

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year "C" Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12; Luke 13.1-9

For 11:00 a.m. Mass Scrutinies Year "A" Readings Exodus 17.3-7; Romans 5.1-2, 5-8; John 4.5-42

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Psalm 24.15-16)

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 29 th	8:30 a.m.	† Olga Constant
Tuesday, March 1 st	8:30 a.m.	Unannounced Intentions
Wednesday, March 2 nd	7:30 p.m.	Intentions Laramie & Marc MacDonald
Thursday, March 3 rd	8:30 a.m.	Unannounced Intentions
Friday, March 4 th	8:30 a.m.	† Unannounced
	7:00 p.m.	† Unannounced
Saturday, March 5 th	5:00 p.m.	† Lubica Golubic
Sunday, March 6 th	9:00 a.m.	† Alex Rodrigues
	11:00 a.m.	M.P.P.
	5:00 p.m.	† Carmen & Bernard Polacco

PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Universal: *Families in Difficulty* ~ That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: *Persecuted Christians* ~ That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION

When St. Thomas Aquinas was a young Dominican student he was so quiet and seemingly naïve that his classmates called him "the dumb ox." One day a group of students at the window called to Thomas, telling him to come and see a cart and a horse flying down the road. When Thomas came to look, they laughed that he would be so foolish to believe them. Thomas responded saying he would sooner believe that a cart and horse could fly than a Dominican could lie. The Dominicans learned soon enough that the quiet "dumb ox" would bellow loud enough that the world would hear his voice.

The behavior of Thomas's classmates in stereotyping, insulting, and ridiculing him reflects behaviors that are all too common in families, neighborhoods, and parishes. Pope Francis reminds us that words can kill. Speaking ill of others, slandering them, and especially, spreading gossip are at the root of separation and alienation within families. It may begin with remarks that may be easily dismissed—"I was just kidding"—but in the end it fills the heart with bitterness and poisons relationships. Gossip is most serious as it can kill the reputation of a person.

A wonderful Lenten practice would be to make a daily decision not to make disparaging remarks towards others, not to share a scandalous story, and to give one another the benefit of the doubt. These can be moments that take us on the path of holiness.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS

Monday, February 29th

7:00 p.m. Bible Study – Week One

Tuesday, March 1st

6:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Atrium

Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes – Room C

7:00 p.m. RCIA – Room A

Thursday, March 3rd

7:00 p.m. K.O.C. General Meeting – Room C

7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary – Room A

Saturday, March 5th

6:30 p.m. Foundations for Family Life – Room B



Thank you to the 230 couples who joined in the Marriage Sunday Celebration at St Andrew Kim Parish. Your combined 8,000 years of marriage provides a great witness of love and fidelity.

**FAST FROM WORDS THAT POLLUTE, AND
FEAST ON THE PHRASES THAT PURIFY.**

EDGE CORE LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS!



Holy Redeemer Parish is incredibly excited to announce that our very first EDGE night will be Friday April 1st, 2016 for grades 6, 7 and 8!!!

Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry will be hosting Core Leadership Training for those who are interested in assisting with Youth Ministry.

**Thursday, March 10th, 2016
and**

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016

At 7:00pm here at Holy Redeemer in the Parish Hall

For further information please contact:

Bianca Hutchinson 905-839-9774

E-mail youthhrp@gmail.com

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

We are looking for Ministers of Hospitality to assist at each mass. This is also an important ministry, as you can see: They are the first face of our community.

- guide people who may be new to the Parish
- assist all of us during Holy Communion by directing the flow of people
- assist with the weekly collection
- hand out bulletins and other important material.

We are asking for more volunteers especially during the Holy Week of Easter. If you can help please contact either Simone Petty or Dorothea Ritchie.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

Written this year by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba

**Receive children. Receive Me
Friday, March 4th, 2016**

7:00 p.m.

St. Martin's Anglican Church
1203 St. Martin's Drive, Pickering

Come out and join the women of Pickering in prayer



On behalf of the C.W.G., I would like to thank all the ladies who attended the annual brunch. It was wonderful to see some new faces

Sgt. Sherry Tate, was the guest speaker this year. I would also like to thank Gerald McCaughey and the Knights of Columbus team for the wonderful brunch. The meal was delicious. Maggie Robertson



**WORKING WONDERS
FOR THOSE IN OUR
COMMUNITY...**

"At Mary Centre, the residents of our homes have developed friendships, yet they maintain their own individuality," says Denise Tremblett, Program Manager, "Although some of their relatives may have passed on, they love to remain active with healthy recreational activities and visiting regularly with the rest of their friends and family members. We enjoy cooking and providing for them so they can remain at home here and enjoy their lives. We are extremely grateful that ShareLife donors have helped to make a difference for these very special people!" **Last year, over 1,500 people with special needs received outreach services from ShareLife-support agencies.**

**Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously. You can work wonders!**



"Lent is a time of grace. A time to convert and live out our baptism fully."

Pope Francis

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS



The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or

deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**
www.vocationstoronto.org
email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Knights Korner - Council 11729



The Knights of Columbus, as an organization, is dedicated to making a difference in our parish and, at the same time, building a future for everyone here in Pickering.

We have five key areas of service, namely faith, community, family, youth and fellowship. Our council is grounded in faith as we support our Church and our local schools. We support families and communities with our "family first" policy and also offer monthly activities for our congregation. Finally, through fellowship, we offer support to those in need and also to our members as they journey through life. Why don't you join us?

Walter Heeney
Grand Knight