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Dear parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, April 2nd, will mark 20 years since the death of Pope John Paul II. I find it hard to believe that two decades have already passed. For me, and for many of us I am sure, he was such a major figure in our lives, since he was Pope for over 26 years! He was also such a major figure on the world stage, and he played a major part of some of the important historical events of the time. In 2014, the Government of Canada actually passed an Act to establish April 2nd every year as Pope John Paul II Day throughout the country.

There is so much that we can learn from his example and his teachings, but one in particular comes to my mind. In part of his first homily as Pope in 1978, there was a short but famous line: “Be not afraid.” Interestingly, though, he was not only speaking of external dangers that make us afraid; he was speaking of the fear that we sometimes have of letting Jesus into our lives. His full sentence, then, was, “do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power”. He encouraged us: “Open wide the doors for Christ.” This is a great message that we can all take to heart. Yes, we all believe in Jesus, and we accept his message. But are there ways in which the doors in my life are not fully open to Him? The “door” of my heart? The “door” of my personal life? The “door” of my weekend?

I know personally that when I look at my own life as a priest, there are “doors” that are not fully open, and there can be a hesitation or a fear to fully open them. What will Jesus ask of me? How will my life change? Will it become less comfortable? Will I be less in control?

John Paul II had faced all of these questions himself, and he understood the fear. But he had also experienced the great peace, freedom and joy that come from opening the doors and welcoming Christ into our lives.

This coming April 2nd, on Pope John Paul II Day, let us overcome our fears and hesitations and try in our own way to “open wide the doors for Christ”

Fr. Eric



HOLY NAME PARISH SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 12 & 13

Masses Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am and 12 noon African Catholic Community

Monday, April 14th

12:05 pm Mass

Holy Tuesday, April 15th

No 12:05 p.m. Mass (Chrism Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral)

Holy Wednesday, April 16th 12:05 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, April 17th **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.** (Led by our African Community Choir) (Bring bells to ring and towels for the washing of feet) After Mass, adoration in the Chapel until 11 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th **Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.** (Led by our English Community Choir) Reminder: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence for Catholics

Holy Saturday, April 19th **Easter Vigil at – 8:00 p.m.** Sacraments of Initiation for R.C.I.A Candidates (Bring bells to ring)

Easter Sunday, April 20th **Easter Mass at 10:00 a.m.** (Bring bells to ring)

African Catholic Community Mass at 12:00 p.m. (Bring bells to ring)



- Mon. March 31st
 12:05 pm:
**For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan
 Romeo Lopez +
 Juan C. Benedicto +
 Miguela & Raymond Almonte +
 Patrick Wilkinson +**
 Tues. April 1st
 12:05 pm: **Esther Ryan & Family +**
 Wed. April 2nd
 12:05 pm: **Mary Wilkinson +**
 Thurs. April 3rd
 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
 Fri. April 4th
 12:05 pm: **Agripina & Eduardo Mendoza +**
 Sat. April 5th
 5:00 pm: **Maria Izaura Cezarina Gonsalves +**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent –
Sunday, April 6th, 2025**

- 1st Reading:** Isaiah 43.16-21
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Philippians 3.8-14
Gospel: John 8.1-11



**Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
At 7:00 p.m.**

All Parishioners are welcome!

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| Date | Lead Group |
| April 4th | African Catholic
Community |
| April 11th | Choir |

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love.” especially

- Ivan Raspor, Kateri Ryan, Darryl Smart, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Mae Bradley, Jaden Babcock, Valrie Lashley and Maria Jose Bouey.

LENLEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

11:00 am – 12 noon

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick’s life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

“By the grace of God, I am still alive,” he proclaims. “I’d love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I’d never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober.” Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

Our parish goal is **\$51,500.00** for 2025. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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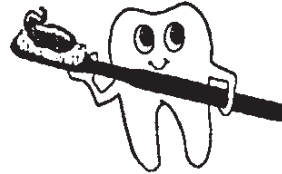
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