Our Lady of the Airways Church

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Remy Flores *Secretary*

Enza Lamberti Pastoral Associate

Henry Liu Seminarian Intern

Laura Mazzocca *Caretaker*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm *Closed for lunch:* 12:00pm - 1:00pm Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: before Mass Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays Divine Mercy: Friday Evenings Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 8:30am-7:00pm First Friday of the Month: Holy Hour 7:30pm-8:30pm Third Tuesday of the Month: Holy Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY For assistance please call 905-671-8382

PARISH SCHOOLS

Ascension of Our Lord High School Holy Cross Elementary School Saint Raphael Elementary School 905-676-1287 905-677-5660 905-677-1038

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday:	5:00pm	English
Sunday:	9:00am	English
	10:30am	Italian
	12:00pm	English
	7:00pm	Tamil

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST English Mass

Monday to Friday:	8:00am
Mon., Wed. & Fri.:	7:00pm
Saturday:	8:30am
Italian Mass	
Tues. & Thurs.:	7:00pm
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Holidays: (Bilingual) 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 7:30-7:50am 6:30-6:50pm Saturday: 8:00-8:20am 4:00-4:50pm First Friday: 7:30-7:50am 6:30-6:50pm (or by appointment)

BAPTISM

Contact the parish office for information about the Baptismal Preparation process.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor **ONE year** in advance. Marriage Preparation course is required.

ANOINTING 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 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.



Dear Friends in Christ, in his Lenten reflection for 2018, Pope Francis reminds us that the season of Lent is "a sacramental sign of our conversion," which God offers us in preparation for the season of Easter. It is a wonderful time during which a person can look within the depths of

his/her heart in order to discern what requires changing. We often need to recalibrate or re-orientate ourselves after having been led astray by various "false prophets" within our lives.

How do these false prophets manifest themselves? According to the Holy Father, "They can appear as 'snake charmers', who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!...

False prophets can also be 'charlatans', who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly 'virtual' existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is 'a liar and the father of lies' (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit." As we continue our Lenten journey, let us walk it with great resolve and enthusiasm. Let us ask the Lord to send forth His Holy Spirit upon us and the gifts of wisdom and understanding so that we may uncover whatever "false prophets" might be leading us away from God and His love.

Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, please come and journey with us as we pray the *Stations of the Cross* (bilingual) on Friday evenings at 6:30pm.

<u>La Via Crucis</u>

Durante la Quaresima, vieni e partecipa alla *via crucis* (bilingual) il venerdì alle 18:30.



Senior Men's High School Retreat (Grades 11 & 12) at St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat for men in grades 11 & 12 on Saturday, March 17, from 9am to 5pm at St. Augustine's Seminary. The retreat provides time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Register online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information, call: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.



Monday: March 5th

8:00am - †Angelino Tavares 7:00pm - †Mary Manuelpillai

Tuesday: March 6th

8:00am - †All Souls in Purgatory 7:00pm - †Domenico Figliomeni (30 Day Memorial)

Wednesday: March 7th

8:00am -†Domenico & Pietro Savo Sardaro

7:00pm - †Patrick Miranda; Ramon & Aurora Mendoza (14th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday: March 8th

8:00am - †Saju Alapatt 7:00pm - †Babu Michael

Friday: March 9th

8:00am - †Florentina Flores 7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday: March 10th

8:30am - †Leticia Montellano 5:00pm - †Peter Fernandes

Sunday: March 11th

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish 10:30am - †Mario Mandarino 12:00pm - †Monica Perera

Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am-7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

> "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." -Ven. Fulton Sheen



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week's Collection \$5,401.50 Flowers \$ 507.50

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Our Lenten Journey is well underway. Is the enthusiasm with which we welcomed Ash Wednesday, at the start of a season of inner growth, flourishing? Or has it dimmed? Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God. Has our progress been a source of delight to God? If not, it's never too late to begin!

Today's first reading reviews the Ten Commandments. God has expectations of us. Jesus later summarized the lot into two all-encompassing commandments: Love God and love your neighbour. Are our relationships with others lifegiving?

Today in John's Gospel, we see Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that his "Father house" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are our souls in need of spring cleaning?

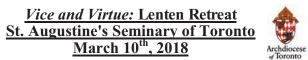
We might ask ourselves today: what cobwebs might we wipe away before we celebrate Easter? Does pride distance us from God or others? Are we self-centered, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, "Come back to me"? We are temples of the Spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we! (*Barbara d'Artois, Living With Chirst*)

Una visita sul sito del Tempio nella Gerusalemme attuale dà un'idea della sacralità del luogo agli occhi del popolo ebreo. Ciò doveva essere ancora più sensibile quando il tempio era ancora intatto e vi si recavano, per le grandi feste, gli Ebrei della Palestina e del mondo intero.

L'uso delle offerte al tempio dava la garanzia che la gente acquistasse solo quanto era permesso dalla legge. L'incidente riferito nel Vangelo di oggi dà l'impressione che all'interno del tempio stesso si potevano acquistare le offerte e anche altre cose.

Come il salmista, Cristo è divorato dallo "zelo per la casa di Dio" (Sal 068,10). Quando gli Ebrei chiedono a Gesù in nome di quale autorità abbia agito, egli fa allusione alla risurrezione. All'epoca ciò dovette sembrare quasi blasfemo. Si trova in seguito questo commento: "Molti credettero nel suo nome. Gesù però non si confidava con loro, perché conosceva tutti". Noi dobbiamo sempre provare il bisogno di fare penitenza, di conoscerci come Dio ci conosce.

Il messaggio che la Chiesa ha predicato fin dall'inizio è quello di Gesù Cristo crocifisso e risorto. Tutte le funzioni della Quaresima tendono alla celebrazione del mistero pasquale. Che visione straordinaria dell'umanità vi si trova! Dio ha mandato suo Figlio perché il mondo fosse riconciliato con lui, per farci rinascere ad una nuova vita in lui. Eppure, a volte, noi accogliamo tutto ciò con eccessiva disinvoltura. Proprio come per i mercati del tempio, a volte la religione ha per noi un valore che ha poco a vedere con la gloria di Dio o la santità alla quale siamo chiamati.



Join us at the Seminary for a day to learn about "Vice and Virtue: Lenten Retreat." Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel followed by lunch.

CONTACT: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto PHONE: 416-261-7207 EMAIL: <u>ioft@sastoronto.org</u>



Adult Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Airways Thursday, March 8th at 7:45pm

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person Speaker: Fr. Thomas Lim

THIS SESSION WILL COVER:

- Why Catholic social teaching contributes to the flourishing of all peoples, not just Catholics
 - The difference between rights and responsibilities in society
- Why the essential dignity of each human person is at the heart of Catholic social teaching
 - Why abortion and euthanasia are always morally wrong
 - What the Church means by a "preferential option for the poor"

• How Catholic social teaching inspires the proper attitude toward earthly possessions and social economic relationships All are welcome to attend.

BUNDLE UP! Society of St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Collection



We are collecting clothing at OLA Church on the weekend of **March 17 & 18.** A truck will pick up all clothing on the said dates only. Please note: **NO baby furniture**.

We will only accept clothing on the given dates. Please <u>DO NOT</u> drop any clothing in the church or near the garage at any time. *Thank you for your support!*



Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, March 9th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

All grades 9 - 12 are invited! OLIFE TEEN

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our next Life Night on Saturday, April 7th. 'Life Teen' begins with the 5:00pm Mass

6:00pm: Dinner (in the parish hall) 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night

Follow us on Instagram: ourladyairwaysyouth

For youth ministry info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: <u>OLAyouthministry@hotmail.com</u>

