

# Our Lady of the Airways Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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Fr. Peter Gitendran  
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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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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, as we approach the final days of our Lenten season, my thoughts turn to the theme of almsgiving. You would think that it would be easy for me to speak about this subject, given that I spent all my professional life in the world of finance. Yet, the truth is I'd prefer not to speak about it. In fact, many pastors would also pass on the subject if they were given the choice. Nevertheless, let me share with you some thoughts about almsgiving that comes from a well-written article by Joanne McPortland (9 Jan 2017) titled, "What your pastor won't tell you about parish giving" [Note: those who want to read the full article can find it on Aleteia.org].

Ms. McPortland writes: "...You might catch yourself grumbling, 'Money! Money! Money! That's all Father ever talks about!'...Your average diocesan priest hates talking about money even more than you hate hearing about it...But here's something that hasn't changed in generations...The average share of our income that we [U.S.] Catholics give to our Church is a mere 1% - the same as it's been as long as anyone's been counting...Nobody wants to talk about the basic operating costs of a parish, but if they aren't met there is no place for the community to worship, no support for the many ministries and outreach efforts that make a parish so much more than a building. Father hates having to nickel-and-dime the congregation from the pulpit.

...Too often, though, pastors get such blowback from parishioners about pushing the "treasure" element of stewardship that parishes settle for commitments of time and talent by the same small group of people who always volunteered them anyway. And because time and talent do not substitute for treasure, poor Father is back to nickel-and-dime. It makes parish giving, which should be a grateful response to God's gifts and a regular part of Catholic discipleship, feel like being hounded to pay an overdue cable bill. That's not pleasant for anyone! So the hard truth is that our parishes are getting by on too little from too few.

**Give conscientiously.** Planning ahead will keep you from resorting to digging in your pockets for spare change as the collection basket comes by. Using weekly offering envelopes or participating in an online giving program, if your parish offers one, are two good ways to make your giving conscientious. **Give off the top.** When determining how much to give our parish, many of us look to what's left over after other obligations have been met. We give out of scarcity and fear, rather than gratitude. Whatever we have we owe to God's generosity. **Give more than you think you can.** The tithe, or one-tenth of one's wealth or income, is often mentioned in the Bible, and many Christians today aim for a 10% level of annual giving divided among church and charities. **(Parish giving, though tax-deductible, is not charity for Catholics. It's a precept, a joyful obligation).** In your prayerful consideration, strike a balance between 1% and 100% - pledge to give what you really can and maybe a little more, and to give it gladly and regularly. Don't compare yourself to others; your giving is a covenant between you and your family and God, and God is never outdone in generosity. **Give yourself.** Consider ways to be more involved in the life of your parish this year. See your gifts at work in the various ministries. Explore new ways to use your time and talents in the service of others, not as a substitute for financial support, but as a way of living what that support symbolizes. **It would take very little, in practice, to move that 1% of annual income level of giving to 2%.** For most people, that's the weekly equivalent of a couple of large lattes or a gallon or two of gas. What could your parish do with twice as much financial support every week? And it wouldn't take much to make it 2 out of 3, or even 3 out of 3, who give regularly. **You can make that difference, starting now. And then maybe you and Father can both stop dreading this time of year.** Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday: March 26th**

8:00am - †Maria Do Ceu Camara  
7:00pm - †Ancona & Giuseppe Papasodoro

**Tuesday: March 27th**

8:00am - †Maria & Miguel Pinto  
7:00pm - †Membri della Familia Amodio

**Wednesday: March 28th**

8:00am - †Angelino Tavares  
7:00pm - †Rudolph Julian Williams;  
†Deceased Members of the Mathew Family;  
Reparation for Sins and Moral Renewal of Canada

**Thursday: March 29th**

8:00am - NO MASS  
7:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

**Friday: March 30th**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
10:30am, 12:30pm, and 3:00pm

**Saturday: March 31st**

8:30am - NO MASS  
8:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

**Sunday: April 1st**

9:00am, 10:30am, and 12:00pm  
For the People of Our Parish

"Fasting and almsgiving are 'the two wings of prayer' which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God."

- St Augustine



*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**April 8th at 2:30pm Speaker: Fr. Terrence McKenna**

Exposition, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
Scripture Reading, Homily, Benediction & Reposition  
Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the parish hall.  
Please bring deserts to share.



