

### MONDAY, February 24th – SUNDAY, March 2nd

MON, Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m.	†Luis Cruz
TUE, Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m.	†Augusto M. Racelis
WED, Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	†Teresita Gatus
THURS, Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m.	†Rose Lloyd
FRI, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	†Maria Rossell
		Mangilinan and
		Dannieli Palombi
SAT, Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 a.m.	†Mr. & Mrs. Thevarajah /
		†Ramon /
		Pauline Quinn /
		†Damaso Berja
	5:00 p.m.	†Cathleen Cahill
SUN, Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Rose of
		Lima
	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for
		Reena Albuquerque
	10:45 a.m.	†Louise Figueira
	12:30 p.m.	†Deceased Members
	12.00 p.m.	of Eva & Jerry Luis'
		Family
	4:30 p.m.	Mass in Vietnamese

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

# **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

The Oil for the Altar Candles consecrated this week was donated by **Maureen Barry** in loving memory of her father, **Patrick Barry**.

The Bread and Wine consecrated this week were donated by **Helen Barry**, in loving memory of her husband, **Patrick Barry**.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### ARCHDIOCESE FORMATION PROGRAMME AT St.

**Rose of Lima** "Knowing God Better" – every Tuesday evenings, February 25th to March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Hall (basement); Facilitated by *James Dunn* -Fun yet engaging series of talks designed to help Catholics get more out of their faith especially in the nitty gritty of everyday life. The sessions include music, mime, icons, testimonies and opportunities for prayerful reflection. *We look forward to your participation. Bring along your family and friends!* 

## Breaking Open The Word Bible Study - ''Samuel to

**Solomon''** - February 24<sup>th</sup> Session will be facilitated by Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD. Topic is: *1 Samuel 5-6: The capture and return of the Ark* 



We look forward to welcoming you. Bring along your family and friends!

#### **EUCHRE & BRIDGE FUN NIGHT**

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Parish Hall at 6 pm ...\$15pp Organized by the St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus Euchre info & tickets, call Camen Debono416431-0629 A learning/practice night will be arranged if warranted. Bridge info & tickets, call BemieGuyett416439-1864 A separate room has been reserved for the Bridge players.

#### March 5th - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

@ 7:30 am & 7:00 pm, St. Rose of Lima Church
Distribution of Ashes at Parish Schools will also be
held on this day

9:30 a.m. – St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in the Church

11 a.m. – St. Richard Catholic School in the School Gym

1 p.m. – St. Barbara Catholic School in the School 2 p.m. – St. Victor Catholic School in the School

#### MASS FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS

*"Mary's Golden Rose Mass of Hope"* Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Social to Follow.

**<u>3-DAY PARISH LENTEN RETREAT</u>** by Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC, March 24 (Church), 25 (Church) & 26

(Hall), 2014, from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M., St. Rose of Lima. *We look forward to welcoming you. Bring along your family and friends!* 

#### To the Parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Parish,

I am looking forward to our upcoming time of mission and encountering Our Lord in a deeper way. Jesus invites us to open our hearts, so we can be set on fire and share this good news of His Love with others. Let's keep each other in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts to receive all He has to give us this Lent. Blessings, Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC

# **Regular Parish Activities**

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD** – Mondays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the Church.

**<u>KARATE</u>** – Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 pm in the Hall.

**<u>RCIA</u>** – Every Thursdays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm in the Basement.

**<u>TAI CHI</u>** – Fridays from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Hall. **<u>LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE</u>** - You may return books to the Parish office while the Library is under renovation.

# PREPARING FOR LENT

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter that ends on Holy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday. During Lent,

Catholics recall their baptism and do penance – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as they commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ.



What is Ash Wednesday? It

marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned – ashes from these palms are distributed on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence.

Why do Catholics traditionally give something up during Lent? To do penance in preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian calendar.

What is fast and abstinence? Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence. Catholics still consider Fridays throughout Lent as days of abstinence. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and how is it associated with Lent? Easter is both the historical and proper time for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. On the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens (unbaptized people seeking admission in the Catholic Church) celebrate the Rite of Election and enter into the final period of preparation for the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. Adults are baptized (or brought into full communion for baptized non-Catholics), confirmed, and receive first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, over 1100 men and women were brought into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2005.

**What is Palm Sunday?** Also called Passion Sunday, it is the Sunday before Easter. Palms are distributed as a reminder of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

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## <u>News and Other Events in and around the</u> <u>Archdiocese of Toronto</u>

-Mardi Gras Eucharistic Celebration at The Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, Saturday, March 1st at 5 p.m.. Please check web page www.augustinians.ca for more detailed information.

-Watch Movies of the Saints! With the Kolbe Eucharistic Apostolate - This 5-week course "Models of Holiness" starts Tuesdays, March 4, 7-9 pm or Saturdays, March 8, 10 a.m. -12 noon at Holy Cross Church. For more information, call (416) 421-5225 or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com

# THE YOUTH CORNER

Young Adult Group is inviting all young adults (19-39 years of age), join us to a Cinema Evening with the movie "Son of God", Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Gathering 6:30 p.m. in the basement

Departure 6:45 p.m. – Returning to the parish around 10 pm.

All interested, please contact Fr. Silvio for the ticket reservation and other details.

Come and join us, let us prepare for the lent with the powerful movie of Jesus' life.

