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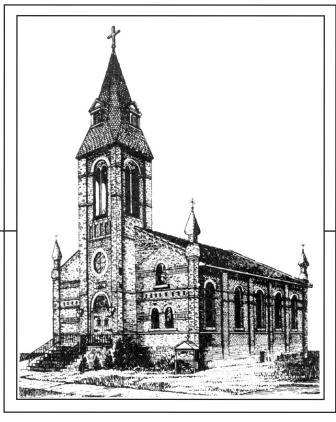
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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church fover or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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MARCH 6, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

A WORD FOR LENT



If you didn't already know about or have a chance to pick A Word *for Lent from the two boxes* (green for adults and red for children) you are invited to do so. You will find them at the

entrances to the church. Simply reach into the box without looking – and choose a single word for your contemplation throughout the season of Lent. At first glance it might seem that your word is too easy or perhaps even obscure in its application to you, but trust in the Holy Spirit to show you how it applies to you. For example, my Lenten word is 'Eternity', which at first may sound nice enough and points to life with Christ in the forever of heaven. But Eternity also can imply that death forever without God of my own choosing. So the question might become: Where do I think I am going to go when I die or if I died today? In previous parishes I have held this 'Lenten Lottery', so-to-speak and it is amazing how a single word will begin to appear more and more in our life, even in the season of Lent. Personally, I think the best words are the ones that at first puzzle us or challenge us, especially when we might be tempted to put our word back and draw another one. It's good to remember that "God never tests us beyond what we are able to endure, but with the testing provides us with a means of escape". And just think, if a single word can be the fodder for so much thought, contemplation and revelation for us, how much more does the Word of God we hear each Sunday or read on our own have the power to change and shape and teach us in our lives? (Fr.C)

How To Make a Good Confession



Many people may be fearful of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) primarily because they are afraid of what the priest might think of them, that they might be embarrassed or that the priest will know them when they come to confess their sins. We need not be afraid because the priest himself is a

Sinner and confesses his sins to a priest as well. The priest can never divulge to anyone what he, the penitent and God have heard within the sacrament itself so we are assured of the utmost secrecy better known as the Seal of Confession. A priest may not even approach you outside of the confessional about anything you may have confessed unless the penitent themselves speak to the priest about it. What you confess remains between you, the priest and God forever. And when our sins are

forgiven through the absolution, those sins confessed are indeed gone and remembered by God no more. There are two key parts of the sacrament of confession: preparation and celebration. PREPARATION

Getting ready to confess our sins should never be taken lightly but a good searching of our consciences on the four areas mentioned in the Confiteor each Sunday is a good place to start as we think about our sins. What are my sins according to – 1. My thoughts 2.- My words 3.- My actions and 4.-my omissions or what I have failed to do? This is where an Examination of Conscience comes in handy as we ponder our sins mindful of the Ten-Commandments. (See Examinations at the back of the church.) It is surprising in the difference between the sins we would readily call to mind and those we are reminded of when we do an examine. The sins that we have committed we need to name in the confessional. It is useful to write sins down so that we don't forget them once we arrive in a confessional. The Holy Spirit is a great assistance to us in remembering our sins, so we should ask for his help as we approach the sacrament. CELEBRATION

Once we have thought about our sins and recognize our own disdain for them, they need to be confessed. One important thing to remember when you are confessing to a priest is that he doesn't need all the details. For example, if we are confessing the sin of impatience, we need not include the various people and circumstances where we have been impatient. Simply state, 'impatience'. If the priest doesn't understand something you have confessed, he might simply ask you about it. Otherwise, just state your sins and possibly the number of times since your last confession that you have committed this sin. It is not necessary for you to be exacting on the number of times because if it is a high number there is possibly something wrong that you are able to keep this tally in your head.

It is preferable that our more serious sins are confessed first and not slipped in as our last sin. In most parishes there is only one priest hearing confessions and if there are many people waiting to celebrate the sacrament, it is good and even expressing love of neighbour if we don't take a long time to confess our sins. I have always maintained that a person could have been away from the Church and confession for 30, 40 or more years and make a good confession in 2-minutes. If there is sorrow for sin and the obvious grace of God at work in a person's life who has been drawn back to the sacrament, they simply need to state their sins in number and kind to receive the life-restoring forgiveness of Jesus. So, don't be afraid and don't put off celebrating, yes, celebrating, the love and forgiveness of Jesus. (Fr.C)



Tuesday March 8th

7:30am **HOLY HOUR**

8:30am St. Mary's Parishioners

Wednesday March 9th

7:00pm Intentions of Michelle Spencer

Requested by Ken Wright

Thursday March 10th

7:30am **HOLY HOUR**

8:30am St. Mary's Parishioners

Friday March 11th

6:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm +Brendan Carson

Requested by Genevieve & Clark

Saturday March 12th

3:00pm to 4:00pm **CONFESSION**

4:30pm +Audrey Stover

Requested by Pat & Al Davidson

Sunday March 13th

9:00am +Paul Ritzinger

Requested by Dolores & Brian Rae

11:00am +Emmanuel Joseph

Requested by the St. Mary's CWL

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• Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish - Ukrainian Relief - Humanitarian Relief

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 6, 2022



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