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 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
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LENT

The woman at the well in Samaria has come to the well for water. We all know the social implications - she came alone, a sign of her rejection by the community, a sinner, forced to draw water in the heat of the day, when others were not around. Yet here, to this rejected woman, comes Jesus - the very Son of God, to look into her heart and see that, while she is there to draw water, what she truly needs is so much more!

How often do we also go seeking that which we hope will quench our thirsts-fame, popularity, food, money etc. - only to find ourselves, the next day, thirsty again? How often do we turn from the love, compassion, and mercy of God to chase the ephemeral things of this world?

So today Christ also comes to us, offering what we cannot draw for ourselves. Life-giving water awaits, but we must choose to drink it. We can forever seek what is transient and thirst again tomorrow, or we can recognize and accept, through God's grace, Christ's gift.



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Maria Cheng**
- Tuesday Soul of **Roger Danis**
Soul of **Estela Coolman**
Soul of **Ying Kwan Tse**
Soul of **Chun Bong Tse**
Soul of **Antoinetta Ambrosio**
- Wednesday For the Intention of **Beata Jung**
- Thursday Soul of **Lavina D'Souza**
- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

Listening for God's Voice

Last week we heard how Abraham heard God's voice from an angel, a "messenger" of God, asking him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Moses heard God's voice from a burning bush. This week we hear how the Samaritan woman at the well heard God's voice while out doing her daily chore of drawing water from Jacob's well. Where do we hear God's voice?

Lent gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on our lives and to listen for God's voice. It invites us to scrutinize our lives, to evaluate and to correct our "bad habits", our behaviors and actions that lead us away from God. Lent encourages us to create space for some personal reflection; to create some quiet time for listening to the whispers of our heart. It is a time to be aware and tune-in to the inner voice saying, "Here I am!"

Quite often we feel God's presence and hear God's voice when we are overwhelmed by beauty and goodness; or when we experience high emotional moments of our lives such as the birth of a child, a sudden illness, or after the loss of a loved one. As Christians we believe that God reveals God's self to us through the daily ordinariness of life, in the "nitty gritty of everyday life". God reveals Himself through strangers we meet, the poor and the marginalized, and through friends and family members. He speaks to us in those events that turn our world upside down and shake us to our very core. He speaks to us by inspiring our minds and hearts. What must happen is for us to open our hearts and listen carefully.

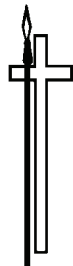
This Sunday and for the next two Sundays we will be celebrating (praying) the Scrutinies which surround the Catechumens or the "Elect" in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This is a special time when the Elect are asked to spend more time in spiritual preparation through self-searching and interior reflection, and through prayer and repentance. They are asked to "discern", that is, carefully listen and observe the movement of the Holy Spirit and God acting in their lives.

However, the Scrutinies are not only for the Elect but also for the whole community of the faithful. We are all in need of conversion. And so during Lent we are encouraged to scrutinize our lives and pray for the grace to overcome sin that infects our lives and our hearts. Throughout Lent, we all need to be asking, "What needs to change in my life if I am to really live the Gospel values that Jesus taught?" Our journey through Lent should be a movement leading us ever closer to Jesus, to the way of life he has shown us.

Have you heard God's voice today? Recently?

Antoinette

March 04, 2018



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the church. All are invited to come and spend one hour in prayer.



THORNHILL MINISTERIAL LENTEN SERIES 2018

The Thornhill Ministerial is marking 50 years of Ecumenical Lenten Services. This year the theme is Celebrating our Common Faith:

Sunday March 4 at 4:00 p.m.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Holy Trinity Anglican Church

140 Brooke Street

(Offering to Evergreen Hospice)

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address & postal code from every Catholic family in their community. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) and those seeking office this June to:

- 1. increase funding/access to palliative care;**
- 2. protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and,**
- 3. protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide.**

The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please take a moment to provide your information at the back of the church this weekend.

Thank you for living a faith that acts!



St. Vincent de Paul **EASTER FOOD DRIVE** **March 10-11 and March 17-18**

“When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink.....” (Matthew 25:35).

You can help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, baby food, etc.) to the church the weekends of March 10/11 or March 17/18. Your donations will be sent to the Georgina food bank. Every month, they distribute around 300 hampers of food, helping an average of 800 people.

THANK YOU!!!



SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (grades 11 & 12) **Saturday, March 17, 2018**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession.

Registration for the retreat is to be done online at:
www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or
<http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

CWL

Men and Women are invited for a
DAY OF RECOLLECTION
Blessed Trinity Church
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Guest Speaker: Father David Reilander Director of Catholic Missions Archdiocese of Toronto

Theme: Missionary Spirituality

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