

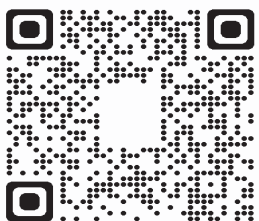
# Living the Gospel



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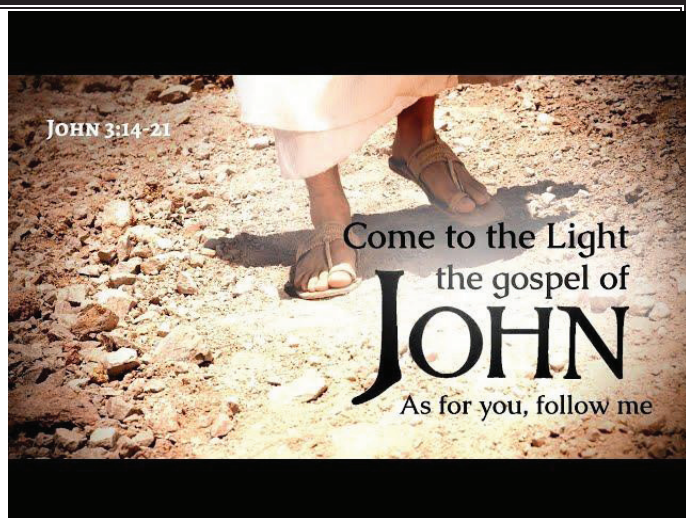


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**First Reading:**

**2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16,19-23**

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

**Second Reading: EPHESIANS 2:4-10**

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

**Gospel: JOHN 3:14-21**

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel

teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the Act of Contrition

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MARCH 9, 2024</b>
9:00 AM	PASQUALE PALMA (†) ALFREDO CRUZ (†)
5:00 PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF ROMMEL & MARY ANN RAGASA & FAMILY
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MARCH 10, 2024</b>
9:30 AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
11:15 AM	MANUEL & DOMINADORA TAN (†)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>MARCH 11, 2024</b>
<b>NO MASS- WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MARCH 12, 2024</b>
8:30AM	TERESITA YUPANGCO (†)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MARCH 13, 2024</b>
8:30AM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF JUN MACABULOS & FAMILY
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MARCH 14, 2024</b>
8:30 AM	34 <sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JEANNIE & ALEX LOO
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MARCH 15, 2024</b>
8:30 AM	HEALING OF EVA LAM
<b>BURNING THIS WEEK:</b>	
<b>SANCTUARY LAMP: CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF VICTOR &amp; MARICHA ECHAVEZ</b>	



**LENTEN  
CONFESSION  
SCHEDULE**



**March 12-15, 19-22, 2024 (Tuesday until Friday)  
9:30am-12:00pm or 1:30pm-3:00pm**

To avoid disappointment kindly call the parish office before coming to ensure that the pastor is around. The pastor can be called for a funeral or for anointing during these times.



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

**Every Friday in Lent – February 16- March 22, 2024  
We begin with the Rosary/ at 6:00pm**

**March 24, 2024 – PALM SUNDAY  
REGULAR MASS TIMES**

**MARCH 26, 2024 – MASS OF CHRISM  
NO MASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH in lieu of  
this we will have the morning Mass on March 25<sup>th</sup> @  
8:30am.**

**March 28, 2024 – HOLY THURSDAY NO 8:30am Mass  
Mass is @ 7:00pm (The Lord's Supper)  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.**

**March 29, 2024 – GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30am Mass  
10:00am, 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross  
(Led by parish ministries & organizations)  
1:00 pm Children's Passion Play  
3:00pm-6pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
Church is open for visitation from 8:00am until 6:00 pm for  
private prayers. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**March 30, 2024 – EASTER VIGIL (SATURDAY)  
CHURCH CLOSED THE WHOLE DAY UNTIL 6pm.  
NO 9:00AM & 5:00PM MASS  
7:00pm (Beautiful candle light service)  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**March 31, 2024 – EASTER SUNDAY  
Regular Mass Schedule  
Sunday: 9:30am & 11:15am PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**PROPER DISPOSAL OF OLD  
BLESSED PALMS**

**Whatever you do, don't throw them away!**

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, **blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can**, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from the priest and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need.

**Burn or bury**

Most sacramentals, like palm branches for example, **can be burned or buried** in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way.

**Fraudulent e-mail and social media  
communication - Warning**

In recent days, a Facebook account and e-mail communication claiming to come from Archbishop Leo have been circulating through the Catholic community. **Archbishop Leo does not have a Facebook account and any official e-mail correspondence should come from an archtoronto.org e-mail address.** If you receive fraudulent correspondence, please delete the content from your inbox.

Sadly, we have seen this type of fraudulent activity target priests and bishops on a regular basis. **Please review the e-mail address on your correspondence and be mindful of these impersonation accounts.**



**July-December 2023  
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