

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 6, 2016		Sunday February 7, 2016	
4:30 p.m.	+Mary O'Drowski	9:00 am	+Antonio Cirelli
	+Tony Ancona		+Anna Luisi
	+Jan Dolegowski		<i>In Honour of St.Biagio: L'Associazione Famiglie Abbroziane</i>
		11:00 am	+Giuseppe Sabatino
			+Maria Aiello



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn continuously for 7 days in honour of Antonio Mignano



Liturgy of the Word with Children

Will take place on the following Sundays: Feb 14, & Feb 28, at the 11:00 AM Mass. The L.W.C. is for children ages 4 to 8 year olds.



Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 10th Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM & 7:30PM, ashes will be distributed at both masses. The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday beginning **Friday February 12th** until **Good Friday February 25th** at 7:00PM.

DAYS OF PENANCE DURING LENT -The time of Lent and all Fridays of the year are, throughout the universal Church, days and times especially appropriate for spiritual exercises; penitential liturgies; pilgrimages as signs of penance; voluntary self-denial, such as fasting and almsgiving. Abstinence from meat (or some other food) or another penitential practice, according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops, is to be observed on each Friday of the year unless it is a solemnity. Fast and abstinence from meat are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence. All adults (eighteen years or older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by a law of fast or abstinence are educated nevertheless in an authentic sense of penance. It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observances of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast or abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety and missionary works.

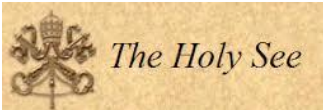


COME JOIN OUR CHOIR!

The 11:00AM Choir is looking for more singers, both women & men. Men singers are specially needed at this time. If you would like to join, please come up to see Greg, our organist, after the 9:00AM or 11:00AM Mass. You can also leave your contact information with the church office.



Men's Conference: On **March 19th** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: www.BandofChristianbrothers.com/events/iron/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070



Vatican II facts and commentaries. *Gaudium et Spes* (The joy and hope) is the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. It was the last of the Constitutional documents to be promulgated (December 7, 1965), it was the longest document and referring to it Pope Paul VI said it would become , " the crown of the Council's work"(Xavier Rynne, Council reporter). Whereas the previously discussed three Constitutional documents addressed issues within the church e.g. sacraments, faith, the People of God, *Gaudium et Spes* (GS) looked outward to explore how the church was to engage with the world at large. Pope John XXIII asked the bishops to be alert to the "sign of the times" and, while keeping a strong faith base, allow the Holy Spirit to guide the church in open dialogue with the world (GS92). *Gaudium et Spes* was to address the problems of the contemporary world in it fullness, not just the Catholic faithful. Pope John XXIII, in his augural address, made it clear that the church "desires to show herself to be the loving mother of all". In keeping with Pope John's wishes and underlining the importance of the church embracing all of mankind, while the Council fathers were debating world affairs in Rome, Pope Paul VI travelled to New York and addressed the United Nations Assembly thus bringing the Catholic church on to centre stage of world affairs. He called for peace saying that the "root of evil in this angry, hostile and quarreling world is pride, no matter how legitimate it seems to be" (Xavier Rynne). The Council fathers addressed the importance of the human freedom of conscience. In this world of good and evil, men and women with the help of the Holy Spirit must continually make choices "His conscience is man's most secret core---There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths"(GS16). "Man's dignity requires him to act out of conscious and free choice--(he) gains such dignity when ridding himself of all slavery to the passions --freely choosing what is good---- Before the judgment seat of God an account of his own life will be rendered to each one according to as he has done good or evil" (GS17). Equality of all persons was well articulated. "--forms of social or cultural discrimination in basic personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design"(GS29). The importance of dialogue runs throughout the document. Whether it be atheism (GS21) non-Christian or non-Catholic communities, the bishops called for dialogue that "conducted with appropriate discretion and leading to truth by way of love alone, excludes nobody"(GS92).



"From Desert to Dessert" St. Ambrose is having a Morning mini-retreat beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday March 5th, 2016 To register, contact: Brenda Voisin Telephone: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or fax registration using form found on website www.archtoronto.org/discipleship Fax (416) 934-3431 Please note: registration is required to attend mini-retreat.