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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 31, 2019 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

#### **Mass Intentions** (March 29 – April 5, 2019)

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m.

Healing of Carmen Gamboa Req. Carmen Gamboa

Saturday, March 30: 5:00 p.m.

+Maria Lourdes Altarejos Req. Connie Altarejos-Lee

The vigil light will be lit this week for the intentions of healing of Carmen Gamboa.

### St. Kateri Feast Day Signing Rehearsals

St Paul's Taizé Prayer Ministry has been invited to participate in the inter-parish Celebration of the Feast Day of St Kateri (April 27<sup>th</sup>) hosted by the Native People's Mission by providing music for the mass in the Taizé tradition. If you would like to join us in singing these beautiful prayers, rehearsals are being held at St Ann's Catholic Church, 120 First Ave, Toronto, (Gerrard and Degrassi) Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals start at 6:30 in the church proper. For more information you can contact us at stpaultaize@gmail.com



#### **Easter Flower Donations**

We are accepting donations for our Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop it in the basket during the offertory. Thank you for your donations.

#### **Confessions Lent – 2019**

March 30	Saturday	10 am to 6 pm
March 31	Sunday	10 am to 7 pm
April 05	Friday	4 pm to 8 pm
April 06	Saturday	4 pm to 7 pm



#### **Fridays in Lent**

6:00 pm: Adoration 6:30 pm: Way of the Cross 7:00 pm: Holy Eucharist



#### ShareLife 2019

Living the Gospel locally and around the world. "It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." — Cardinal Thomas Collins.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity

### Care for Creation – March, 2019



As we celebrate the year of Care for Creation, the month of March is dedicated to Reflection on Food. We will specially focus on practicing concrete ways to care for the **Food** as we Pray – Give us today our Daily Bread.

May God continue to bless and guide us in caring for the Creation.

### Pabasan ng Bayan 2019 in Tagalog

Join us in meditating the Passion of Christ through chanting and praying.

Date: Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. (Holy Thursday) to

2:00 p.m. (Good Friday)

Place: St. Ann's Parish Hall

For more information, please contact our Parish office at 416-466-2127 or Fe Santos

#### **HOLD Sunday Breakfast**



Join us today Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, for the Handmaids of the Lord monthly Sunday Breakfast Please come down to the hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass and

join us for a freshly made breakfast and fellowship.

### St. Ann's Resettlement Committee's Giving Campaign

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers as our Syrian family settles in our neighbourhood.

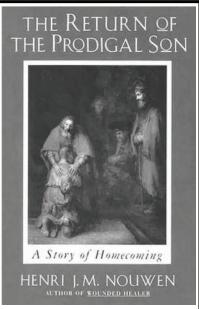
Gift Cards: If you have gift cards you are not using or would like to make a gift card donation please do so today Sunday March 31. Cards from grocery stores, discount fashion stores, drug stores and ones that sell household items would be appreciated. Please put the gift cards in the regular collection. Thank you for your contributions.

Committee Volunteer: If you would like to become a committee volunteer you are welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30am mass. Our next committee meeting is today Sunday, March 31st at 11:45am. If you wish to be a committee volunteer please contact Theresa at 416-700-3358 or theresa.spohn@icloud.com.

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**Book Review:** The Return of the Prodigal Son. Author: Henri Nouwen *Published by Doubleday Publishing group, Inc. Pages: 163. Year: 1994* A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on a long spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story, Henri Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life journey, the author evokes a powerful drama of the parable in a rich, capativating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger.



The challenge to love as the father and be loved as the son will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times. For all who ask, "Where has my struggle led me?" or for those "on the road" who have had the courage to embark on the journey but seek the illumination of a known way and safe passage, this work will inspire and guide each time it is read.

"The Return of the Prodigal Son is a beautiful book, as beautiful in the simple clarity of its wisdom as in the terrible beauty of the transformation to which it calls us." -- New Oxford Review

### **Discernment Program for the Youth of Toronto – 2019**

We are blessed to have many young people attending our Sunday liturgies and their active participation in all the programs of St. Ann Parish. With the approval of Toronto Archdiocese Vocations Directors Association, we began a discernment Program for all the youth of Toronto (ages 18 to 35 years). Our second Session will be **on April 07, 2019 at 7:00 pm**. Please help us to invite young people to join the program.



### Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Celebration

Join us in celebrating the feast of our beloved indigenous saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, on **Saturday, April 27, 2019,** from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. The theme of our celebration is "St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Building Bridges to Reconciliation." We wish to honor her relevance for us as Catholics in Canada in healing and fostering relationships with indigenous peoples and the Earth. After the Eucharistic celebration, there will be an hour session discussing the theme with Tom Dearhouse and a festive dinner. Dinner tickets are available for \$20.00 Please contact Sr. Petite Lao, RNDM, at 647-762-9664, email: petitelao@gmail.com, web: https://stkateri.eventbrite.com



#### Join our Parish Team for the Development & Peace 'Share the Journey' Walk A Fundraiser in Support of ShareLife

When: April 7th, 2019 at 2:00pm Where: High Park, followed by a reception at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall (1161 Annette Street) 31 people are forced to flee their home every minute. The causes of forced migration in the world are many, but the human suffering is always the same. No one should be forced to flee their home. Join us as we *Share the Journey* with migrants and raise funds for ShareLife.

To register for our Parish team, please contact our parish office at stannparishtoronto@gmail.com

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