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## 4th Sunday of Lent - March 19th, 2023

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY



The Children's Liturgy is now resuming. As you know, this is a great opportunity for our children, as it enriches their experience of the Mass while they listen to the Sunday Gospel at their own level. Any

young adult wishing to help out in this ministry, please call the office and leave your name and phone number. Fr. Bruno will be in touch with you and you'll be invited to attend some training workshops. **The Children preparing for the First Reconciliation-Communion are highly recommended to attend.**



In 2022 we raised \$4,576.10. Thank you so much for your generous support to the ShareLife Campaign!

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies.

**Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$6,700.**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website.

**First collection: March 26.**

### Spring EasterFest Lunch



St. Nicholas of Bari Parish and Radio Maria Canada will be hosting a Spring Easter Fest on Sunday April 16, 2023 @ 12:00 pm at Our Church Hall.

Come join us for fun, food and raffle prizes.  
**Tickets for Adults \$40.00, Kids under 12 \$20.00**

**Menu:** Spaghetti aglio e olio, Pasta al pomodoro, Portuguese Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Seasoned Rice, Mixed Green Salad, Sweets, Wine, Pop and Coffee and much more. Help support our cause.

### First Communion

**Session #6: Your First Communion**

**Date: Thursday, April 13, 7-8PM**

**Parents and children to attend**



### Confirmation

**Session #6: Made for Mission**

**Date: Tuesday, March 21st, 6-8PM**



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

### True Recovery of Sight



In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

### LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

The week of April 19 and April 1st 2023, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto will offer a Day of Confessions. St. Nicholas of Bari's Day of Confessions will take place on **March 31, 2023**, with two opportunities: **10:00am - 12:00pm** and **5:00pm - 6:30pm**.

### Reflection for Lent

#### Are the Sundays in Lent part of Lent?



Yes! It runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. No exceptions are made for Sundays. Furthermore: The Sundays of this time of year are called the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

#### Why is the number forty significant?

Pope Benedict explains: Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "*Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry*" (Mt 4,1-2). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law (cf. Ex 34,28) and Elijah's fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. 1 Kings 19,8), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him, marked at the start by a serious battle with the tempter.

### Via Crucis



Every Friday during Lent at 6:45pm there will be the Way of the Cross. The service will be in Italian and English. Come, join us for this powerful devotion.

**Our Collections - March 12, 2023**

**Offering: \$1,005.15**

Thank you for your generosity!

## 4° Domenica di Quaresima - 19 marzo 2023



Mass  
Intentions

### **March 19 Sunday/Domenica**

9:00am - Famiglia Bosco Michele e Angela e Figlio Francesco, Flora, Estera, Oscar Ippolito e Antonio, della figlia Irma; Giuseppe e Prudenzia, Michele Liscio; Giuseppe Campolieti; Antonio Mottola, Nicola Rosa, Pasquale, Rosalinda Laverghetta, Vincenza de Gregorio, Pasquale de Gregorio, Luigi Montedorisio, Antonio Marino, Rocco, Pasquale, Antonietta e Carmela de Gregorio; Vincenzo Speranza, Iolanda Lo Bianco e Silvana Ricchio; Olindo e Rosina Bonofiglio e Famiglia

10:30am - Rosetta Conforti

12:00pm - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### **March 20 Monday/Lunedì**

- Non c'è messa oggi

6:00-7:00pm - Via Crucis (Ge'ez rite)

### **March 21 Tuesday/Martedì**

8:00am - Antonio Palladino; Repose of the soul of Carmelina Colasuonno, Rev. Priest Miro, Julio Rivera, Repentance, confession for the families of Ania, Julian, Michael, Luana, Paul Michael, Alice, Karen, for All priest living and deceased, All souls in Purgatory, God's help upon Ania and Marco Gomez

11:00am - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

5:00pm-6:00pm—Via Crucis (Ge'ez rite)

6:00pm-8:00pm—Confirmation—Session 6: Made for Mission

### **March 22 Wednesday/Mercoledì**

8:00am - Repose of the soul of Ernest, Lawrence and Florencio Perez, Maria Eugenia Alvarado, for repentance, confession, conversion, peace, unity in the world, end of abortion and Eutanasia, for the generosity of St. Nicholas's parishioners

6:00pm—7:00pm - Via Crucis (Ge'ez rite)

