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PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

*Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church,
and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023



The temptation in the wilderness

By putting this scene of the testing of Jesus at the beginning of Lent, the Church shows that it sees Lent as a period of testing. Matthew sees this moment as the testing of God's Son, as the People of God Israel – God's son, whom he brought out of Egypt into the desert – was tested for forty years. We may also see it as the time when Jesus reflected on the mode of his mission. His mission was to bring the Kingship of God to a new realisation: how should he do this? The Tempter suggests false ways, which Jesus rejects, one after another, each time with a word from scripture, the Word of God. He rejects the idea of the Messiah merely producing the luxury of the plenteous messianic banquet (stones into food). He rejects the idea of a startling personal miracle which none could gainsay (the leap from the Temple). He rejects the suggestion of entering into league with the Tempter's own values of pride and dominion (rule over the world). At the same time Jesus shows himself to be the Second Moses, the founder of a new People of God: like Moses, he spends forty days and forty nights fasting; like Moses he is taken up onto a high mountain, from where he can see not merely all the territory of the Holy Land, but all the kingdoms of the earth.

Gesù viene presentato come il nuovo Adamo che, contrariamente al primo, resiste alla tentazione. Ma egli è anche il rappresentante del nuovo Israele che, contrariamente al popolo di Dio durante la traversata del deserto che durò quarant'anni, rimette radicalmente la sua vita nelle mani di Dio - mentre il popolo regolarmente rifiutava di essere condotto da Dio. In ognuno dei tre tentativi di seduzione, si tratta della fiducia in Dio. Si dice, nel Deuteronomio (Dt 6,4): "Ascolta, Israele: Il Signore è il nostro Dio, il Signore è uno solo. Tu amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l'anima e con tutte le forze". Significa esigere che Dio sia il solo ad essere amato da Israele, il solo di cui fidarsi. Ciò significa anche rinunciare alla propria potenza, a "diventare come Dio" (Gen 3,5).

A tre riprese, Satana tenta Gesù a servirsi del suo potere: della sua facoltà di fare miracoli (v. 3), della potenza della sua fede che pretenderebbe obbligare Dio (v. 6), della dominazione del mondo sottomettendosi a Satana e al suo governo di violenza (v. 9). Gesù resiste perché Dio è nel cuore della sua esistenza, perché egli vive grazie alla sua parola (v. 4), perché egli ha talmente fiducia in lui che non vuole attentare alla sua sovranità né alla sua libertà (v. 7), perché egli sa di essere impegnato esclusivamente a servirlo (v. 10).



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*
LENT Friday 9am - 5:45pm (Church)*

*In the Chapel, when there is a funeral

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Grace Makimoto

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Tony Lamanna
Antonio Svella
Leonello Pecorari
Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia
Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri
Salvatore Porzio
Angelo Infantino
Michele Cornacchia

11:30 A.M. + Fotula & Mary LaRosa

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Rosalinda Estacio-Janohan

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Baldomera De Gala

12:00 P.M. - Theresa Vida

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Emma Montessa Silot

12:00 P.M. - For Peace & Santification of the Church

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Gavino Manca & Deceased family
+ Vincente Chua
+ Alvin Marshall
+ Mr & Mrs Ciriaco Ladines
+ Aldin Wallace
- Aquilino & Andrea Ibarra
+ Holy Souls In Purgatory

12:00 P.M. - Therese de Ruiter

THURSDAY MARCH 2ND – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Lynette Lobo

8:30 A.M. + Mike & Frank La Rosa

FRIDAY MARCH 3RD – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Mary Munro

7:00 P.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

SATURDAY MARCH 4TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Turiddo & Salvatrice La Rosa

10:00 A.M. - Otto Lam & Family



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,178.50

thank you

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, as I write this Pastor's Corner, it happens to be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. During my homily at the 8:30am Mass this morning, I preached that Lent had an internal and an external dimension to it. The internal dimension involves what the Church traditionally calls *metanoia* - a changing of the heart. During this 40 days of Lent - a period of purification and preparation - we are called, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to address more earnestly those areas within our life that needs healing and change. There is also an external dimension of Lent, however, whereby the Church traditionally encourages us to carry out the three pillars of Lenten practice - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - in a more vigorous way.

Allow me today to speak further on one of the pillars; that of almsgiving. For many people, almsgiving is often simply equated with giving money to a particular Catholic charity or some other good cause. What comes to mind, for example, is the recent appeal made by the Archdiocese to help the countless people profoundly impacted by the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, which killed more than 47, 000 people to date. An affirmative response to that appeal would undoubtedly be considered an act of almsgiving!

