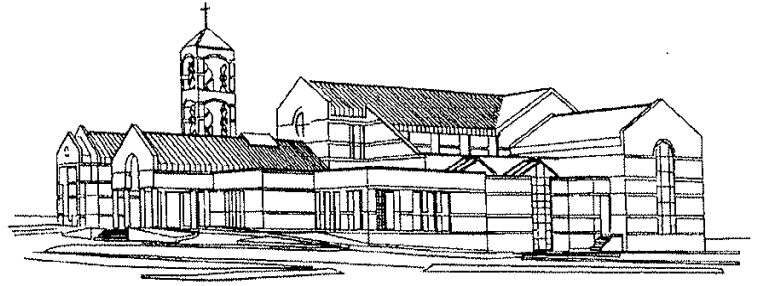


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 6, 2022

Lenten Reflection

Dear parishioners,

On Ash Wednesday (March 02), we embarked on our Lenten journey towards the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, that is, the passion death and glorious resurrection of Christ at Easter. We were invited to follow Jesus “into the wilderness” for the next forty days to pray and fast and ultimately give alms to the poor and needy. We were also marked with ashes on our forehead as a reminder of our sinfulness and mortality, for we are dust and to dust we shall return (Gen 3:19).

In his 2022 Message for Lent, Pope Francis calls this season “a favourable time (kairos) for personal and community renewal.” This is the favourable time for us to repent of our sins and to renew ourselves by “giving up” something or fasting from anything that separates us from the love of God and feast on what draws us closer to Him.

Ian Rees has suggested that we:

Fast from judgment, Feast on compassion
Fast from greed, Feast on sharing
Fast from scarcity, Feast on abundance
Fast from fear, Feast on peace
Fast from lies, Feast on truth
Fast from gossip, Feast on Praise
Fast from apathy, Feast on engagement
Fast from discontent, Feast on gratitude
Fast from noise, Feast on silence
Fast from discouragement, Feast on hope
Fast from hatred, Feast on love

What will be your fast and what will be your feast this lent?

Fr. Eugene Chianain

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations to support the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Your donation will help Ukrainians who are beset by violence in Eastern Europe and it will help some of them find a new home in Canada. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Immaculate Conception Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

L'Arcidiocesi di Toronto accetta donazioni per aiutare il popolo Ucraino che è stato devastato da violenza e guerra. Coloro che desiderano donare possono farlo nei seguenti modi:

- Sul sito www.archtoronto.org
- Contattando il Development Office al 416-934-3411
- Con un'assegno intestato a: Immaculate Conception Parish – Ukrainian Relief – Humanitarian Relief

Upcoming Baptism

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following child to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Emmie Lauren Holzapfel

Congratulations to her parents and godparents.

Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife. Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. **Sunday March 27, 2022 is our First ShareLife Sunday!**

*La campagna di ShareLife per quest'anno è iniziata. In questo tempo di Quaresima, riflettiamo sui grandi bisogni dei nostri fratelli e sorelle che sono aiutati dal tuo gentile sostegno a ShareLife. L'anno scorso, i sostenitori di ShareLife hanno consentito a 21.000 persone di ricevere assistenza sanitaria mentale a prezzi accessibili attraverso agenzie di servizi familiari nell'arcidiocesi di Toronto, inclusa la nostra comunità. **Domenica 27 marzo, 2022 è la Prima Domenica di ShareLife!***

Golf Tournament Save the Date

The 15th Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 23, 2022** at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Mark this date in your calendars! More details to follow.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm in English and at 8:15 pm in Italian.

Tutti i Venerdì di Quaresima alle ore 19,30 di sera in inglese e alle 20,15 in italiano.

Parish Lenten Mission in English

All are invited to attend the Parish Lenten Mission, preached by **Fr. Simon Tuh Bung** on **Monday March 21, 2022** and **Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 7:00pm**. Let us make the most of this Lenten season by attending the mission.

Missione Parrocchiale di Quaresima in Italiano

*Siete tutti invitati a partecipare alla Missione parrocchiale Quaresimale che sarà predicata da **Rev. Padre Claudio Piccinini** nei giorni **28, 29, 30 marzo, 2022 alle ore 19**. Partecipate attivamente durante questo periodo della Quaresima.*

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for the 2021 taxation year may be picked up from the parish office.

Le ricevute delle tasse per l'anno 2021 sono pronte e possono essere ritirate in ufficio parrocchiale.

Time Change!

Sunday March 13, 2022 at 3:00 a.m. Please remember to turn your clocks one hour ahead!

***Domenica 13 Marzo, 2022** alle 3:00 am. Ricordarsi di portare il proprio orologio un'ora avanti!*