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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."*  
(Cf Isaiah 66.10-11)



*"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is that sir, that I may believe in him" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, it is he who speaks to you. "Lord, I believe", and he worshipped him" (Jn 9:35-38)*

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

This week's Gospel presents us with the moving episode of the healing of the man born blind. Jesus notices him as he walks. Nothing escapes his merciful glance. Then, the Lord takes some of his own spittle and dust to form mud, with which he covers the man's eyes. Why spittle? Most of Jesus' miracles took place with him saying a word. In ancient times, spittle was considered to be a possible cure for blindness. Yet more than that, Adam was made from the dust of the earth (c.f. Gen 2:7). Adam sinned and lost the grace of God. Both Adam and Eve became spiritually blind.

The new Adam, Jesus Christ, came to renew creation. The Son of Man came to restore the blindness of humanity. In this case, the healing took place on two levels. First, the blind man could physically see for the first time in his life. Second, he could spiritually see that the man talking to him was the Messiah.

I know of several people who regained their physical sight through a true miracle! Today, we need more than ever to have our spiritual sight restored. Many contemporary men and women believe that they are awake and have clear vision. Many are blind. How can anyone claim to know what is true, good and beautiful without Jesus Christ, "the Light of the world?" The further away we move from him the deeper our blindness.

Don't be afraid of Jesus Christ. He loves you and wants to heal you and he calls us to live as "children of the light" (Eph 5:9). St Paul tells us we need to "learn what is pleasing to the Lord" and to put it into practice (cf. Eph 5:10).

*Announcements*

1. **This weekend, March 30th/31st is ShareLife Sunday.** ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a Parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way. Please give at the parish using a



ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

2. Joy in Lent? Day of Recollection with Fr. Donald Raila OSB (Saturday, April 5th 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Doors open at 7:30 AM).

In contrast to the emotion of happiness, Christian Joy, as a gift and a fruit of the Holy Spirit, is always available and is based on our acceptance of a close relationship with Christ. Since Lent is a season of focus on renewal in Christ, Joy should indeed be a characteristic of Lent, as is evidenced by the Rule of St. Benedict. Tickets are \$50 each and will be sold at the main entrance of the Church following all the Masses this weekend.

3. The **APRIL** Food of the Month donation are **BOXES OF CHEERIOS** Please bring the donation to the Parish Office.

4. Good Friday Procession (Friday, April 18 at 3 PM) at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (located at 72 Mansfield Ave.) Following a tradition that goes back to 1962, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding the annual Good Friday Procession. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands, and people representing different characters associated with the Passion of Christ. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the procession. To volunteer, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca) and follow the instructions. Volunteer registration deadline is April 13, 2025. For more information, please contact St. Francis of Assisi Parish at: 416-536-8195.



5. Please join us **next Sunday, April 6th at 2 PM** for the Irish Concert and Afternoon Tea in support of St. Vincent de Paul. The concert will feature Eithne Heffernan (harpist) and Hugo Straney (entertainer). There will also be a raffle and bake sale. More details to follow.

6. Please join us every Friday during Lent until April 11th for Lenten Devotions.

**6:30pm Stations of the Cross  
7pm Holy Mass  
7:30pm Spiritual Conference**

**Every Friday during Lent  
March 7th until April 11th**





# MARCH 30th, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 31, 2025

12:10 pm. Remedios Villareal (+)  
Requested By: The Cerdan Family

### Tuesday, April 1, 2025

12:10 pm. Rev. Pierre Wood (+)

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

12:10 pm. Vincenzina Marino (+)  
Requested By: Antonella Amoroso

### Thursday, April 3, 2025

12:10 pm. Blessings for Dominic Rodrigues  
Requested By: Anonymous

### Friday, April 4, 2025

*Saint Isidore*

12:10 pm. Vivian Daylusan (+)

7:00 pm. Eha Maguire (+)  
Requested By: SVP & Holy Rosary Church

Multiple Intentions:

Amador Felismino (+), Gerald Timmins Sr. (+), Michael Timmins (+), & Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, April 5, 2025

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm. Vito Vetro (+)  
Requested By: Dominic Vetro

### Sunday, April 6, 2025

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

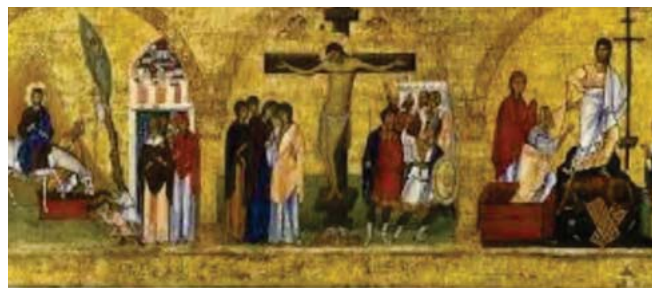
10:00 am. Marko Ivanovic (+)  
Requested By: Klara Ivanovic & Family

12:00 pm. Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Requested By: Maria Cristina Castro



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially: James Patrick Ludwick (+).

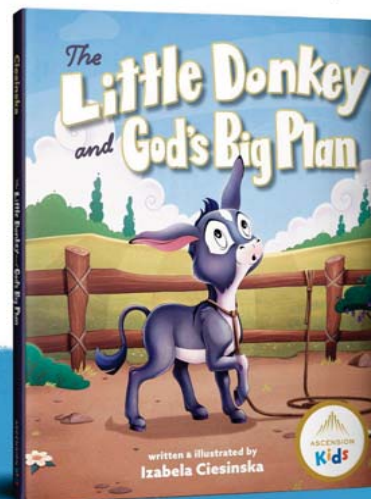


## Holy Week

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Thursday April 17th Mass of Lord's Supper (followed by Adoration and Confessions until 11pm)	7pm (only)
Friday April 18th Good Friday Liturgy	1pm & 3pm
Stations of the Cross	7pm
Saturday, April 19th Easter Vigil	8pm
Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday	8am, 10am & 12pm
Monday, April 21st Easter Monday	9am (only)

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