



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:00 pm Hildegard Cardozo R.I.P.
- Paul Cardozo & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Ferdinando & Nando Inzinna R.I.P.
- Bessie & Jack Culotta

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am Domenic Hoang Phiet R.I.P.- Ngo Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 pm Maria & Giacomo LoGiaccio R.I.P.
- Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 am Patricia Hackett R.I.P. - Linda McLean
7:00 pm Unannounced

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 pm Elisa Campagna R.I.P.
- Alverina, Mirella & Oliviana
Vicente Lood R.I.P. - Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am Joseph Tran & Maria Do R.I.P.
- Ngo Family
7:30 pm Unannounced

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am Unannounced
5:00 pm Peter Lan Vo & Anna Dien Vo R.I.P.
- Vo & Nguyen Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Kazimierz Kulawin R.I.P. - Family



Sick: That the Lord will be close to those who are ill or infirm, especially Michelina Ciociola, Shelly, Franklyn Tamaya and Patrick Suraj.

Deceased: For those who have died in the peace of Christ, that God will raise them to new life.

Pope's February Universal Intention: Say "No" to Corruption - That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Marriage Sunday

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 10/11, 2017 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage, visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

A Prayer for Married Couples

*Father of life and love,
You created us in your image - woman and man.
We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.
Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper
understanding of your love.*

*Jesus, we come before you, seeking your
guidance and direction in our relationship.
In marriage you call and challenge us to a
permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.
Be our strength and support, therefore, as we
continue this journey together.*

*Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,
honest commitment united in love.
Give us your strength to carry each other
in times of darkness, your joy in times
of happiness, and your gift of awe in the
uniqueness and sacredness of each other.
May our love be a reflection and
a sign of your love in the world. Amen*



Ash Wednesday is February 14. We will have Mass at 9:00 in the morning and also at 7:00 in the evening. This is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. We will also have the distribution of ashes with St. John the Evangelist School at St. Philip Neri's Church at 12:45 p.m.

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Starting Tuesday, February 20th, we will be showing half hour videos on "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass" immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday for five weeks.

Stations of the Cross

A great Lenten Spiritual Devotion, depicting Christ carrying the Cross to His Crucifixion in the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus before He died.

FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT AT
7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

"Could you spend ½ Hour with Me?"



WHAT THE SAINTS SAY

St. Augustine writes that "there is no more profitable occupation for the soul than to meditate daily on the Passion of Our Lord." - *Way of the Cross* by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Mary, Mother of God School Presents

The Francis de Sales Centre Drama Club's production of **Agatha Christie's "Appointment with Death"**. Find out "whodunit" on February 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m., 1515A Queen St. W. Admission by donation. Visit www.marymotherofgodschool.org

Weekly Offering (Feb. 4).....	\$2,530.30
Building Fund Offering.....	\$2,310.20
Expenses (Jan. 29 - Feb. 4).....	\$6,626.53

Thank you for your contribution.

Some Ideas for Lent

On Wednesday, February 14, the Church will begin her season of Lent. This season of Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of all feasts, Easter. It is always a good idea to review at this time what the Church teaches us about this season and penance in general. Lent has two main purposes: It recalls our baptism, or prepares for it, and it emphasizes a spirit of penance.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops teaches us that: "The Church wants emphasis to be given to the evangelical law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

Fridays throughout the year (except Solemnities) are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

The penitential character of Lent is maintained; on these days penance is an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfilment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully, and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. The Law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter." Ordo 2017-2018 - Liturgical Calendar. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening." Letters & Legislation, Archdiocese of Toronto

I hope that the above excerpts are of some help in clarifying what Christ asks us through His Church. To deny ourselves and do penance is not easy, therefore allow me to make a few suggestions. I suggest that you speak to your spouse, family or friend about this matter, it is sometimes easier with mutual encouragement and accountability.

Some further suggestions for Lenten activities include:

Attendance at weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

Rosary recited after the Saturday morning Mass
Stations of the Cross Friday 7:00 p.m.

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament Rosary at home
Stations of the Cross at home

Holy Hour every Friday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.