

**MARCH 7th, 2010
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Mass Intentions for the week of
March 8th – 14th**

MON:

8:15 a.m. Decs'd. members Rocca & Bonadeo families

7:00 p.m. Spec. Int. Marguerite & Bryan Hubberstey

TUES:

8:15 a.m. Giuseppe & Felice Angelini
Charlotte Silva

7:00 p.m. Decs'd. members Raposo fam.

WED:

8:15 a.m. Elide & Raymond Hansen

7:00 p.m. Anna McMahan

THURS:

8:15 a.m. Andrew Madden

7:00 p.m. Mike Toscano

FRI:

8:15 a.m. Raffaele Caputi & Decs'd. family members

7:00 p.m. Spec. int. Maria, Maryse, Michael, Monique & families

SAT:

8:15 a.m. Joe Natale

7:00 p.m. Ugo Ciarrocchi

SUN:

8:30 a.m. Gabe Bordas

9:45 a.m. Mattio & Ernanzia Angelini

11:00 a.m. Josephine Turner

5:00 p.m. PRO POPULO

Last Sunday's Collection - \$3,817.50

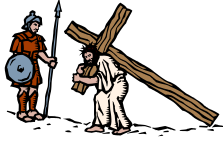
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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING DURING LENT
AT 7:30 P.M.
FOLLOWING EVENING MASS**

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week each day we pray for:

- Mar. 8 – Fr. Thomas Vermiglio
- Mar. 9 – Fr. Denis Wilkinson
- Mar. 10 – Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus
- Mar. 11 – Fr. Adrian Lee
- Mar. 12 – Fr. George Nowak
- Mar. 13 Fr. Jackek Mikulski

Join Bishop Tonnos for an evening of worship, fellowship, good food and reflection on the spirituality of Catholic men in today's Church and world on Tuesday, March 16th – registration 5 p.m. Mass at 5:30 followed by roast beef dinner & presentation. Held at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas. Tickets \$25. To reserve call John Towler 905-639-5949 or Tom Mancini 905-632-4692. Space is limited.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 9-11 in Niagara Falls please call 905-664-5212 or e-mail: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.hamiltonretrouvaille.com



Bishop Tonnos has confirmed that the regular practice of worship with no restrictions be implemented meaning that we can resume shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Hand sanitizers will remain available in the entrance of the church. Parishioners are encouraged to stay at home if they are sick.

The removal of flowers from the church during the 40 days of Lent helps us to celebrate this penitential season. If you are in the habit of purchasing flowers to leave in front of our many statues in honour or thanksgiving, may we respectfully request that during this Lenten season, you make an offering for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti or make a donation of lilies for Easter.

The SHARE LENT COLLECTION will take place on the weekend of March 20/21. Those of you who use envelopes will find a yellow one in your box of envelopes marked Share Lent. This collection goes to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace which is our regular Lenten collection. This year the Bishop has added another group as an alternative to our Lenten almsgiving. The St. Joseph Health System has for 20 years assisted hospitals in Haiti with medical supplies and human medical expertise and has also been active in Uganda. Their international outreach program is a worthy cause seeking your Lenten Support. Whether you choose the Share Lent envelope, the Development & Peace envelope, or the St. Joseph Health System envelope, all monies will go to a needed cause. We thank you for your generosity. Development & Peace and St. Joseph Health System envelopes will be made available to you next weekend.

BURNING WITH SACRED FIRE

Don't some of those religious e-mail "chain letters" drive you crazy? You know – "Say the prayer below. If you are not ashamed to show your love for Jesus, send this to 20 friends and a miracle will happen." Then the axe falls: "If you send this to 20 friends, God will bless you greatly. To 10, God will bless you somewhat. To 5, God isn't sure you are a friend. And if you delete this message, Jesus will know you are ashamed of him and he'll delete you from God's list of special friends in heaven."

God does NOT need to use guilt to get people to pray! When the worship of false gods was a temptation for the Jewish people, God came to Moses in the burning bush to make it clear that the Jews knew it was THAT God, the One True God, who was going to free them from slavery.

When God says, "I AM THE ONE WHO IS," it means that God is the God of every cell, and every sub-atomic particle. God grounds everything that has being or "is-ness." God is our Matrix, our "Womb" and our Source. Because God IS, WE ARE. God saved the Chosen People, but they fell to whining and grousing, and began to "desire evil things," so many died in the desert. As sufferings increased, they wasted their freedom in cursing God. Instead of repenting, they forgot that they needed God.

Jesus says we must all repent from living waste, ungrateful lives. We don't need guilt-inducing e-mails – we need a change of consciousness to realize that everything is sacred: all places, all of creation, all of the times in our lives are sacred. Not pain-free, perhaps, but sacred.

Surely it is a basic act of repentance if, this Lent, we learn to see everything as sacred, maybe for the first time. We are on holy ground, because "where God is, is holy."

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD!