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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### ANNUNCIATION

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the Incarnation of the Son of God conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. The entry of the Son of God into our world of time and space marked the dawn of our salvation, the moment which divides human history into “before” and “after” Christ. The feast also celebrates Mary’s role in God’s plan for the redemption of the world and we are grateful for and strive to imitate Our Lady’s consent to the will of God.

*Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord this Saturday, 25 March by attending the Solemn Mass at 10:00 a.m.*

Today the Archdiocese of Toronto receives a new Ordinary with the installation at St. Michael’s Cathedral of the Most Reverend Francis

Leo as the Archbishop of Toronto. From this day forward Archbishop Leo’s name will be mentioned in the eucharistic prayer at all Masses.

### LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday after the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon “Rejoice”. We rejoice today at the nearness of Easter, the great feast of our Redemption. On this Day, there is a certain relaxation of our Lenten austerity – the rose-coloured vestments and flowers, and the unrestricted use of solo instrumentation.

### EASTER VIGIL REFRESHMENTS

Those planning to attend the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the Church’s greatest liturgical celebration, are asked to consider helping with the refreshments for the reception following the Vigil. Food for the reception can be brought to the parish lounge before the Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

### BUNDLE SUNDAY

Bundle Sunday here at St. Dunstan’s is next weekend March 25-26. The St. Vincent de Paul Society truck will be in the parking lot to receive your donations of clothing, shoes, linens and fabrics. See the bulletin board for more information. Please **NO** appliances, furniture, dishes, books or videos.

### HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers  
are asked to**

volunteer using the schedules in the Sacristy and Ushers Room.

### LENTEN VIDEO SERIES

This Sunday, March 19, a double feature with films about two Italian youths, a boy and a girl who were beatified by the Church in recent years: Carlo Acutis who died in 2006 at the age of 15 and beatified in 2020, and Chiara Badano who died in 1990 at the age of 19 and beatified in 2010.

Come and be moved by the witness of these two young people. Running time for the two films together is approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

Next Sunday, March 26, the 2014 film “Son of God”, a powerful and inspirational retelling of the life of the Saviour from His humble birth, through His public ministry, to His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

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**TENEBRAE**

We are pleased to announce that on Palm Sunday, April 2 the Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble will sing Tenebrae at 3:30 p.m. here at St. Dunstan's in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish. We are happy to host the Victoria Scholars who are singing together publicly for the first time since the pandemic struck. This service of scripture readings and sung responsories is based on the former Office of Tenebrae which was sung in darkened churches on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Holy Week. The music for the Tenebrae responsories was composed by Monsignor John Edward Ronan, founder of St. Michael's Choir School. Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness" and reflects the sorrow of the Church at the death of her Saviour and recalls the darkness that covered the whole land from the sixth hour to the ninth when Jesus was crucified (see Mt 27.45). The Tenebrae service is approximately one hour in length and is a fitting way to begin the observance of this Week which changed the world and during which we commemorate the Lord's Passion which saved us from the darkness of sin and error.

**EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting donations to aid relief efforts following the devastating earthquake and violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria. Donate by phone through the Development Office: 416-934-3411 or through the parish making cheques payable to: **St. Dunstan's Church – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief** Please use the yellow Humanitarian Relief envelopes available at the Information Desk or your own clearly marked envelope.

**EASTER DRAWING CONTEST**

Sponsored by the Catholic Register for elementary students Grades 1-8. Deadline March 31 at 12:00noon. For more information and to submit your entry go to [www.catholicregister.org/eastercontest](http://www.catholicregister.org/eastercontest)

**YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST**

Sponsored by the Dominican Friars for high school students. Deadline April 17 at 3:00 p.m. For theme, contest rules go to: [www.catholicregister.org/videocontest](http://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest)

**SHARELIFE SUNDAY**

In your Lenten almsgiving, please remember the annual ShareLife appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The first collection for this year's campaign is next Sunday, March 26. ShareLife envelopes can be found in your Offertory box and are available at the Information Desk.

**BEST WISHES** to the nine children of the parish who made their first confession on 7 March. Let us pray for them now as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday 20 March  
*SAINT JOSEPH*  
*Principal Patron of Canada*  
**7:00 p.m.** The repose of Denis Cox  
Req.by Jacinta & Family

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Tuesday 21 March  
9:00 a.m. The repose of Godwin Wanigasinghe  
Req.by Wanigasinghe Family

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Wednesday 22 March  
7:00 p.m. The repose of Pheobe, Vincent & Trevor Dias  
Req.by D'Souza Family

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Thursday 23 March  
9:00 a.m. Winifred Juwah  
Req.by Evelyn Ugbaja

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Friday 24 March  
*Friday is a day of penitential observance*  
9:00 a.m. The repose of Lorenzo Rivera  
Req.by Edna Solancho

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Saturday 25 March  
*ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*  
10:00 a.m. The repose of Cesaria Amolo-Bisaya  
Req.by Terrie Bisaya  
*FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*  
5:00 p.m. The repose of Michael Currier  
Req.by Family

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Sunday 26 March  
10:00 a.m. All Parishioners  
12:00 noon Intentions of Neil Campbell  
Req.by Isabel Campbell



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