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

Last Week's Collection \$ 5,299.00  
Share Life \$13,855.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, "...he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement.

For some 2,000 years scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase "emptied himself" means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions they lose focus of what is really Paul's point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been on a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to "empty yourself" so you are prepared to in reality add something.

Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter.

È allo stesso tempo l'ora della luce e l'ora delle tenebre. L'ora della luce, poiché il sacramento del Corpo e del Sangue è stato istituito, ed è stato detto: "Io sono il pane della vita... Tutto ciò che il Padre mi dà verrà a me: colui che viene a me non lo respingerò... E questa è la volontà di colui che mi ha mandato, che io non perda nulla di quanto mi ha dato, ma lo riscuota l'ultimo giorno" (Gv 6,35-39). Come la morte è arrivata dall'uomo così anche la risurrezione è arrivata dall'uomo, il mondo è stato salvato per mezzo di lui. Questa è la luce della Cena.

Al contrario, la tenebra viene da Giuda. Nessuno è penetrato nel suo segreto. Si è visto in lui un mercante di quartiere che aveva un piccolo negozio, e che non ha sopportato il peso della sua vocazione. Egli incarnerebbe il dramma della piccolezza umana. O, ancora, quello di un giocatore freddo e scaltro dalle grandi ambizioni politiche.

Lanza del Vasto ha fatto di lui l'incarnazione demoniaca e disumanizzata del male.

Tuttavia nessuna di queste figure collima con quella del Giuda del Vangelo. Era un brav'uomo, come molti altri. È stato chiamato come gli altri. Non ha capito che cosa gli si faceva fare, ma gli altri lo capivano? Egli era annunciato dai profeti, e quello che doveva accadere è accaduto. Giuda doveva venire, perché altrimenti come si sarebbero compiute le Scritture? Ma sua madre l'ha forse allattato perché si dicesse di lui: "Sarebbe stato meglio per quell'uomo se non fosse mai nato!?" Pietro ha rinnegato tre volte, e Giuda ha gettato le sue monete d'argento, urlando il suo rimorso per aver tradito un Giusto. Perché la disperazione ha avuto la meglio sul pentimento? Giuda ha tradito, mentre Pietro che ha rinnegato Cristo è diventato la pietra di sostegno della Chiesa. Non restò a Giuda che la corda per impiccarsi. Perché nessuno si è interessato al pentimento di Giuda? Gesù l'ha chiamato "amico". È veramente lecito pensare che si trattasse di una triste pennellata di stile, affinché sullo sfondo chiaro, il nero apparisse ancora più nero, e il tradimento più ripugnante? Invece, se questa ipotesi sfiora il sacrilegio, che cosa comporta allora l'averlo chiamato "amico"? L'amezza di una persona tradita? Eppure, se Giuda doveva esserci affinché si compissero le Scritture, quale colpa ha commesso un uomo condannato per essere stato il figlio della perdizione?

Non chiariremo mai il mistero di Giuda, né quello del rimorso che da solo non può cambiare nulla. Giuda Iscariota non sarà più "complice" di nessuno.

## The Easter Triduum



### Holy Week Schedule

#### Holy Thursday

*March 29<sup>th</sup>*

**7:00pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet**

*(Trilingual - English, Italian, & Tamil)*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 Midnight**

#### Good Friday

*March 30<sup>th</sup>*

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

**10:30am ~ Italian      3:00pm ~ English**

**12:30pm ~ English      9:00pm ~ Tamil**

**6:30pm ~ Stations of the Cross with Taizé Prayer**  
*Please join us for an evening of song, scripture and reflection led by our Parish Youth Ministry.*

#### Holy Saturday

*March 31<sup>st</sup>*

**8:00pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass**

*(Trilingual - English, Italian, & Tamil)*

#### Easter Sunday

*April 1<sup>st</sup>*

**9:00am ~ English      12:30pm ~ English**

## OLA Youth



**EDGE**

*Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?*

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night** on **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 7pm - 9pm.

*All grades 9 - 12 are invited!*  **LIFE TEEN**

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome to our next **Life Night** on **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

'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: [OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com](mailto:OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com)



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