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4th Sunday of Lent ~ 10 March 2024

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 11

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, March 12

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass- Per. Int.*)

Miklos Borsos, Andrea Nemeth, Molly Hutchinson,
Chris Asabo, Maribel & Kaleigh Agoncillo, Parulski Family

Wednesday, March 13

8:00am+Carsten SCHERNEKAU, RIP – P/C Morrison

Thursday, March 14

80am+Ida GLASS, RIP – A Parishioner

Friday, March 15

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

12:10pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass- RIP*)

Souls in Purgatory, Gino GISMONDI, Rogel RUFINO,

Lou BIFFIS, Mairead McINERNERY-McATEER

7:00pm+STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, March 16

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Charles O'REILLY, RIP – T. O'Reilly

5:00pm+Eugene DEVEREAUX, RIP –Devereaux Family

Sunday, March 17

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Donald SULKER, RIP – K of C

From the desk of Father Norberto Eyule

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our journey through the Lenten season, our hearts are drawn to the symbol of the cross - a profound reminder of sacrifice and suffering, yet also a beacon of hope and redemption. In the midst of life's trials and difficulties, it is often through our crosses that we find the true essence of our faith and the depth of God's love for us.

The cross stands as the ultimate symbol of sacrificial love—the very cornerstone of our Christian faith. Jesus Christ, our Savior, willingly embraced the cross, enduring unimaginable suffering and pain, all for the sake of our salvation. His selfless act of love serves as a profound example for us all, inviting us to embrace our own crosses with courage and faith.

Sacrifice is an integral aspect of the Christian life. Just as Christ sacrificed himself for us, we are called to offer our own sacrifices for the greater glory of God and the well-being of others. This Lenten season provides us with a sacred opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices we are called to make—whether it be through fasting, prayer, or acts of charity. By willingly embracing these sacrifices, we unite ourselves more closely to the sacrificial love of Christ and participate in the redemptive work of salvation.

However, it is important to recognize that our journey of faith is not without its share of suffering. The path of discipleship often entails moments of hardship, pain, and uncertainty. Yet, it is in these moments of suffering that we are invited to draw closer to God, trusting in His providence and grace.

Suffering, though difficult to endure, can also be a source of profound growth and transformation. It is through our struggles and trials that we are refined, purified, and made more resilient in our faith. Just as gold is tested by fire, so too are we tested by the trials of life. And just as the cross leads to the glory of the Resurrection, so too does our suffering lead to the joy of new life in Christ.

In the midst of our own crosses and sufferings, let us not lose sight of the hope that is found in Christ. He who conquered sin and death on the cross offers us the promise of eternal life and redemption. As we journey through the Lenten season, may we fix our eyes on the cross of Christ, finding strength, comfort, and hope in His sacrificial love.

Let us also remember those who are bearing heavy crosses of their own—the sick, the lonely, the marginalized, and the oppressed. May we reach out to them with compassion and support, embodying the love and mercy of Christ in our words and actions.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be reminded of the profound significance of the cross in our lives. May we embrace our own crosses with courage and faith, trusting in the transformative power of God's love. And may we never lose sight of the hope that is found in Christ, who suffered and died for us, that we might have eternal life.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule

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*

MARCH 10, 2024

Collections for – March 3, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$ 5200.25
Other collection	\$ 1341.75

	\$ 6542.00

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 17, 2023

(Fr. Bennett Hall)

(Two seatings - 10:00 am and 11:30 am)

Sausages, peameal, beans, potato patties, coffee, tea, orange & apple juice, Fruit salad
(By Donation)

Wear **GREEN!!**

Lent & Easter Schedule

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

CONFESSIONS - Tuesdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – March 28

No Morning Mass

7:30 p.m. + Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00p.m.

Good Friday – March 29

No Noon Mass

3:00 p.m.+ Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm + Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 30

No Morning Mass

12:00 noon+ Blessing of the Easter Foods at
Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Vigil + 8:30 pm – March 30

{The greatest celebration in the Church Year}

Easter Sunday – March 31

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church

10:30 a.m.+ St. Paul's Church

The Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday at St. Paul's @ 7:00p.m.

Beginning February 16th – March 29th.

Knights of Columbus Spring Lottery

The Knights of Columbus Provincial Spring Lottery is underway and will be in the form of a 50/50 Draw once again with the Grand Prize drawn on April 28th at our annual convention. Tickets may be purchased online at

<https://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca> or from members of the Knights of Columbus.

****Mass time change for March 19th ****

Confessions – 5:15-5:45pm

Mass - 6.00pm.

Parish Lenten Mission

With

Chris Bray

(Catholic Speaker and Musician)



ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 17. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$59,800**

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at **sharelife.org/donate**.

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