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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

*This man welcomes  
sinners. (Luke 15:2)*

Isn't it ironic that this story, which is one of the best loved in all of Scripture, has a somewhat misleading title? Rather than calling it the parable of the prodigal son, we should call it the parable of the forgiving father. This is not a story only about one son. It's a story about two sons and their father. And as a parable, this story tells us about our heavenly Father's infinite love for us.

The parable of the prodigal son has two distinct goals: it shows us that God wants everyone to know his love, and it shows us that God wants those who know his love to experience it more deeply.

In a sense, the prodigal son was "dead" because of the sins he had committed when he was away from home. But the moment he came back, it's as if he had come back to life. Jesus used this fellow to describe people who have not accepted the love that God has for them. They need to turn and come home to him. They need what we would call an "initial conversion."

These are the people God asks us to lift up in prayer in a special way—especially our loved ones who are far from the Lord. May they all experience an initial conversion!

The prodigal son's older brother, however, was already "alive." He was faithful and hardworking. But he also needed a conversion. He may have been obedient to his father, but a lot of sinful thoughts still occupied his mind. This fellow needed "ongoing conversion," a deeper turning away from his habits of resentment, anger, and self-righteousness.

Even if we believe in Jesus, pray every day, and go to Mass regularly, we still need ongoing conversion. We can be trying our best to live good lives and to care for our families. But we can fall into judgmental, self-righteous, self-centered ways of thinking. And so God asks us to keep turning to him for help and healing.

God welcomes home everyone who comes to him. No matter how big or small our sins, he is always waiting with open arms.

*"Thank you, Father, for welcoming me home."*

(Excerpt from The **WORD** Among Us)

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Mon., April 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Hugh**

Maria Vetro  
Boris Skipin  
Yuk Lin Wong

#### **Tues., April 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Francis of Paola**

Frank Cairo  
Antonio & Maria Meffe  
Daniela Staibano

#### **Wed., April 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Richard**

Alessandro De Rango & Agostina Mazulo  
Domenic Trentadue  
Rosanna Mossa

#### **Thur., April 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Isidore**

Erminia Carinci  
Emilia Scalera  
Francesco Vena

#### **Fri., April 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Vincent Ferrer**

Maria & Ernesto Arturi  
Antonio, Caterina & Gennaro Saraco  
Healing of Oles Sydor

### **Eucharistic Adoration 2:30-6:30PM**

#### **Fri., April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### **Fri., April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

Romolo Di Cecco  
Joice Xuereb  
Leo D'Ermes

#### **Sat., April 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Marcellinus**

Vincenzo Cieri  
Pasquale Ianiero  
Healing of Oles Sydor

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next parish council meeting which will include Ministry Leaders will be held on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend!

## **COFFEE SUNDAY**

The next coffee Sunday will be held on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be hosted by the ALTAR Server Ministry. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass and 11:30 a.m. Mass. There will be Altar Server Ministry members available to find out how you can join this very special Ministry.



**EDGE (Gr. 5-8)**

Friday, April 26 from 6:45 - 9 pm

Parish Hall

Movie Night – “Wonder”

*Youth from the parish are welcome to join us*

**Young Teens and Adults**

Friday, April 5 “Journey” @ 7 pm

in the Parish Hall.

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**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**



We are offering an education series to deepen our knowledge & understanding of the Church and of the challenges we face as

Catholics in our own time. The next session is on **THE LAST THINGS** on *Tuesday, April 9* **OR Wednesday April 24 at 7 pm in the hall.**

Come join us to deepen & strengthen your knowledge of our Catholic Faith.



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**PASSION PLAY**

One performance only on **Friday, April 12 @ 7:00 p.m.** performed by the Youth with Music from “Last Seven Words of Christ” by the Adult Choir under the direction of Richard Heinzle.

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**Good Friday Procession**

We would like to invite all our parish youth and children to join the Youth Ministries on Good Friday, April 19 to rotate in carrying a small cross in the Good Friday Procession. We encourage children to also bring crosses from home as well. We will meet in the Church at 5:15 p.m. to organize ourselves.

After the Good Friday Procession, the youth will lead the **Stations of the Cross** in the Church. If any other young people would like to join us, please come to a rehearsal on Monday April 15 in the Church from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



This weekend is our first ShareLife collection, which will take place after communion.

ShareLife is more than a collection. Our annual appeal is one of the ways we bring the Gospel value to “love one another” to life. The agencies supported by ShareLife help thousands of people in our archdiocese and countless more around the world. The family seeking counselling, the isolated senior seeking a friendly voice, the child in the developing world without food – these are some examples of how our support fulfills the core component of our Pastoral Plan of “Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.”

The ShareLife mission is “living the Gospel by providing for those in need.” We invite you to join us in supporting the important work of ShareLife agencies with a sacrificial gift to the campaign. Envelopes can be found in both entrances of the Church. If you are unable to make a contribution, please pray for the success of our parish’s campaign, and pray that those who are able to support the campaign will do so.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our campaign goal this year is **\$125,000**

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**SHARELIFE PARISH COMMITTEE**

Based on the suggestion of the Chancery office, we have created a new ShareLife Committee.

Their role will be promoting, explaining and communicating with our parishioners about every aspect of the significant value of acting as community. Together we can do a lot!

Thanks to Mrs. Teresa Meffe, Mr. Dominic Di Giacomo, and Ms. Anna Betro, for accepting this responsibility with hope that this project will be successful for all of us.

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**LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

Several priests will be available for confessions in English, Italian, French and Polish. There will be a brief reflection & prayer at 7:00 p.m. followed by individual reconciliation. All are welcome to come and celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness.

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## **Easter Monday Egg Hunt**

We invite all families to bring their children to see a movie of the Easter Story, join in prayers and fill their Easter baskets with Easter goodies. We will gather in the Church on Easter Monday April 22 at 10:45 AM. All are welcome.

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## **The Queen and Mother of All Saints**

### **Prayer Group: One Hour with Jesus**

The Queen and Mother of All Saints' Prayer Group invites you to experience a spiritually uplifting hour of Eucharistic adoration, songs of worship, spontaneous prayer, and benediction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our next celebration is on April 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



*“A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory!” (St. Padre Pio)*

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## **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2019**

The Annual National March for Life event will be held in Ottawa again this year with the March taking place on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

More than 25,000 concerned citizens young and old will march in the streets of Ottawa asking for justice and human rights for unborn children as well as expressions of concern about the recent law for euthanasia and assisted suicide by lethal injection.

We are arranging a bus to leave from All Saints' parking lot at 6 a.m. and returning that evening. The Knights of Columbus will support financially for those who want to go!

Please reserve your spot as soon as possible by contacting Manny Poulo 4162423298 or John Carroll 4162499280. If you cannot go, please consider purchasing a \$5.00 candle that will be lit in Ottawa to support the March.

More information visit [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca) or call Campaign Life at 416-204 9849

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## **Mary, Mother of God School**

Come out for a fun-filled evening to support a worthy cause! Mary, Mother of God School invites you to its annual **Fundraising Gala on Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 pm** at the King's Garden Banquet Hall (Queensway & Islington) Tickets are \$125 each. Join us for a delicious meal, silent auction, balloon surprises and lively entertainment! Call Stephanie at the school for more information: 416-531-7897 (last day of ticket sales: April 23, 2019)

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