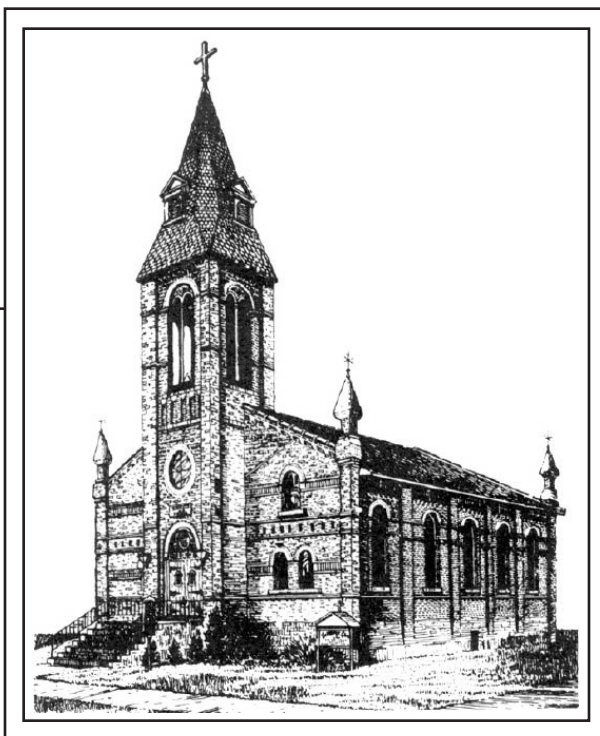


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## SUNDAY MASSES

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If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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## LENT: FINAL EVENING OF LENTEN REFLECTION AT ST. MARY'S

This **Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm.** (in the church)  
**will be the final talk in our parish Lenten reflection series,  
and this final talk is titled: "The Restoring".**

*I have been most happy with the turnout these past weeks and  
encouraged by your many comments. Thank you.*

### THE INHERENT DANGER OF 'THE GOOD PERSON'

Two millennia of solid Catholic teaching founded on Christ Himself has somehow been reduced many in this age of relativism to 'the good person'. Perhaps you've had this come up in conversation with someone when you're discussing a moral issue or even the idea of how we will be judged and what is necessary in order to gain heaven, when someone will say, "Well, I think that as long as you're a good person, that's what you'll be judged by and that's all that really counts." What is it we say about "the road to hell is paved with *good* intentions? Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them."

The Lenten season of penitence affords us the ability and possibility to think about our eternity in light of the course of our lives now. Does my living, attitude, disposition and thought line up with the teachings of Christ or am I going it on my own, making God and His revelation, plan and will for my life over to what I would choose were I God? That would be to say that I have designs to make God into my image and likeness and on my terms in spite of what has been revealed to us by God Himself. So, just what is the problem believing that being a good person is all that's needed for eternal life? Well, everything, actually.

#### SO, WHAT IS GOOD?

First of all, how would someone define what it means to be a good person? Wouldn't that be rather subjective and therefore dependent on different people's idea of what it means to be good? Would it not be better before God to actually strive to be a great person, or even a truly great and holy person? Why settle for good if it would be mediocre compared to great or holy? And just how good is good enough, especially when Jesus goes so far as to say to us, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect?" (Mt. 5:48) Jesus has obviously set the standard on that which qualifies a person for eternal life when he tells us we will be judged based on... "I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, hungry and you gave me food; thirsty and you gave me drink..." (Mt. 25:36-40) It is obvious that Our Lord is saying that what we do for others will largely determine whether you actually did anything (works) to others for God.

#### WHAT ABOUT FAITH?

And doesn't faith have a great deal to do with the eternal home of heaven being our reward for a life of faith? The gift of faith has been poured into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit and we exercise that faith which helps us all the more to grow in that faith which comes to believe that Christ can do all

things in us and through us. And James was right when he said that "faith without works is dead". (Mt. 2:20)

#### AND WHY DID JESUS COME?

If we have been taught by God himself that human goodness is all that is necessary to enter the kingdom of God, then why did Jesus come to the earth? Was his teaching merely words to encourage us in our own personal interpretation of being a good person? Is this same goodness equally required of everyone or are there different grades of this goodness?

