

The dramatic intervention, whereby Jesus drove the merchants and money changers from the Temple, may well have triggered the events which led to his death. As the gospel of Luke puts it, Jesus – knowing that his end was drawing near – ‘resolutely looked toward Jerusalem’ (9.51). It is in the holy city that he must meet the fate that was becoming inevitable. For all faithful Israelites, the journey to Jerusalem was a journey to the Temple. How old Israel loved the Temple! It was the place of God’s presence. Their faith in that presence was so vivid, that to take part in the Temple worship was ‘to see the face of God’, as the Psalms put it.

The prophets of Israel sometimes performed gestures that had a lesson for the people. What Jesus did – disrupting the normal proceedings of the Temple precincts – was more than a lesson in reverence. It pointed to the new order of things he was to inaugurate. True worship was only darkly foreshadowed in the old Temple’s ceremonial. In John’s gospel, we remember, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that true worship will not be tied to some particular sanctuary; it will be worship ‘in spirit and truth’ (4.24). Now he promises a ‘sign’ to confirm his prophetic gesture: ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up’. When he had risen from the dead, his disciples recognised that ‘he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body’.

The first reading from Exodus, proclaiming the commandments which were an essential part of the covenant God made with his people in the desert, matches the gospel in today’s liturgy, because it calls us to a worship that is authentic – through the renunciation of the false securities we are tempted to put in the place of God.

With Jesus leading us, we look towards what lies at the end of our journey. The reading from the letter to the Corinthians points to the Cross, the astounding inauguration of the new order of things which will take place at the end of the Saviour’s journey to the Holy City. In this new order of things, we can all worship the Father ‘in spirit and in truth’: through the Paschal Mystery – our sharing in the life and worship of the Risen Lord. We are able to share in his gift of himself to the Father, as he becomes for us ‘the power and the wisdom of God’. In the drama of the Cross, ‘God’s foolishness’ is to prove ‘wiser than human wisdom’; and ‘God’s weakness’ is shown to be ‘stronger than human strength’.



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Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church.

If you think God might be calling you to one, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux
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Working wonders for those in our community...

“When Robert completed high school, there were very few options available to him. Of those options, many were inaccessible due to their remote location and lack of transportation services. We were blessed to find St. Jude’s Academy of the Arts. It has been a valuable life saver for Robert and his family. The positive social interaction at St. Jude’s has allowed Robert to grow and mature as a person. He has become more independent. St. Jude’s educational program has a wonderful, positive impact on Robert and others like him. We are truly grateful for their existence!” Last year, over 43,000 services were provided to people with special needs from ShareLife-supported agencies.

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John 2:13-25
1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25
Exodus 20:1-17



Mass Intentions This Week — March 9 — 15

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Helena & Martin Malecki	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Nicholas Korpan	The family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Charles & Michael Burns	The Wiley family
Thursday, 9am	✠ John McCarthy	The Wiley family
Friday, 9am	✠ Carla & Franco Pontier	
Saturday, 9am	... of Angela Olkovich	Lydia Sherlock
5:15pm	✠ Emil Jokay	The family
Sunday, 8am	☞ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ☞	
9:30am	✠ Robert Wilson	The family
11am	✠ Thomas Byrne	The Byrne family
12:30pm	✠ Rita Gillis	The family

Rosary Group — Stay and Pray Daily, After 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

death pray Hail Mary Mother of sinners
Amen blessed Jesus Lord fruit of womb
“The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results.”
— St. Josemaria Escriva

Stations of the Cross Celebrated Fridays During Lent at 7:30pm in the Church

This 20–25 minute dialogue between Christ and the congregation urges us to carry on His unfinished business and unite our human will with that of God. Each meditation is an authentic application of Jesus’ suffering to our personal lives. A great way to prepare for Easter. Well worth your time!



Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land — November 9–17, 2015

This voyage under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Matthew Furguele marks the 75th Anniversary of OLS Parish. Cost is \$2,490 pp. Contact Halina at 905-886-0232, ext. 315 or 647-294-4116.

An Invitation to Serve — Help Lead the Whole People of God Into His Presence!