### **March 23 Thursday/Giovedì**

8:00am - Repose of Ana Piecha, Marina Carlota Moz, Jose Luis Gochez, for the Priests/Holy Cross of Marylake, God's help upon Ania and Marco Gomez, Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

11:00am - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

6:00pm—7:00pm - Via Crucis (Ge'ez rite)

### **March 24 Friday/Venerdì**

8:00am - Repose of the soul of Lescek, Kristof, Wadec, Wiesiek, Helena, in honour and thanksgiving to St. Oscar Romero Repentance, confession for the families of Martin, Jose Mauricio Castaño, Luis Doradea, Isaura Calle, Gregory & Isaac Beltran, God's help upon Ania

5:00pm-6:30pm—Via Crucis (Ge'ez rite)

6:45pm - Via crucis

### **March 25 Saturday/Sabato**

8:00am - For the Repose of the soul of Zofia & Stanislaus Misko, Marian & Janina Rusiecki, Maria Serafina & Juan Cedillos, for the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children, for all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor, God's help upon Ania, Healing upon Ruth Parra, Rafael Marroquin, Mary Wahba, Otto Rivera, Dennis Pinargote

5:00pm—6:30pm - Via Crucis (Ge'ez rite)

6:30pm - Spanish Group Mass

### **March 26 Sunday/Domenica**

9:00am - Ernesto Spizzirri; Veccharelli Pasquale e defunti famiglia Veccharelli, Paolo e Rosa Pallotta e defunti Pallotta; Antonio e Liana Bonofiglio; Filomena Venditti, Pasquale, Angelo, Ida

10:30am - Vito Nicola & Rosa Cece; Angela e Michele Verre; Adalgisa Guadagnoli

12:00 pm - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### Lecture

Prima lettura: 1 Samuele 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13

2a lettura: Efesini

Vangelo: Giovanni 4:5-42

### Vivere nelle acque vive



Nel Vangelo di oggi incontriamo Gesù che guarisce un uomo nato cieco. In tutta la Bibbia, questa è l'unica guarigione di un uomo cieco dalla nascita, mentre le altre guarigioni riguardavano una cecità temporanea. L'unicità di questo grande mistero ci offre la possibilità di riflettere su ciò che significa essere buoni amministratori di Cristo.

### Pranzo di Pasqua di primavera



La parrocchia di San Nicola di Bari e Radio Maria Canada ospiteranno una festa di Pasqua di primavera domenica 16 aprile 2023 alle 12:00 presso la sala della nostra chiesa.

Unitevi a noi per il divertimento, il cibo e i premi della lotteria. Biglietti per adulti \$40.00, bambini sotto i 12 anni \$20.00

Menu: Spaghetti aglio e olio, pasta al pomodoro, pollo portoghese, patate arrosto, riso condito, insalata verde mista, dolci, vino, bibite e caffè e molto altro ancora. Aiutate a sostenere la nostra causa.



### ShareLife 2022

**Obiettivo dell'anno 2023: \$6,700**

Prima raccolta: Marzo 26

La seconda raccolta sarà il 30 aprile e la terza il 4 giugno.

### È TEMPO DI MISERICORDIA. Missione Quaresimale

Una missione quaresimale in lingua italiana si terrà nella nostra parrocchia dal predicatore Don Francesco Armenti, da noi tutti ben conosciuto e stimato. Don Francesco sarà presente nella nostra comunità e predicherà la Missione quaresimale martedì, 28 marzo, mercoledì, 29 e giovedì 30 marzo e saranno tenute in chiesa alle 10:00 di mattina. Cerchiamo di partecipare e di invitare altri ad arricchirsi spiritualmente di questa esperienza.

### Via Crucis



**Come e tradizione, ogni Venerdì di Quaresima si celebra la via Crucis (in Italiano e inglese) alle ore 6:45pm. Tutti siete invitati.**

### GIORNO DI CONFESSIONI

La settimana del 19 Marzo all'1 aprile 2023, tutte le parrocchie dell'arcidiocesi di Toronto offriranno una Giornata delle Confessioni. La Giornata delle Confessioni di San Nicola da Bari si svolgerà il 31 marzo 2023, con due occasioni: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

**Offerte: 12 marzo 2023**

**Offerta: \$1,005.15**

Grazie per la vostra generosità!





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