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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Tuesday to Friday 8.30 AM

** No Morning Mass on Monday & Saturday

FRIDAY Mass is followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.00 am.

Weekend

SATURDAY: 5.00 PM (Vigil)

SUNDAY: 9.00 AM, 10.30 AM & 12.00 Noon

Reconciliation SATURDAY From 4.15 PM to 4.45 PM

Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion

Registered and active parishioners are asked to contact the parish office during week days between 8.30 am to 3.30 pm (Closed 12.30pm - 1.30 pm)

Marriage

Contact the parish priest one year in advance of the date of marriage.

Shut-ins

Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

Parish Schools

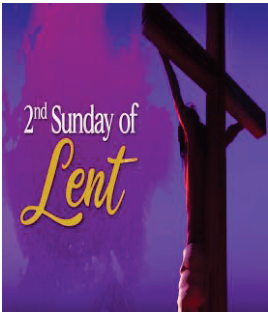
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Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Reading:
Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd Reading:
Romans 8.31b-35, 37

Gospel:
Mark 9.2-10
(*The Transfiguration*)

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 noon**

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Conquering all through the Love of Christ

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

Summary

In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

Mass Intentions for the Week – February 24 – 25, 2024

Saturday February 24th

5:00 pm + Rache & Fedele Volpe
- Intentions for Adelay McArthur &
Family

Sunday February 25th

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm + Leonard & Beatrice Polacco

Monday February 26th

9:00 am

Tuesday February 27th

8:30 am

Wednesday February 28th

8:30 am + Christopher Lyne

Thursday February 29th

8:30 am + Andrew D'Cruz (Heavenly B'day)
+ Dominic & Marie Fernandes
- David Clark (for a successful
surgery and quick recovery)

Friday March 1st

8:30 am - B'day Blessings for Yoland

6:30 pm **(STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**



Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Fridays at 6:30 pm



Parish Weekly fact

Our Parish Cross is a beautifully crafted replica of The **San Damiano Cross**, a large Romanesque icon cross before which St. Francis of Assisi was praying when he is said to have received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross was made around the year 1100, and now hangs in the Basilica of Saint Clare (*Basilica di Santa Chiara*) in Assisi, Italy, with a replica in its original position in the church of San Damiano nearby. The cross has survived centuries of weathering and local earthquakes.

In contrast to other crucifixes which show the figure of Christ suspended, suffering, and dying, here Jesus is depicted in full stature with open welcoming arms (despite the nails in hands and feet), surrounded by other figures who are witnesses or affected by the crucifixion. More information about these figures will appear in future weeks.



DROP OFF

DROPPING OFF PASSENGERS

Dropping off passengers at the front of the church steps is presenting a safety concern, as we are seeing a backup of cars at times out to the street while passengers exit their vehicles. If you need to drop off a passenger, please drive up to the entrance of the ramp at the side of the church, enabling the passenger/s to use the ramp to enter the building. Or you might pull into the fire route momentarily until your passenger exits, then go around to park your vehicle. As soon as your passenger has left the vehicle, Ministers of Hospitality may assist as required, and you will be able to park your car. Thank you for your understanding.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Lift Jesus Higher Rally Toronto Take Heart:
By His Wounds We Are Healed
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Your **YES** manifests God's love!

The first upcoming ShareLife Collection date is March 16th/ 17th, 2024.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



PARKING / FIRE ROUTES -

We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and **DO NOT PARK** in front of them. Fire trucks and ambulances will have a tough time accessing the parking lot because people are parking illegally in the fire zones and driveways.

Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. We will have Bylaw officers issue tickets to those who do not comply.

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