Do you feel God is calling you to serve? Are you nervous or unsure? Please, have no fear! Take the first step in your amazing learning & faith journey as an OLS altar server by emailing Kristen, altar server coordinator, at kristen@sorrows.ca today! Keep your heart right with God, be a disciple, join this important youth ministry.



75th Anniversary Planning Committee — Call for Volunteers

We’re looking for ‘a few good people’ to assist with the planning and organization of some special events for this celebratory year in our parish. Please contact the parish office if you can help!



Pancake Tuesday A Healthy \$1,484 Raised for ShareLife!

Thanks to our generous event sponsors for covering expenses, our dedicated troupe of enthusiastic volunteers for preparing and serving some delicious delicacies and most importantly to you for attending!

A Reminder — Your Tax Receipt Covers Offertory & Special Collections

All credit card and Capital Campaign donations will be receipted directly by the Archdiocese.

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KofC Kingsway Council — Fish & Chip Dinner — St. Clement Church, Mar. 20, 5:30pm

Tickets will be sold at St. Clement Church after the 4:45pm Mass on Mar. 14 & after the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses on Mar. 15. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children under 13 (\$2 more at the door). Tickets can also be ordered by leaving a message at 416-799-0445. All proceeds to St. Francis Table.

Pilgrimage to the (U.S.) National Shrine Of The Divine Mercy — Apr. 11–13

Join Fr. Martin Pereira on a memorable journey! Given a near-perfect 4.9 out of 5 by reviewers on Google, the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA is a “stunning and very moving...oasis of peace”; most worthy of your time. Cost is \$475 pp. Call 416-251-9944 for info.

Statement & Resources 2015 Health & Physical Education Curriculum

On February 23, the Government of Ontario released its revised Health & Physical Education Curriculum. Visit www.archtoronto.org to view a statement from Cardinal Collins in addition to a resource answering questions regarding implementation from a Catholic school perspective. Copies of the Cardinal’s statement are available from the parish office.

Afternoon Q&A — Dementia & Alzheimer’s Disease — Mar. 24, 1–3pm

Takes place at Bloordale United Church, 4258 Bloor St. W. (north side of Bloor, west of The West Mall. TTC users can catch the #49 Bloor West Bus from Kipling Station.) Call 416-621-1710 or 416-620-4098 or visit www.bloordale.ca for more information. There is no charge for this event and no pre-registration is required. Parking is available.

Taizé Prayer at the Friary March 25, 6:30pm, 15 Laxton Ave. (Queen/Lansdowne)

The Presentation Brothers invite you to the Friary for their monthly Taizé prayer session. Light refreshments will be served and you are invited to bring a non-perishable item for St. Francis Table. Call 416-537-0327. For information on the Taizé Community, visit www.taize.fr

14th Annual OOC Art Show — Mar. 28, 10:30am–3pm + Mar. 29, 11am–12:30pm

Every Friday since the season opened in November, Out of the Cold guests have been working to produce original art which will be proudly displayed and offered for sale. These unframed paintings will be sold for \$25 each, with proceeds going directly to the artists. Takes place at All Saints’ Kingsway Church, 2850 Bloor St. W at Prince Edward Dr. (enter by King’s Lynn).

A Corner of Europe “Delightful Flavours of Portugal” — May 17–24

Explore this small country with cultural treasures, history & natural beauty. Highlights include several UNESCO World Heritage sites, Cascais, Estoril, Lisbon, castles, churches and Fatima. Enjoy famous Portuguese wines, cuisine and much more. You’ll return home with memories that will last a lifetime. For further information, please call Sr. Jocelyn Monette, 905 272 3374 or Joanne Cothran, SKYLINK HOLIDAYS, 416 849 6629 or 1 866 296 3345.

Pope’s Message for Lent 2015 — “Make your hearts firm”

“Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a ‘time of grace’. God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. “We love because he first has loved us’. He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. ...”

To read the Holy Father’s entire Lenten message, scan the QR code or visit the Official Vatican Network at www.goo.gl/Tsfvii

