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"The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light."
(Jn 3:19)

March 10, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"The floor is lava!" We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and, differing from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, "we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

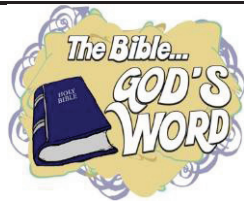
ENGAGE Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you haven't yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.

We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. Paul also writes, "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." And in today's Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Both testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word "might." Like "may," which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God's commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For "whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."



IV Domenica di Quaresima

Parlando con Nicodemo, Gesù riassume tutta la storia della salvezza, un meraviglioso

capolavoro dell'amore del Padre che si compie nella consumazione totale di lui, suo Figlio, nel sacrificio della croce. Ralleghiamoci per l'infinita grazia di Dio; senza alcun merito, chiunque crederà in colui che è appeso alla Croce, avrà la vita eterna.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of March 10th is offered in memory of Antonio Silva requested by his grandchildren Abigail, Audrey and Amelia.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 10 marzo è stata offerta in memoria di Antonio Silva richiesta dalle sue nipoti Abigail, Audrey e Amelia.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for March 3rd was \$2,685.00. Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertorio della domenica 3 marzo era \$2,685.00.

Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for March 3rd was \$767.00.

La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 3 marzo era \$767.00.



Dr. Simone: We will be collecting soap for the month of March.

Questo mese accogliamo il sapone per la missione del Dr. Simone.

Tax Receipts for 2023: will be mailed directly to you by the end of March. We apologize for the delay this year, but the new program has created some issues which has caused the data entry to be behind.



Spring Garage Sale: Doing some spring cleaning over the next few months? Consider bringing us your stuff to sell at our Garage Sale! Or, rent a table for \$25 and come sell your treasures on May 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More details to follow in the next coming bulletins.

Lent and Devotion: We will begin our season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday celebration receiving the mark of ashes symbolizing repentance and commitment to the Lord. During this Holy Season, *each Friday we will celebrate The Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.* This devotion will remind us of the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please join us in this traditional prayer of the church.

Tempo di Quaresima è un tempo molto importante che ci aiuta a crescere nella nostra fede e adesione a Cristo Signore morto sulla croce per la nostra salvezza. Durante questo tempo, ogni venerdì alle ore 7:00 di sera, celebriamo la Via Crucis, con le preghiere, canti e meditazioni della passione del Signore.

Feast of St. Anthony Committee: The committee is busy working on the St. Anthony book for 2024. If anyone wishes to include a memorial page for their loved one in the St. Anthony program book, please contact Rosanne at 905-629-4080.



This year's **Day of Confessions for Lent 2024** will be on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024. The first session will be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the afternoon session will be 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.



Fish & Chips will take place on Good Friday, March 29th following the 3:00 p.m. service. The price once again this year will be \$20 per person.

Please buy your ticket now! It is much easier if we have an idea of how many people will be attending so we know how much food to purchase. You can buy the tickets after Mass or call the office during business hours.

Blood Donor Clinic: March 15th, 2024 at our Parish Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please call 1-888-236-6283 or go online at www.blood.ca to book an appointment. They are booked at 74% and at Holy Angels they always exceed their goal so please make your appointment now!

Mass Intentions March 11th to March 17th

Monday, March 11th

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

† Filomena & Matteo Sabatino by Maria Farace

Tuesday, March 12th

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

No Mass

Wednesday, March 13th

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

† Carmela Solimine by Saveria Solimine & family

† Mario Pereira by Sister-in-law and Family

† Jose Silva Jr. by Sister and Family

† Monsignor Vincent Foy by Bernadette Cheng

† Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 14th

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

† Margherita & Michele Visca by Visca Family

Friday, March 15th

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

† Tony Sabatini by Anita Sabatini and family

Saturday, March 16th

Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm

† Frank Szura by Wife Mary

Sunday, March 17th

5th Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

† Lenny Di Filippo by Mom and Dad and family

11:30 am

† Elisabetta Palazzese by Robert Ferrari and family

*Please welcome our newest little parishioners... **Evelina Severino***



Contact the office for more information on the Baptismal Preparation process. We require 3 months advance notice.



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