



**MARCH 11, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**CYCLE B**

**REFLECTION**

**Living in the Light**

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God’s covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today’s First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God’s final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today’s Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1,4). God is rich in mercy, as today’s Epistle teaches. He promised that David’s kingdom would last forever, that David’s son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16). Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to himself (see John 12:32). Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father’s love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God’s handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37), and rededicate ourselves to living the “good works” that God has prepared us for.



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**HEROES IN HOLINESS**  
**QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS**

“For Faith is the beginning and the end is love, and God is the two of them brought into unity. After these comes whatever else makes up a Christian gentleman.”

–St. Ignatius of Antioch

“A faint faith is better than a strong heresy.”

–St. Thomas More

The Saints who have gone before us are the witness, par excellence, to this tethering to Truth that enlightens and inspires and elevates mankind.

**Mass Intentions**   
**FOR THE WEEK**

**MARCH 10 TO MARCH 17, 2018**

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| SAT. MAR. 10TH | 5:00 PM  | - Gertie Fernando †   |
| SUN. MAR. 11TH | 7:30 AM  | - Benjamin, Cecilia,<br>& Jeffrey Lugos †                       |
|                | 9:00 AM  | - Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Felix<br>and Deceased family members |
|                | 10:30 AM | - Cecelia Rodrigues †   |
|                | 12:00 PM | - People of the Parish  |
| TUE. MAR. 13TH | 8:30 AM  | - John Dicks †  |
| WED. MAR. 14TH | 7:30 PM  | - Tom Bermingham †  |
| THU. MAR. 15TH | 8:30 AM  | - Francesca Lavecchia †   |
| FRI. MAR. 16TH | 7:30 PM  | - Lourdita Dias †   |
| SAT. MAR. 17TH | 8:30 AM  | - Mrs. V. Ponnusamy †   |



**OUR SICK:** Annie Garcia, Mario Tan Jr., Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Cristeta Del Mundo, Dina Sorbera, Daniel Leonardo, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Ramona Labo, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Noftall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, William Dale, Anne O’Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**What are the Beatitudes & what do they mean?**

Blessed are the merciful; they will be shown mercy

Christ revealed God as absolute mercy. He came to die for us and cancel the debt of sin, which we were unable to pay. The Latin word for mercy is misericordia (miser, cor, dia).

The word means "the heart (cor) of God (deus) touching our misery (miser). God enters into our misery by becoming man in the Person of Christ. He does so to inject the comfort of his presence into the depths of our darkness so that when life becomes dark for us, we do not have to suffer alone. When we have been touched by his mercy, we too become merciful; to follow him is to become a channel of his mercy.

*Next week we look at "Blessed are the pure in heart"*

## 2018 TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### **Holy Thursday - March 29th**

**NO** Morning Mass  
**7:30 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Confessions following Mass

### **Good Friday - March 30th**

**12:00 Noon** Good Friday: the Lord's Passion  
Confessions following The Solemn Liturgy  
**3:00 pm** Good Friday: the Lord's Passion  
Confessions following The Solemn Liturgy

**7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross  
No Evening Mass  
Confessions during and After Stations

### **Holy Saturday - March 31st**

**8:00 pm** Easter Vigil Mass  
No Confessions

### **Easter Sunday Masses - April 1st**

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12 Noon  
**NO 7:30 am Morning Mass**

## ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION FOR LENT



To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This year we provide the opportunity for all Catholics to avail themselves of this sacrament.

On Thursday March 15th, we will be celebrating a Day of Confession throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. For more information visit [www.archtoronto.org/confession](http://www.archtoronto.org/confession).

CONFESSION TIMES HERE AT ST. BONIFACE CHURCH:  
THURSDAY MARCH 15TH 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

## Bereavement Peer Support meeting

Date: Saturday March 17, 2018  
Time: 3-4 pm  
Place: St. Stephen's Room (downstairs from side entrance on Markanna Drive)  
**New members are welcomed.**



## WHY MY FAITH IS IMPORTANT TO ME

~ YEAR OF THE SCHOOL ~

Why my faith is important to me is because faith helps me believe in me, people, and God. Without faith I wouldn't believe in anything. I am glad that I have faith.

- Daniel, St. Nicholas

## ST. BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES

### *Culture of Life Series*

### **Campaign Life Coalition - YOUTH**

Marie-Claire Bissonnette - Youth Coordinator and Spokeswoman of Campaign Life Coalition



Young people have a special role to play in transforming the culture of death into a culture of life. Politicians pay special attention to the voices of young people. Our fellow youth, often lacking financial resources, are particularly vulnerable to abortion and need support from friends and classmates if faced with a crisis pregnancy. Finally, our own generation are the leaders of tomorrow. The changes to the hearts and minds of our peers that we make today will largely determine whether we are able to end abortion in our lifetimes. Please join us on....

**SUNDAY MARCH 18 AT 1:30PM**  
**In the Church**

## CONFESSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH LENT

Confession and Stations of the Cross will be available through-out Lent Friday evenings. Come and be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God.



7:00pm - Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm - Mass  
8:00pm - Holy Hour with Divine Mercy and Confessions

## St. Agatha Kindergarten

St. Agatha Catholic Elementary still has openings in their English Kindergarten Program. Parents can visit [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org) to begin the process of registration.



## SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Agatha School:** Wed. March 21, 2018 at 9:30am  
- held in the school
- **St. Boniface School:** Fri. March 23, 2018 at 10am  
- held in the church

## PARISH SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

On Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 6:00pm we will celebrate Mass with our 3 schools at our church. This Mass will be hosted by St. Agatha School.

**All are welcome!**



## NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When: Tuesday March 20th, 6:30pm - 8pm

Where: St. Boniface Church Hall

EDGE is a Ministry for those in grades 6,7 & 8.

Parents, please follow us on FaceBook for information and latest updates. Search "St. Boniface Parish EDGers and Parents" and request to join.

