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Sunday, March 10th
 9:30AM – Mass
 11:30AM – Antonio D'Angelo †
 – Deceased members of Aguire family †
 – Joe Rocha †

Monday, March 11th
Ferial
No Mass

Tuesday, March 12th
Ferial
 7:00PM – Fr. Noel Whelan †
 – Maggie Brady †
 – Estelle Murray †

Wednesday, March 13th
Ferial
 9:15am – Sr. Anna Patrica Pereira †

Thursday, March 14th
Ferial
 7:00PM – Consiglia Sisera †

Friday, March 15th
Ferial
 8:00AM – Antao D'Souza
 (Special Intentions)
 – Enid Francis †
 6:30PM – Stations of the Cross
 7:00PM – Family Movie Night

Saturday, March 16th
Ferial
 9:15AM – Alberta Rodriguez †
 5:00PM – Antonio Muzzo †
 – Olypia De Marco †
 – Sophia & Jan Kurnat †



➤ **SATB Choir Practice**
 7:30PM every Monday
 ➤ **Folk Choir Practice**
 7:30PM every Wednesday

COFFEE SUNDAY

Join us for coffee every Sunday after 9:30am Mass.
All are welcome!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

REFLECTIONS



Readings
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

There is often a time in a long journey when we find the going hard. The enthusiasm with which we set out has faded, and there is still a long way to go. At this stage in our Lenten journey we may be inclined to identify with Nicodemus of today's gospel – not daring, as a well known Pharisee, to consult Jesus openly, he came 'by night', weighed down in his heart, no doubt, by an interior darkness of confusion and embarrassment.

If we are inclined to feel demoralised at this point in our Lenten journey, we are invited by today's readings to find again the source of new energy and encouragement. In the midst of the deepest darkness the true Light shines! Old Israel finds that God's designs will not be frustrated by their foolishness and selfishness - the conqueror of the Babylonians sends them back to rebuild the temple. Paul announces to those who are in danger of losing their way the astounding truth at the centre of our faith - God's free gift to a lost world of new life in Christ: our redeemed humanity is God's 'work of art', we each have our part to play in the realisation of God's great designs.

But it is especially in climax of today's readings, the words spoken to Nicodemus, by Jesus - the Light of the World - that all our darkness is dispelled! These words are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'. A world weighed down by the darkness of failure and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life.

As we take our bearings in the middle of a long journey, we often find new purpose and energy. Reflecting at this point in our journey of Lent, on the burdens we carry, can bring us to find again, in a more personal way, the essential truth of our Christian faith, the great truth we are celebrate at the end of our journey.

Fr. Terry.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study every Friday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. It will be in the hall.

Bibles will be provided.
All are welcome.



LENTEN SPECIAL

St. Dominic's Bible Study Group Presents
" Family Movie Night"
"THE CHOSEN"

On Two Fridays, March 15 & 22 @7pm. In the Parish Hall.

- *No Tickets to be Purchased.*
- *Popcorn, Tea/ Coffee and pop will be served.*
- *Following the Movie, on the Second Friday, there will be a Quiz, for our youth with prizes to be won!*
- *We encourage Individuals, youth, families to attend.*

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your products or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

St. Dominic's Day of Confessions is on Thursday **March 21st** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm



Mar 9th – Mar 16th, 2024
NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Since the spring, we have raised \$48,000 for the loan repayment and we have pledges of another \$25,000 to be collected for a total of \$69,000. Our goal for the loan repayment campaign was \$200,000 since the Archdiocese has graciously allowed a matching program for our loan repayment campaign up to \$200,000. This means we are currently at 35% of our goal.



Secondly, we have raised \$36,000 for the capital campaign and have pledges of \$15,000 to be collected for a total of \$51,000 that has been raised so far. Our goal was to try to generate \$100,000 as we estimate that the resurfacing of the parking lot will cost \$150,000 and we have already previously raised \$50,000 through the family of faith campaign. That means we are at 51% of our goal, and again, this encouraging result deserves some congratulations.

We would like to thank those ministries and various parishioners who have been organizing events in support of these two concurrent campaigns. The creativity and support have been tremendous and speak to how dedicated our parishioners are to St. Dominic parish!

For those of us who would like to make a one-time donation, envelopes for the two campaigns are available at the entrances of the church and we have the ability to take online donations for each of the campaigns if you visit the St. Dominic's website (<https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org>).

Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity which has started both campaigns on a great path. Working together we can continue to make these two campaigns a success.

SHARELIFE

Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

TAX RECEIPTS 2023

Thank you for your donations to support the church. Tax receipts for 2023 are ready for pick up. Tax receipts are available with the ushers on the weekends and at the parish office on the weekdays.

If you would like your receipt to be emailed, please call us at: 905-278-7762 Or email us at stdominicsmi@archtoronto.org.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024

Blessing of Palms at all Masses
Saturday - 5pm, Sunday - 9.30am & 11.30am

Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024

Washing of the feet
Mass - 7.30pm followed by adoration until Midnight.

Good Friday - March 29, 2024

Please Note - No 8am mass on this day.
Lords Passion service at 1pm geared for the children.
3pm - For everyone.

Stations of the cross at 7pm

Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024

Please Note - No 9.15am & 5pm mass
Blessing of the Easter foods - 10am
Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

9.30am & 11.30am

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group is starting. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
 - Engage in lively conversations,
- This is the group for you.

Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall
Refreshments are provided.



Tai Chi

Every Tuesday
11:00AM – 12:30PM
All are welcome!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, please sign up for Holy Communion & Easter duties at your earliest. The sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy.

RCIA

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch. Volunteer screening and consent forms are mandatory.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



For the Deceased:

Natalie Bonora ✠

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Weekend March 3, 2024

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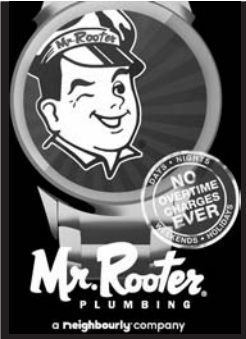
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