

# Living the Gospel



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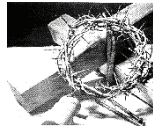
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*Mass Intentions***Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- 9:00 a.m.** Mary Anne & Joseph Faenza R.I.P.  
Req. by Carmen Tonna.  
Catalina A. Santos R.I.P.  
Req. by Ligaya S. Platon  
Special Intentions of Larry Gardiner  
Req. by Zeny Gardiner  
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- 10:30 a.m.** Patrick & Veronica Dias, Jerry, Maureen,  
Arnold, Doreen & Rodney Nazareth R.I.P.  
Req. by The Nazareth Family.  
Special Intentions of Gil Narag  
Req. by Gay Arevalo  
Luz Mariano R.I.P.  
Req. by Willy & Menchie Tuano
- 12:00 a.m.** Cadiz Family R.I.P.  
Req. by Elena Espiritu

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 a.m.** Kevin Francis R.I.P.  
Req. by Pakianthan and Family  
Thanksgiving for Brad Galera
- 7:00 p.m.** Matthew R.I.P.  
Irene Caramanica R.I.P.  
Req. by Francis D'Souza

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 a.m.** Special Intentions of Vincent Saldanha.  
Req. by Lavita, Anishka, Giselle & Saldanha Family
- 7:00 a.m.** No Mass Intention.

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 7:30 a.m.** Rainda Carvalho R.I.P.
- 7:00 p.m.** No Mass Intention.

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:30 a.m.** Natalia Herrera R.I.P.  
Req. by The Hermosa Family
- 7:00 p.m.** No Mass Intention.

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a.m.** No Mass Intention.
- 7:00 p.m.** No Mass Intention.

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 p.m.** No Mass Intention.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

There is a frightening amount of darkness in the world today. But the Gospel of today's Mass contains the wonderful words of Christ: "I am the light of the world." Christ is indeed the light of the world and of our lives. We need to acknowledge that we are in much need of Christ's light in our own lives. He will let His light shine on us; all we need to do is ask Him to.

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"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy 416-968-0997. email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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March 19<sup>th</sup> (This year celebrated March 20<sup>th</sup>)  
**SAINT JOSEPH**  
Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of Canada.

St. Joseph, the pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ, was a descendant of King David. He was a carpenter in the village of Nazareth. Joseph, as a "just man", would have abided by the law of that time and most probably was engaged to Mary when he was between the ages of 13 and 19. When Joseph heard, that Mary was with child, he wanted to dismiss her quietly as not to disgrace her, but changed his mind, after an angel told him in a dream to take Mary as his wife and to be a foster father to the Son of God. In his purity of heart, his chastity, patience, fortitude, gentleness and manliness of character he is a true model for all mankind.

*Almighty God, You entrusted to the faithful care of Saint Joseph the beginnings of the mysteries of man's salvation. Through his intercession may Your Church always be faithful in her service so that Your designs will be fulfilled. Amen.*

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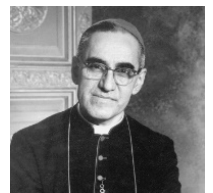
March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**SAINT TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO**  
Patron of Latin American Bishops

Turibius was born about 1538 in Spain in the Province of Leon. He was a brilliant law student and became a well-known teacher of law. He became chief judge to the inquisition of Granada. At that time the State exercised control over the church and so it was that King Philip II needed to choose an Archbishop to replace the recently deceased Jeronima de Loaiza, first Archbishop of Lima Peru. He chose Turibius., who arrived in Lima in May 1581, the centre of the Archdiocese for all Spanish South America. He was appalled how the conquerors exploited the country and subjected the native people to tyranny and injustice. He condemned these abuses and provided for their spiritual and physical needs of the natives. It was vital for him and all the clergy to learn the local languages to be able to teach them. Turibius also tried to understand the Indian mind and often lived with them in their dwellings. He established the first seminary in Latin America. He founded numerous schools, hospitals and churches. He personally baptized and confirmed about half a million people, including South America's two best-known Saints; -Rose of Lima and Martin de Porres. Saint Turibius died March 23, 1606 and was canonized in the year 1726.

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March 24

**OSCAR ROMERO**  
Martyr



Romero was born on 15 August 1917 to Santos Romero and Guadalupe de Jesús Galdámez in the San Miguel department of El Salvador. And was baptized on 11 May 1919, at the age of one. He had five brothers and two sisters: At the age of thirteen. He entered the minor seminary in San Miguel but left the seminary for three months to return home when his mother became ill. After graduation he enrolled in the national seminary in San Salvador. He completed his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in 1941, but had to wait a year to be ordained. In 1970,

Romero was appointed an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of San Salvador. In 1974, he was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Santiago de María, a poor, rural region. On 23 February 1977, Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador. While this appointment was welcomed by the government, many priests were disappointed, especially those openly supportive of Marxist ideology. On 24 March 1980, Romero delivered a sermon in which he called on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression and violations of basic human rights. In 1980, Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass in the chapel. In 1980, Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence.

