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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 God will be merciful to the exiled Israelites.

Ephesians 2: 4-10 We are saved by God's rich mercy.

John 3: 14-21 God's only Son was sent for our reconciliation.

This season is given to us for our spiritual growth and ongoing conversion. Today's readings remind us that God has shown mercy throughout history. An understanding of Israel's painful exile and God's ongoing fidelity are important for us and our own review of how God's mercy has been reflected in our personal lives. Today, we have another chance to make this story our own.



Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

*Next Sunday: March 18 ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.*

Come and See Weekend: St. Augustine's Seminary

**Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to
Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.)**

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

**Lenten Evenings of Reflection.
Journey with the Canadian Martyrs.**

Join us at Nativity of Our Lord for our Lenten retreat directed by Fr. Ahil Shivarajah SJ

**from Martyrs' Shrine, Tuesday thru Thursday
March 13th to March 15th 7:00 to 8:15 pm.**

Confessions – 6:20 – 6:50 pm

Mass at 7:00 pm with a homily each evening focussing on one of the Canadian Martyrs.

The mass will conclude with blessings with the relics of Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Charles Garnier and Gabriel Lalemant.

Let the lives of the Canadian Martyrs deepen your relationship with Christ as we journey with them this Lenten Season.

**"REWARD OF SELF SACRIFICE"
Lenten Retreat at St. John's Hall
2185 Stave Bank Road, Mississauga.**

March 16 – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

March 17 & 18 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Preached by: Fr. Sam Samuel Divine Retreat Centre Toronto, Fr. Jose Vetiyankal, DRC Bangalur India, Fr. John Cheriavel, VC. Prof. of Sacramental Theology. Registration fee for the 3 days: \$ 30.00 for tickets please call 905-896-2854, 905-495-4800.

A LENTEN JOURNEY : Saturday March 24th

Conducted By: Br. Savio Rodrigues.

8:45 am. to 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Celebration at 9:30am

We invite you to join us to celebrate a Lenten Prayer Service. Praise & worship, talks on God's love, repentance & forgiveness, accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour and a surrender service with the Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament.

Registration is required: Please call:

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish 416 247 0513 or email: tranlord45@gmail.com

Free admission with refreshments & a light lunch.

**Eucharistic Adoration-The Summit March
28 at Nativity of Our Lord Church
7:45 pm – 8:45 pm**

The Eucharist is the Source & Summit of the Christian life.

Come join us for our first Summit as we enter into the Holy Triduum.

Hosted by Nativity's Youth Ministry.

All are invited!

Catholic Women`s League

Membership Fees are due. Please contact Alice Mycan at 416 621 0689 with your payment.

General Meeting held 20th March at 7:30pm meet in the hall. We will then proceed to the church for "Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes".

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection, March 10th & 11th

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting **gently used clothing, footwear, bedding and drapes this weekend. No mattresses or furniture will be accepted.** There is a need for **soccer shoes & shin pads** please place in a separate bag and label "soccer shoes". Please bring your articles to the Society's truck to the rear parking lot before or shortly after the Masses this weekend Saturday, 10th March from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm & Sunday, 11th March 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thank you for all your donations!

Divine Mercy Event - Sat March 24th Held at Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall 9:00am - 4:00pm

\$15.00 Admission includes: Lasagna or Roti Chicken Sandwich Luncheon.

Features Talks by Father Terrence McKenna

*Unpacking the riches of Divine Mercy and the Novena. *Understanding the urgency of the message of Divine Mercy *Claiming the Divine Favours for ourselves and our families *What our tradition has revealed about the future.

Sts.Peter and Paul Praise & Worship Group Music Ministry. "Appeals of Our Lady" Exhibit.

Admission \$ 15.00 **ALL must RSVP in advance please. EMAIL: divinemercurytoronto@gmail.com or Call: Marilyn at 416-259-7477.**

LENT

Fridays of Lent: During Lent, we celebrate on Fridays the regular **9:30 am** Mass; in addition, we celebrate a mass at **7:00 pm**. This mass is followed by the **Stations of the Cross**, led by the different organizations of the parish. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Lenten Reconciliation Evening:

Monday, March 19 from 6:45pm to 8:00pm

We will hold our Lenten Reconciliation evening here at Nativity of Our Lord. A number of priests will be in attendance to hear your confession.

Nativity of Our Lord

YOUTH MINISTRY



EDGE: March 16

Grades 7 – 8

1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays of the month

7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : March 23

Grades 9 – 12.

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month

7 – 9:30 pm

YOUTH MASS

Every Sunday 11:30 am Nativity's

EDGE Adventure Camp

A 5 day Catholic Adventure Camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

Who: Students currently in grades 6-8

Where: Camp White Pine- Haliburton, ON

When: August 18-22, 2018

Cost: Early price- \$400 all- inclusive before April 5th (transportation, food, accommodation & camp gear). \$450 April, 15th onward.

Registration is now open & will close on May 4th.

Space limited to a first come, first register basis.

Forms can be picked up/dropped off at the Parish office.

Please contact Courtney for more information.

Summer Day Camp @ Nativity

"Not Just a Summer Camp" - We're incorporating our Catholic faith with fun sports, games, crafts, music, baking & more!

Who: Students currently in grade 1-6

When: 1st Session: July 16-20, 2nd session: July 23-27

Time: 9am-3:30pm (Extended care available 8-9am, 3:30-5pm)

Cost: \$120 (Includes t-shirt)

Registration forms can be picked up/dropped off at the Parish Office. **Registration will begin February 12th.** Spots are limited. Contact Courtney @ nativityyouth@outlook.com.

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