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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 9:15, 10:30 & 12:00 noon  
- 8:00 a.m. Italian

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

Monday - 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (Italian)  
Friday - 9:00 a.m.

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Monday – Friday - 8:30am – 7:30pm

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**BAPTISMS:**

By appointment at least **two months in advance**. Instruction may be required.

**CONFESSIONS:**

Thurs - 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (Italian)  
Sat - 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Any other time by appointment.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:**

We are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. Please contact the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:**

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest **one year in advance**. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage.

If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.



Sat. Feb. 26

5:00 pm – **For the People of the Parish**

Sun. Feb. 27

9:15 am - +**Anna Di Biase**

10:30 am - +**Mario & Doris Degilio**

12:00 noon - +**Domenico Ali**

Mon. Feb. 28

7:00 pm – +**Rosa Cozzi**

Wed. Mar. 2

7:00 pm - **For the People of the Parish**

Thurs. Mar. 3

7:00 pm – **Maria Dechiara**

### Feast Days This Week

Wednesday, March 2 – **Ash Wednesday**

**Capacity Limits in Church Lifted** – We are pleased to announce that as of Ash Wednesday, March 2, we can offer 100% seating capacity with **no** physical distancing restrictions. **Please note that masks will still be required.** Also, as announced, we will be able to start singing again, starting Ash Wednesday. All of these are good signs that the pandemic is winding down and may soon be over altogether.

### Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Because the schools cannot celebrate Mass, ashes will be distributed in the individual classrooms with a prayer service.

This means, that for this year only, **there will be two Parish Masses for Ash Wednesday at 9:00 am and 7:00pm.** Ashes will be distributed in a safe manner after the homily of each Mass.

**Ash Wednesday** – A Day of Fasting and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting means one small meal during the day and a little nourishment at two other times of the day. The law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. Abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older. Christian fasting and abstinence obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving, and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness to the depth of our faith.

**Farewell to the Alleluia** - On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday we say farewell to the 'Alleluia'. God's people do not sing 'Alleluia' during Lent until the believing community has undergone conversion and is ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning during the Easter Vigil. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century choir boys marched in procession with a cross, tapers and holy water, carrying a small coffin with an 'Alleluia' banner inside. In Paris a straw figure bearing an 'Alleluia' of gold letters was carried out and burned in the churchyard. It was always a solemn, emotional farewell to a well-loved song. In our church the Alleluia banners in the Sanctuary are carried out at the end of the Mass, not to return until the Easter Vigil.

### Customs of Lent

**Carnival** – from the fourteenth century on, the days before Ash Wednesday turned into a time of general feasting and worldly celebration of eating, drinking, dancing etc. The word "carnival" comes from two Latin words, 'carne', which means 'meat', and 'vale' which means farewell. So the celebration was a farewell to meat and all other enjoyments that people would give up during the Lenten period. Today carnival is still held in many countries including the famous Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

**Shrove Tuesday** – In medieval times the faithful used to go to confession on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday in preparation for Lent. That's why it was called 'Shrove Tuesday' (the day in which people were shriven or forgiven for their sins).

**Pancake Tuesday** – The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is also called Pancake Tuesday. In the Roman Empire the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and of course, no meat. A lot of these products had to be used up before Ash Wednesday. And so the custom began of having a meal of pancakes the day before.

**Lenten Penance** – Lent begins this week. It's time for penance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. We do penance during Lent for a variety of reasons. We are freely taking on suffering with Jesus for the salvation of the world in order to build up the Body of Christ. (see Col. 1:24) We express our sorrow for our own sins and offer prayer for others by the penance we undertake. By our penances God purifies our hearts and helps us to control our

desires and so serve him in love. As we do our penitential actions during Lent, we are praising God and proclaiming that we are indeed God's people, brothers and sisters of the Suffering Servant. The following penances are found in scripture or in the traditional practices of Christians.

**Giving Up Sin**                      **Praying**  
**Fasting**                              **Doing good works**  
**Giving Alms**                        **Meditative reading**  
**Carrying out our duties of state**  
**Controlling our desires for possessions**  
**Abstaining from meat and other foods**  
**Controlling our desire for entertainment**

**First Friday** – Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the Mass.

**Stations of the Cross** – will be celebrated this coming Friday evening at 7:00pm in the church

#### **Baptisms**

We offer our congratulations to the parents of the child baptized on Sunday of last weekend.

**Angelo James Contino**

**Baptism Preparation Class** will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:30pm, at the church, for Baptisms being celebrated in March 2022.

#### **RCIA**

The Rite of Election of Catechumens takes place NEXT Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. After months of preparation, the Catechumens (those preparing for baptism) are elected or chosen by the Church to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. During the season of Lent they will begin their period of purification and preparation for this great event. The Catechumens are:

**Stephan Graham**  
**Lilian Msigwa**  
**Sarah Tullio**

**Canadian Food for Children** - The CWL will be hosting their next food drive for Canadian Food for Children beginning the weekend of March 5/6 and continuing for 4 weeks, ending March 26/27. The food items requested by CFFC are: **Rice, Oatmeal, Flour, Bagged Dry Beans, Lentils and Chickpeas**. We thank all parishioners who contributed in the past and hope that you continue to support this mission to help feed our brothers and sisters in need.

In addition to the food items, we will be collecting eyeglasses. If you have any used eyeglasses that you have no use for, please bring them to the church. We will have a collection box available throughout the food drive and throughout the year. Let's help our brothers and sisters to see and put a smile on their faces.

#### **World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022**

The 2022 theme "Know the Plans I Have for You" and service has been written and prepared by the Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland Committee. In Ontario it will be broadcast on your local Rogers Community Channel at 8:30am and 5:00pm on Friday, March 4, 2022. It can also be viewed on YouTube at any time by entering 'World Day of Prayer 2022 Virtual Service' in the YouTube search box.

**Catholic Women's League (CWL)** -will be meeting on Monday, March 7 after the 7pm Mass.

#### **Come and See - Day Retreat – Saturday, March 19 (9:00am – 3:30pm) at St.**

**Augustine's Seminary:** Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

**The Gift Store** has reopened, however, only one person at a time is allowed in to make a purchase.

**Longo Cards** are available for purchase in the gift store. Longo's supports our parish by donating a percentage of the cards purchased to our mortgage fund. Call the office at 905-893-7879 for large purchases.

**Income Tax Receipts** – to be mailed out by the Archdiocese of Toronto

**Sympathy** – We offer our deep sympathy to Giovanna Luciani and her family on the death of her mother Rosina Luciani and to Paula Cini and her family on the death of her mother Ines Scaini. May God grant them His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn their passing.

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