



Mass celebrating St. Joseph

Monday March 19

8:00 am

It's time for Spring Cleaning

If you're available to help dust ledges, doorframes, light fixtures etc. in the church, sacristy, chapel and hall, your help is needed! Let's tidy up our church for Easter.

**BYOB...~Bring your own BUCKET
...& CLEANING CLOTH**



Mon March 26 & Tues March 27

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

meet in parish hall

Contact Helen: 416-742-2141

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Reconciliation Service

with Individual Confession
and Absolution

Tuesday March 20 ~ 7:30 pm



Mass this day at 8:00 am instead of 7:30 pm

Several priests will be present for individual confessions

**Iraqi Refugee Family Update:
Immediate Need for Housing**

Regarding the Iraqi refugee family our parish is preparing to sponsor, our family, presently living in Syria, is waiting for an interview with the Canadian Embassy.

Due to the civil and political unrest in that country, the visa post in Damascus has been shut down and so our family's interview with the Canadian Embassy will be relocated to another city.

A consequence of this unforeseen change in the interview process is that our parish will receive very little or no notice about the arrival date of our family. We'll likely receive a phone call one day saying that the family will be at the Toronto airport the next day.

Since we still don't know when that will be, we need to prepare for the unexpected. **We need temporary housing for our family. If you or someone you know has space in your home to TEMPORARILY house a family of 5; a mother, a father and 3 young adult daughters, your help is needed.**

This kind of temporary housing is necessary from the day the family arrives until a more permanent residence is arranged for the 12 months they are in our care.

As this Lenten season challenges us to reach out to those in need and to welcome the stranger, we are all encouraged to consider this need and to respond to it as our situation allows.

If you or someone you know are in a position to respond to this housing need, kindly contact KAY:

kselecky@rogers.com ~ 416-674-1064

MASS OF CHRISM

Tues. April 3, 11:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral

The Mass of Chrism comes once a year to your cathedral. It is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, Cardinal Collins will bless the *oil of catechumens*, the *oil of the sick*, and the *oil of chrism*. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; chrism spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam.

Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared chrism fresh for the occasion. While they were blessing chrism, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955 we added a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.



\$5 Chartered bus to Chrism Mass

Departure from St. Benedict: 9:30 a.m.

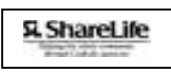
Return to St. Benedict: 1:15 p.m. *approx*

Name _____

Phone # _____

**Please put this form & \$5 in a sealed envelope
in the collection basket next Sunday or
drop off at parish office by March 25.**

**Next Sunday, March 25, 2012
is ShareLife Sunday**



WORKING WONDERS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ...
 Sherrie has faced many challenges with her mental health and her developmental disability but she continues to challenge herself to live a full and healthy life. She maintains two jobs and swims in the Special Olympics, often winning in her specialty – backstroke. She actively participates with the ceramics program at the Seniors Centre at Mary Centre and has recently taken up line dancing. On Sundays, Sherrie is involved with the children's program with her Church. She is always open to new possibilities and suggestions – a shining inspiration to anyone who crosses her path and a bright example of how we can all have fulfilling lives despite adversity and challenges. **ShareLife-funded agencies in our region assisted more than 28,000 people with special needs last year, affirming their value to our society and making us all stronger as a result.**

Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

**Easter Eggs Fundraising Campaign
March 24/25 after all Masses**

Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre is selling Easter Eggs to help support them in their service to promote Natural Family Planning through Creighton Model Fertility Care System and to improve women's health using NaproTECHNOLOGY.

\$3.00 each or two for \$5.00

**Family Stations of the Cross
Led by EDGE & LifeTeen
Friday March 23 7:30 pm in church**



**Assorted
Homemade Speciality
Cookies**

Do you want to have homemade cookies for your Easter celebrations, but don't have the time to bake?

Well, here's the solution! A group of talented parishioners will be baking their best cookie recipes for you! Cookies will be arranged on a plate and beautifully wrapped with cellophane. Order one for yourself and buy another to give as a gift when you visit friends.

For a price of \$10 you will receive a plate with at least 2 dozen of a variety of homemade specialty cookies.

All proceeds will be donated to Gospel Roads, a Salesian service retreat for youth being held for the first time in Toronto this summer. We invite everyone to support this community outreach program.

We will be taking orders for the cookies after all the masses the weekends of March 17/18 and 24/25 for pick up on March 31st from 1 - 4 pm.

You can pass them off as your own – We won't tell!

For further details, please contact Janet: 416-201-0780.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION		CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000	
SUNDAY OFFERING	\$7,996.	SECOND COLLECTION	\$651.50
Average Env Donation	\$12.39	TOTAL	\$357,617.49

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 19

8:00am Giuseppe Marin

Tuesday, March 20

7:30pm Communal Reconciliation Service only

Wednesday, March 21

8:00am Albert Griffith by Desiree Griffith

Thursday, March 22

8:00am Maria Assunta Mastromarco by family

Friday, March 23

8:00am Deceased members of Fabrizio family
by Giovanni & Michelina Fabrizio
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24

8:00am Maria Borg/Dec relatives of Pace family by Rita Perta
5:00pm George Moore by Moore family

Sunday, March 25

8:00am Caterina & Felippo Policaro by Anna Nano & family
9:30am Giovanni De Santis by Anna & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Domenica Buonfiglio by Stanizzo family
12:45am Czeslawa Jarzylo by daughter & family

**Introductory Session:
Creighton Model FertilityCare System**

A natural method of family planning

Wednesday March 21 ~ 7:30pm

Savio Room – (small meeting room near parish hall)

Learn about the many applications and health benefits of tracking your fertility cycle with the Creighton Model!

CONTACT: Denise Chun - [416 740 3014](tel:4167403014)



**A reminder that
St. Benedict has
committed to keep vigil on**

SATURDAY MARCH 24 ~ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Toronto Abortion Location 960 Lawrence Ave W

Thank you for your support and prayers!

Dear Parishioners: As Easter approaches plans are being made for the decoration of the Eucharistic chapel, church and parish hall. An offering may be made towards the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church in memory of our loved ones. Parishioners interested in making an offering are asked to complete and return the form to the parish office or drop it in a sealed envelope in the collection basket. Your name and the name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin on Palm Sunday. All memorials should be in by **MARCH 23.**

My Easter Gift in Memory of a Loved One

(please print clearly)

Name of Loved one

Your Name

Donation: ___\$10 ___\$15 ___\$25 ___Other

Envelope # _____