaks out of the depths of silence with the Lord, out of his interior union with him, and thus really has something to say to each one of us. Cardinal Sarah teaches us silence — being silent with Jesus, true inner stillness, and in just this way he helps us to grasp the word of the Lord anew.

We should be grateful to Pope Francis for appointing such a spiritual teacher as head of the congregation that is responsible for the celebration of the liturgy in the Church. With the liturgy, too, as with the interpretation of Sacred Scripture, it is true that specialized knowledge is necessary. But it is also true of the liturgy that specialization ultimately can talk right past the essential thing unless it is grounded in a deep, interior union with the praying Church, which over and over again learns anew from the Lord himself what adoration is. With Cardinal Sarah, a master of silence and of interior prayer, the liturgy is in good hands.

Honestly, I knew nothing about Cardinal Sarah before reading *God or Nothing*. Since then I have been following him closely, and have been consistently impressed by his talks and writings. He is certainly not a *charismatic* speaker, but everything he says comes from a deep well of learning and devotion. He is a man who loves the Lord.

It was my hope to one day meet Cardinal Sarah in person. So it has come as a pleasant surprise to learn that Cardinal Collins has invited him to give a Lenten day-retreat for all priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto, to take place this coming week. I am greatly looking forward to it. MARCH 11, 2018

## Feast of St. Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patron Saint of Canada Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Mass 7:00pm

## Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord

Monday, April 9 ~ Mass 7:00p.m.

## EDGE

Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

LIFE TEEN Catholic Ministry to Grades 9-12

## HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT March 29/30

An overnight retreat in the church experiencing the Last Supper to the Resurrection in our role as Easter people

## SL ShareLife

www.sharelife.org

Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

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.

Next Sunday, March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Parish Goal: \$50,000 – Bal To-date: \$420.00 Please give generously.

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## Lent & Easter Schedule

During Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00p.m. at St. Paul's Church

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday's at 6pm before 7pm Mass

Saturday's at 4pm before the 5pm Mass



Holy Thursday – March 29th <u>No Morning Mass</u> 7:30p.m.+Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m

**Good Friday – March 30**<sup>th</sup> <u>No Noon Mass</u> 3:00p.m.+Commemoration of The Lord's Passion 7:00pm+Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 31st <u>No Morning Mass</u> 12:00noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at Immaculate Conception Church Easter Vigil + 8:30pm – March 31<sup>st</sup> {The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

**Easter Sunday – April 1**<sup>st</sup> **8:00a.m**. at Immaculate Conception 9:00a.m. (*new*) and 10:30a.m. at St. Paul's Church

## **PIEROGI DINNER**

## Saturday, April 21 @ 6:30pm

Mark your Calendar Home Made Pierogi Dinner 50/50 Draw Proceeds to support Edge Camp Stay tuned for future details!!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER CANADIAN SINGER/SONGWRITER MARK MALLETT | WATCH & PRAY



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