

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2017



As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. (John 9: 1-41)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1658.55
 'Host a Family..' \$ 45.00
 Easter Flowers 40.00
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 24.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Sacrament of Penance—April 1, 2017
 10:00 AM to 2:00PM
 Bishops Gala—April 1, 2017
 CWL Penny & Bake Sale—April 2, 2017
 First Holy Communion April 30, 2017 11 AM

Host a Family Fund Raising Program:

Meatball Sale - April 8&9
Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

In the Footsteps of Jesus: Holy Land Pilgrimage November 2017

Join Fr. Stuart MacDonald, Associate Pastor St. Mary's Church Welland and Ms. Ineke Brinkman of Vision Travel on a unique, custom 11 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 7-18. See the brochure on the church notice board for more info or call (905)988-9100 ext. 2

Mass Schedule & Intentions from March 25, 2017 to April 2, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Pasquale Vaccaro by Wife & family The deceased members of the Labricciosa family by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
Sunday	9:00AM	† Rosina Cicerone by daughter & family Joseph Violi by Wife & family Annunziata Mammoliti by grandchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Anna Maria Giovinazzo by children Tina, Nancy & Rosa
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Mauro & Antonio Tummolo by Maria Fazzalari
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Vincenzo Guzzi by Irene Caruso
	6:30PM	Bible and the Sacraments @ rectory
Thursday	9:00AM	† Agata Presti by Frank Allegro
	7:00PM	Confirmation
Friday	9:00AM	† Leslie Giardino by the Pacasa family
	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:00PM	† Mike Fazari by Wife Nancy & son Angelo Ambrose Grand by Barbara Nenadovich Grazietta Difelice by Sister Angelina Camposarcone & family
Sunday	9:00AM	† Argolino Pace by Wife & son Eduardo & Marietta Rizzuto By Lea Locco & family Rose Agro by St. Andrew's C.W.L. George Czerlau by Linda Matchett
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

starts on Tuesday April 18, 2017. All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots, and similar articles not removed, will be disposed of on April 18, 2017. If anyone is unable to pick up their wreaths etc. by that date they can call the cemetery at 905 734-4172 and make arrangements for the staff to hold the articles for a short period of time until they are able to come to the cemetery to pick them up.

Lenten Programs:

1. 'The Bible & the Sacraments'

During this Lenten season, we will be showing a presentation by *Dr. Scott Hahn* on the Sacraments. It will be at the Rectory (22 Golden Blvd.E)

Every Wednesday's at 6.30PM.

Please plan to join with your family and friends.

This week - The Healing Sacraments 2

2. Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 6:30 PM

Please plan to join with your family and friends.

St. Vincent de Paul

Kindly donate your gently used spring clothing and jackets to the St. Vincent de Paul. Drop off at Church or the store. Thank you.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017



"The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift"

2. Sin blinds us

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v.19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10: 9) and kings (cf. Jg 8: 26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v.19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. Homily, 20 Sept ember 2013). The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6: 10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 55).

Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace. The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62). **To be continued.**

Development and Peace Collection

As part of its 50th Share Lent campaign, Development and Peace has chosen to underscore the important contribution that women make in every aspect of development, be it social, environmental or economic. The Campaign's theme this year is: Women at the Heart of Change and its goal is to collect \$8 million to support Development and Peace's social justice work in solidarity with approximately a hundred local partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Share Lent, the organization's main source of funding, also enables Development and Peace to finance its awareness-raising and education programs in Canada.

Collection during April 1 & 2 weekend Masses

Penny & Bake Sale



The St. Andrew's C.W.L. is hosting a Penny & Bake Sale on April 2, 2017. From 12:00PM to 2:00PM. Penny Sale, Bake Sale, affles, Lunch with Hot Dog and/or Chili.

All parishioners are invited to attend and participate in this event. If you wish to make a donation of any new item for the Penny Table and Raffles they may be dropped off at the church hall before or after weekend Masses March 18/19 and March 25/26 as well as on Friday March 31 at 6:30 PM. You may also call Shelley (905)714-7677. The baked goods will be gratefully accepted before Masses on April 1, and April 2. Your support in this fundraising event is much appreciated. Invite family and friends to join us for this event.



Jennifer Labinski, President
 Shelly Tamas, Convenor

Sacrament of Penance

On Saturday April 1, 2017, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00AM to 2:00PM to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

Holy Week Schedule April 8 – 16, 2017

Passion Vigil Saturday April 8th @ 5PM
Passion or Palm Sunday April 9th, 2017 @ 9 AM and 10:45AM (Procession from school)
Mon, Tue, Wed Mass @ 9AM
Tuesday April 11- Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30PM
Holy Thursday April 13th @7PM Adoration till Midnight
Good Friday Service @ 3PM
Holy Saturday Confession 10:30 AM
 Blessing of Food Baskets 11:45AM
Easter Vigil April 15th @8:15 PM
Easter Sunday April 16, 2017 @ 9 AM and 11AM
Divine Mercy Celebration April 23, 2017 @ 2PM

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Bergie will take place on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 7:00PM
First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday April 30, 2017 at 11:00AM

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations! Thank you.