

# 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

## *A few thoughts from the Pastor:*

The Gospel readings throughout the Lenten Sundays this year are the "RCIA" readings. They reflect the transformation that occurs when we encounter Christ and receive the gift of faith. The deeper we enter into the journey of Christ's Passion, the more we experience the power of Christ's loving redemption.

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well shows the wonderful change that leads to new life. Father Marc Angers shared a reflection on this Gospel story. He portrayed her as living the mission discipleship described by Pope Francis in the encyclical: "The Joy of the Gospel". The two expressions of encountering Christ are shown in the story. She came to Christ and was transformed, then she went to her community to share the "Good News".

## LISTEN UP EVERYONE. . .



## IT'S COMING!!!!

Have you heard the great news!?!  
**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER PROGRAM**  
 ...for children and youth is coming to St. Anthony's.  
 Are you ready for a week full of fun, faith, and friendship?  
 If you said yes... then please resister the weekends of March 22-23  
 and March 29-30! See you there!!

For more info please contact Pauline Murphy at 905-793-8030 ext 102



### Working wonders in our community...

Last year Mary Centre received a call to assist Robert, a client, when they learned that his sister Theresa, who lived with him, had collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Due to a previous connection with Robert and Theresa, the agency was able to respond quickly. Mary Centre respite facility at St. Bernard's is often fully booked a few months in advance but other families were supportive and changed their plans to accommodate this situation. Robert stayed at Mary Centre for 3 weeks until Theresa was able to return home and take care of him. He continues to come to St. Bernard's at least once a month where he has felt welcome and has made friends. Robert and Theresa take comfort in knowing that Mary Centre was there for them. Theresa shared, "to know Mary Centre is to know people who are kind, considerate and thoughtful; thank you for all you've have done for my brother and me." Last year, over 1800 people with special needs received assistance from ShareLife-supported agencies.

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – March 30, 2014**  
**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

### Monday, March 24, 2014

Ferial

7:00p.m.

Intentions:

- ✠ Vittoria Cunsolo
- ✠ Diomedes Acosta
- ✠ Beatrice Gouveia
- ✠ Concy Chellar

Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin

### Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Annunciation of the Lord

9:00a.m.

Intention:

- ✠ Audrey Roscovich

### Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ferial

9:00a.m.

Intention:

- ✠ Abel D'Souza

### Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ferial

9:00a.m.

Intention:

- ✠ Paul Gladysz

### Friday, March 28, 2014

Ferial

9:00a.m.

Intention:

- ✠ Austin Paul Pereira

### Saturday, March 29, 2014

Ferial

9:00a.m.

Intention:

- Vijila Sengale

### Pray for the sick...



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| Darcie Camilleri                    | Denora Roca       |
| Manuel Pillai Stanislaus            | Percy D'Souza     |
| Theresamma Stanislaus               | Marian Lopes      |
| Sandra Cirilli                      | John Miller       |
| Norah Mount                         | Roy Tower         |
| Leona King                          | Samantha Hearn    |
| Steve Duffy                         | Gary Arsenault    |
| retired Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto | Pearse Lacey      |
| Bruce & Edwina Fraser               | Giuseppina Lanese |
| Baby Chloe Dietrich                 | Peter Ortepi      |
| Maria Amado                         |                   |

## SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS

### PSALM 6

Psalm 6 can be used for intercessory purposes, particularly for the sick or those suffering for a very long time. It is a heartfelt plea to God to intercede in the life of someone who is in great distress. The Psalms are meant to be prayed not read and as such Psalm 6 draws us into the terrible torment of someone whose life has been greatly troubled by worry and pain. They ask God "How long O Lord, how long." God is invited to "Rescue me, for the sake of your love."

Probably the most humorous part of the Psalm occurs in line nine where the psalmist cries "For no one remembers you in the grave; who will praise you in the world of the dead? As if giving God justification for saving his life and coming to his aid. What is beautiful in this Psalm is the positive note on which it ends: "The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD will grant all that I pray for." God bless you in your distress.

### RCIA SCRUTINIES

The scrutinies are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and reinforced by an exorcism. They are rites for self-searching and repentance and have, above all, a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, and then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. They are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. The elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny – March 23, the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny – March 30th), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny – April 6).

During the scrutinies, the elect, who have already learned the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.

*Please continue to pray for the men and women in the RCIA as they receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Savior.*

### **CWL**

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. Apply by April 14, 2014. For further information, please contact St. Anthony of Padua Church office and leave a message for Jackie Fraithe, CWL Education and Health Convener.

**Lenten Fridays – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am - 12noon**

**Parish Lenten Confessions - Friday, March 28 at 7pm**

**Archdiocesan Day of Confessions - Wednesday, April 9  
from 9:30am-12noon and 1pm-9pm**

### **Celebrating a Special Occasion?**

Parishioners may order a Papal Blessing scroll to commemorate a milestone wedding anniversary, birthday or reception of the sacrament of baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and religious ordination and profession.

For further information on how to order a Papal Blessing scroll, including the cost and delivery time, please contact your parish office.

St. Anthony's New Web Site has loads of information to educate and inspire, including our Lenten Schedule, copies of sermons, Sacramental info and an article on the meaning of Lent. Don't forget to check it out!!!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### **Annual Pasta Dinner**

Sunday March 30, Dinner 5:30 P.M.  
St Thomas Aquinas H.S.

Tickets : Adults \$15.00; Youth under age 13 \$10 and age 5 and under free.  
Tickets are now available after Mass.

For more information or to make a reservation call 905-793-3870

### **The Church Cleaning Group**

Will you answer our special invitation to become part of a group of lady parishioners who clean our beautiful "Spiritual Home" – St. Anthony of Padua Church? We prepare for the celebrations of Christmas and Easter every year. This Easter, we will meet you with joy at the Sacristy on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> right after the 9am Mass. Call 905-792-0872.

### **Steubenville YOUTH**

#### **Conference**


Toronto July 4-6, 2014  
"God is"

2014 CONFERENCE THEME:


"Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the Lord God is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation." Isaiah 12:2  
Registration opened January 13<sup>th</sup>  
CALLING ALL YOUTH (Grades 8-12)

Contact St. Anthony's parish office as soon as possible.

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