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Oscar Romero was canonized by Pope Francis.

March 25<sup>th</sup>

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

This feast commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was to be the Mother of the promised Redeemer.

Mary, the obedient and faithful woman generously agreed. And so God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, by the power of the Holy Spirit, assumed a human body and a human soul, and became the Son of Mary. Therefore this feast is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin – of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of Mary who becomes the Mother of God. With this feast we celebrate the beginning of our redemption.

*God our Father, Your Word became man and was born of the Virgin Mary. May we become more like Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man. Amen.*

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## PRAYER FOR LENT

*MERCIFUL GOD, in the darkness of our sin and the confusion of our world, we seek to renew our faith in you this Lent. In the face of death and suffering, we long to hope in your promise of everlasting life. In times of loneliness and alienation, we desire the consolation of your undying love. Touch our hearts this Lent that through the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, we may come to live faithfully in your Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen.*

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## PARISH NEWS



Remember we are celebrating Holy Mass every weekday morning (Monday to Friday) at 7:30 a.m. in our church. What a wonderful way to start the day!

Before Mass we honor our Holy Mother by praying the Holy Rosary. **Please note!** During Lent Holy Mass is also celebrated in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This will give everybody a chance to attend Holy Mass during Lent in preparation of Easter. Please come and celebrate Holy Mass with us. Can't come to church? We want you to know that you can watch Fr. Jan celebrating all Masses via

<https://guardianangelsbr.archtoronto.org>

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LORD JESUS HAVE MERCY ON US FOR WE ARE SINNERS

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## LENTEN SCHEDULE

During Lent, in addition to Morning Mass at 7:30 a.m., evening Mass is celebrated from Monday to Friday at 7:00 p.m.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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## LENTEN CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION OF EASTER

You may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before all weekday Evening Masses starting at 6:00 p.m., Saturday Mass starting at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday 30 Minutes before Masses



*Lord, You reward virtue and forgive the repentant sinner. Grant us Your forgiveness as we come before You confessing our guilt.*

*Amen.*

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## SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

**The Agony in the Garden – conformity to God's will**

Jesus knows torture and death lie ahead and he prays that the cup will pass. He also prays God's will be done. In his agony, he carries the weight of our sins so that we may be saved. I imagine the courage it took to give himself to God's plan. We too suffer and while we may pray the suffering will end, we are given support from Our Lord to endure, as Jesus received strength from the angel in the garden. I pray for the courage to conform to God's will especially when it may be difficult.



## The Scouring at the Pillar – Mortification

Jesus is brutally tortured to near death. Scouring was more than mere beating; it involved using instruments to inflict the most pain and blood loss possible without actually killing. Jesus was beaten for our sins. His mother watched as her son's blood spilled on the ground. I imagine the horror she felt watching her precious child be brutalized, and how hard it must have been to not run to his rescue. I pray for forgiveness for my sins, the sins that contributed to the torture of my Lord.

## The Crowning with Thorns – Moral Courage

Jesus is stripped, reclothed with a scarlet robe and crowned with thorns. He is mocked and spit upon by the soldiers. The people demand his crucifixion. Despite his innocence, he does not defend himself. He is strong in the face of hatred. I imagine his sadness at the people's ignorance, his sorrow at their contempt. I pray for courage to defend God's truth and strength to withstand the criticism and hatred of others.

## The Carrying of the Cross – Patience

Jesus' humiliation continues as he carries the Cross he will be crucified on through the town and people continue to mock him. I imagine the pain of the heavy wood against his back, rubbing against the open wounds from the scourging, the hot sun on him, the thirst, and hunger. I imagine his grief at seeing Mary, knowing she is watching her son die. Jesus is patient in enduring this suffering for us. I pray for more forgiveness, knowing my sins add to the weight of that Cross. I pray for patience in my own times of difficulty.

## The Crucifixion – Salvation

Jesus arrives and is nailed to the cross. As he hangs, slowly dying, he is comforted by the presence of Mary, her sister, John and Mary Magdalene. Mary is strong. She has watched him suffer and now die and she never leaves him. I imagine her heartache. In his words to Mary, "Woman, behold, your son" all of us are entrusted to her love. I pray in thanksgiving for Christ's suffering and sacrifice so that I may be saved.

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