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PASTORAL TEAM

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Fr. Ravi H. Tete *Associate Pastor*

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Tamil Community Chaplain

Remy Flores *Parish Secretary*

Enza Lamberti
Pastoral Associate

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

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For assistance please call 905-671-8382

PARISH SCHOOLS

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

Pastor's Corner Dear Friends in Christ, on the third Sunday of Lent, Father Ravi preached about the need for Catholics to show a profound respect for the "temple" of God. On one level, Father was referring to the way we are called to respect our bodies, that is, by keeping it undefiled from certain kinds of

sins, especially as they relate to the sixth commandment. St. Paul put it this way: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). On another level, however, Father was addressing the way we are supposed to act whenever we encounter Jesus hidden in the tabernacles found within our sacred places (e.g., our parish church, chapels, other places of worship, etc.) Everyone should refrain from speaking to one another in church. Everyone should try to keep a spirit of recollection and silence. Everyone should be respectful to both the Lord and his/her neighbors. Regrettably, this has not happened within our parish community. I must admit that I have been greatly disappointed and disturbed by the great noises that often resonate within our church *before* and *after* many Masses - noises that make our church resemble more like a marketplace than a solemn place of worship.

What does our faith teach in regards to talking in Church? Is it a sin? Are we disrespectful to the Lord and others when we act in this manner? Colin B. Donovan, STL, addressed these questions when he wrote the following response: "Assuming that what is being said is not itself sinful, it is morally neutral to talk. However, Catholic moral teaching tells us that "circumstances" change the moral character of actions. Talking in Church when not demanded by necessity is at least venially sinful for the following reasons: 1) It is the Lord's House, which Jesus taught was "a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose. This is a violation of justice against God, for whom we should have reverence. 2) It is a violation of justice against actual neighbors who are trying to **pray**. Again, necessity permits talking, just as it permits practicing the music before Mass and so on. However, most conversations are trivial and take place elsewhere at another time. This puts them in the category of unnecessary. The truth of this is shown by the strict guard for silence maintained in the chapels of the Roman basilicas where people are praying. Even in the areas where the tourists are viewing the architecture and art, talking above a whisper is not permitted. This is an accurate reflection of the Catholic respect for the church and for others. 3) Finally, it is a violation of charity, since as Christians we should be going "out of ourselves" to look after others first. If a person crassly and knowingly disregarded others trying to pray, or worst of all did so with malice or contempt, it could even be a mortal sin against charity. These are basic principles of Catholic moral theology and need no other authority than that" (cf. EWTN website, my emphasis added).

I humbly ask everyone to please refrain from all unnecessary and trivial conversations and talking within our church before and after Mass. If you must talk, please do it in the foyer or outside the church. If necessity requires that you speak inside the church, please do it quietly. If everyone observes these basic principles, we will be showing respect not only to our neighbors, but especially to our Lord Jesus Christ, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. By refraining from all unnecessary and trivial conversations and talking, everyone can assist in making our church into a solemn place of worship, instead of what it often resembles today, a boisterous marketplace!

Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas



Monday: March 19th

8:00am - †Pietro Di Donato 7:00pm - †Tom Flaherty

Tuesday: March 20th

8:00am - †John Henry & Albertina Fernandes

7:00pm - For the Grace of Healing - Intercession of St. Padre Pio

Wednesday: March 21st

8:00am - †Angelino Tavares 7:00pm - †Nadia Zanatta; †Susan Mathew

Thursday: March 22nd

8:00am - †Giuseppe Antonio Bava

7:00pm - †Rosa Dascoli Friday: March 23rd

8:00am - †Raul Pinto

7:00pm - †Deceased Members of the Thuraisingham Family

Saturday: March 24th

8:30am - †Luigi Joe Venditti 5:00pm - †Jose & Maria Marques

Sunday: March 25th

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish

10:30am - †Cosimo Antonio & Vincenzo Leoncini

12:00pm - †Mario & Pina Petrucci

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.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week's Collection \$6,234.00 Building Funds \$ 345.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



Easter Sunday is but two weeks away (April 1). In our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear God tell us, "I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." To affirm that forgiveness, St. Paul has this to say in the Second Reading: "He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." There is a connection between

these two statements which present forgiveness as the way to salvation.

The Lenten season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, perhaps even in that order, so we can better prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday and beyond. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent.

One might say that the priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). That should be a key part of our Lenten journey. As mentioned only two weeks remain on that journey so getting to reconciliation is important if we have not done so already.

Sacramental confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God sees us with love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, "Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy."

Il brano del Vangelo odierno segue immediatamente la narrazione dell'ingresso trionfale del Signore a Gerusalemme. Tutti sembrano averlo accolto: persino alcuni Greci, di passaggio, andarono a rendergli omaggio.

Questo è il contesto in cui Giovanni comincia il racconto della Passione. Come in natura, il chicco di grano muore per generare una nuova vita, così Gesù, con la sua morte, riconduce tutto quanto al Padre. Non è l'acclamazione del popolo che farà venire il Regno, ma il consenso del Padre. Il ministero e l'insegnamento di Gesù testimoniano che egli è venuto da parte del Padre. Aprirci a lui, significa passare dalla conoscenza di quanto egli ha detto o fatto all'accettazione della fede. La voce venuta dal cielo ci riporta alla Trasfigurazione (cf. la seconda domenica di Quaresima). Ma qui, chi sente questa voce, o non la riconosce per nulla, o la percepisce come una vaga forma di approvazione. Eppure tale conferma era proprio destinata a loro. Questo è anche un richiamo per noi: se non siamo pronti ad ascoltare la parola di Dio, anche noi resteremo insensibili.

Tutti coloro che vogliono seguire Cristo, che accettano questa nuova via, scelgono di porsi al servizio di Cristo e di camminare al suo fianco. Il significato pregnante di queste parole - essere sempre con lui dovunque egli sia ci è stato presentato nell'insegnamento e nel nutrimento spirituale della Quaresima. All'avvicinarsi della celebrazione dei misteri pasquali, portiamo in noi la certezza che servire Cristo significa essere onorati dal Padre.

OUR LADY OF THE AIRWAYS PRAYER GROUP



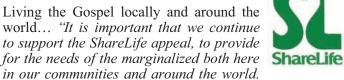
"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." - 1 Peter 2:24

The OLA Prayer Group invites you to an hour of prayer and meditation on:

Monday, March 26th **Theme: The Five Wounds of Jesus**

After the 7pm Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Today is ShareLife Sunday!





Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." - Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Thank you for your generosity.



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we

cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

OLA Youth



Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in grade 6 - 8 are welcome to our next EDGE Night on Friday, March 23rd, from 7pm - 9pm.

All grades 9 - 12 are invited!



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

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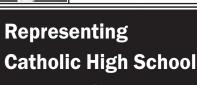
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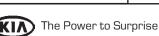


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