#### THE PROBLEM

Herein lies the problem. In Mark 10:18, Jesus (who is God, by the way), says that no one is good but God alone. If, according to Christ, no one on the earth is good, then it follows that no one on the earth can go to heaven because no one would qualify. So, human goodness is not the qualifier for the eternal... but Jesus is! To choose to believe that some variant of self-determined goodness is the requirement for heaven is to think that we actually save ourselves and at what point do we consider our goodness as 'good enough'?

#### THE ULTIMATE PROBLEM

To the idea that some form of human effort summed up in a vague term such as 'being a good person' begs the question, "Then why did Jesus come?" He could have saved the world in any way His Divine Mind chose. He could have pronounced "Let there be no sin" just as easily as He said at the time of creation "Let there be light" and there was light! Surely just one infinitesimal drop of His Sacred Blood would have been enough to eradicate all sin from man. Then why did He come? He came to die. He came to give not some of His precious, holy life-blood but gave His all – everything being spent on a tree, the tree of the Cross that would bring life and forgiveness of sins and redemption in the glory of heaven one day. For Jesus was considered to be many things by many people – and still today. Some considered Him to be a great teacher among many great teachers of history, but He's not just a teacher; a holy man among many holy men and women throughout time, though He's not just holy; a prophet among the prophets of old and current times, though He can't simply be reduced to a prophet; a god among the many gods that sinful human minds have created for themselves, though He is God and being itself and light and life itself. Jesus came as The Saviour of the world, the One who came to do battle with sin, darkness and death of this world brought about by the disobedience of man. And He defeated it on the Cross, the great and lasting symbol of the most perfect and all-encompassing love, power and forgiveness the world has and will ever see. And it's all yours for the asking, the seeking, the persistent and faithful knocking on The Door that is Jesus Himself.

Jesus' goal was glory with His Father after accomplishing the victory in dying for all and our sin. For as the letter to the Hebrews states: "*who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*" Heb.12:2

If Jesus can give us everything by giving His all, how could we ever so foolishly settle on 'being a good person'? (Fr. Charles)



Tues April 8 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to Mass 7:00pm	Confession Intentions of Pius Osayande & Family Requested by Pius
Wed April 9 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	Intentions of Jacqueline Wong Requested by Family Intentions of Tony Abramavicius Requested by Friends
Thurs April 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:30am 8:30am	HOLY HOUR Intentions of Michelle & Raphael Wong Requested by Jacqueline & Terry Wong
Fri April 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm 7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS Intentions of Luke Jagielski Requested by the Family
Sat April 12 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am 3:00 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Mass Confession +George Gerynowicz Requested by Mary Cudney & Family
Sun April 13 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am  11:00am	For the People  +Ken Matthews Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno

### *Please Pray for the Sick*

Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Albert Sant, Teresa Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan, Norma Still, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Yvonne Besley, Bev Underhill, Jolanta Okon

### *Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*



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### **5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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Thus far, we have raised \$9653.95 toward our goal of \$46,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### LENTEN COLLECTION

Thank you so much to those who have given, the response has been amazing, and we have sent the first lot of donations down to Mississauga, thanks to Helen & Len McGuire for picking up donations and taking them down. There is still time to give. **Iodized salt, Cans of meat and fish, soap bars, new socks and shoes.** The last day for the collection will be Palm Sunday.

### St. Mary's CWL Spring Plant Sale

The CWL will be having a spring Plant Sale. You will be able to pre-order your plants starting this weekend April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be available at each entrance to the church, and members of the CWL will be available to answer any questions. Or you can go onto the St. Mary's CWL Website ([collcwl.ca](http://collcwl.ca)). Plants are to be picked up from the Church Hall on Saturday, May 24 from 10 am to 2 pm "Help us Help our community by purchasing your spring plants through the St. Mary's CWL". Thank You, Kindly.

### Jubilee 2025: Lenten Pilgrimage

Why not consider a Lenten Pilgrimage to one of our designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings? A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: **www.archtoronto.org/jubilee**. The site also provides information for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church. Please note that it is not necessary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same day as your visit to the Pilgrimage church, but can be celebrated in your own parish "within several days before or after your visit."



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