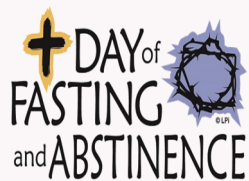
The concept of almsgiving, however, goes deeper than that. It is fundamentally our response to Jesus' instruction to reach out to people in their times of need, not only with our money, but especially with our time and talent; in short, our entire being. Perhaps a more succinct word that can be used would be "stewardship". During Lent, we are invited to "stretch" ourselves by coming out of our comfort zone and going into the peripheries by sharing what we have, and who we are, with other people. Acting in such a way enables us to be in communion with them and helps us become the hands and feet of Christ.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once recounted the following story: "Some time ago a man came to our house and he said, 'Mother, there is a family, a Hindu family, that has eight children. They have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them.' So I took some rice and I went. When I arrived at their house I could see the hunger in the children's eyes. Their eyes were shining with hunger. I gave the rice to the mother, and she took the rice. She divided it into two, and then she went out. When she came back, I asked her, 'Where did you go?' She said, 'They are hungry also.' Next door neighbor, they were also hungry. What struck me most, not that she gave the rice but she knew they were hungry. And because she knew, she shared. And this is what we have to come to know.... **Love, to be true, has to hurt** and this woman who was hungry - she knew that her neighbor was also hungry, and that family happened to be a Muslim family. So it was touching, so real" (Where there is Love, there is God, p. 337; my emphasis). What an incredible example of what it looks like to give not out of our abundance, not so much what one has, but what one is; giving one's entire self!

The model of perfect self-gift is Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). We are called to imitate him by attending his school of love. To this point, Pope Benedict XVI once remarked: "In His school, we can learn to make of our lives a total gift; imitating Him, we are able to make ourselves available, not so much in giving a part of what we possess, but our very selves. Cannot the entire Gospel be summarized perhaps in the one commandment of love? The Lenten practice of almsgiving thus becomes a means to deepen our Christian vocation. In gratuitously offering himself, the Christian bears witness that it is love and not material richness that determines the laws of his existence. **Love, then, gives almsgiving its value; it inspires various forms of giving, according to the possibilities and conditions of each person**" (cf. Lenten Message, 2008; my emphasis).

As we begin our Lenten observances, let us be especially generous in our practice of almsgiving, by not only donating our money or goods to the poor, but especially by doing other acts of charity to those in need. For as the Catechism reminds us, almsgiving "is a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God" (CCC, 2462). And by giving our entire self to others, we imitate the Good Master, who entirely offered himself for the salvation of the world!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection." (Source: USCCB)



LENT Friday Schedule:

8:30 am - English Mass
9:00 am - 5:45 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Confessions
6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Latin Mass

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Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – March 17, 2023 – March 19, 2023 at St. Augustine's Seminary . . . The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. We encourage you to promote this event in your parishes, during your announcements as well as including this event in your respective parish bulletins, it would be greatly appreciated. We have also attached a poster and ask that you kindly display it on your respective bulletin boards. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we work together to build a culture of vocations. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

Vocations' Reflection . . . Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



Stewardship Reflection . . . As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. It is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well. Let us strive to fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

Dear Padre

February 26, 2023

In the Scripture passages about Jesus in the desert, it says he was alone. How do we know about things that happened to Jesus when he was alone?

In today's Gospel, we hear one passage about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all refer to this incident, but none indicates that anyone was with Jesus.

There were witnesses to many incidents in the life of Jesus. But sometimes the disciples of Jesus depended on his instruction. The first Christians heard about Jesus' instruction and life from the apostles. This preaching of the apostles occurred before Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John wrote anything down.

Over time, the evangelists gathered this preaching together and put it in written form. Gradually these writings became accepted as the gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The apostles were witnesses to what Jesus said and did, so Jesus did tell them things that others did not hear about until later.

Whatever Jesus experiences, he redeems. That means that while temptations are part of our life, they do not have to lead us away from God. Jesus shows us the way to meet them and overcome them. ●

— The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

"Grant, O Lord my God, that I may never fall away in success or in failure; that I may not be prideful in prosperity nor dejected in adversity. Let me rejoice only in what unites us and sorrow only in what separates us. May I strive to please no one or fear to displease anyone except Yourself. May I see always the things that are eternal and never those that are only temporal. May I shun any joy that is without You and never seek any that is beside You. O Lord, may I delight in any work I do for You and tire of any rest that is apart from You. My God, let me direct my heart towards You, and in my failings, always repent with a purpose of amendment."

Thomas Aquinas

Join our Pastor

Fr. Thomas Lim

**PILGRIMAGE TO
TURKEY & GREECE
In the Footsteps of
St. Paul**



June 02-15, 2023,
14 days

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TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
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IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.**

AMEN