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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 5:00pm
Friday: 5:00pm

REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! They are requested to register at the parish office



Show your love
through **SHARELIFE**

**ShareLife Sunday is
March 17.**

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND

HOLY COMMUNION

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



The Transfiguration

Jesus Effect

In 1999 a book came out with the title, **“The Nicholas Effect: A Boy’s Gift to the World”**. In that book, author Reg Green was narrating the wonderful effect his son Nicholas aged 7 could make in the world. While the whole family set out from California to Italy to spend their holidays there, there was never a thought that they would have to face a big crisis in life. Armed thieves, attempting to take the family’s car and valuables, waited in ambush in the Italian countryside. As the car passed, thieves sprayed a shower of bullets at the vehicle. Although the family was able to escape, some of the bullets had hit the young boy, while he slept in the back seat. A short time later, the child was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

The boy’s family arranged that all of their son’s vital organs be donated. As a result, the lives of eight Italians were forever changed. For some it meant being able to see again; for others death was postponed because a young vital organ had replaced an aged, defective one. Because organ donation was such a rarity in Italy, the gift of life was all the more remarkable. Following the lead of the Green family, countless numbers of Italians and others world-wide began to donate the organs of deceased loved ones so that others might live.

The story of the young boy and the aftermath of his death remind us of another time and place and the death of another son, whose dying brought life to so many. **It is the life-giving death of the other**

son, viz., Jesus, which is the focus of our scripture readings for today.

The moving narrative of Abraham and Isaac that comprises today’s first reading (Genesis) has been understood as an Old Testament type or prefiguration of God’s willingness to offer Jesus as a sacrifice for human sin. Paul, in the second reading (Romans 8:31-34) reminds us that God’s love has no limits. God has given the greatest gift of all to the world in the handing over of Jesus. In today’s gospel (Mk 9:2-10), the transfiguration scene features a voice speaking from an overshadowing cloud. Identifying Jesus as God’s beloved son, the voice further asks the disciples to listen to him. **As the gospel is proclaimed today, the voice instructs believers to listen to the words and works of Jesus, and to find therein the message of life and salvation.**

STEWARDSHIP



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.”

Are my gifts to the Lord — of my resources, of my time, of myself — also sacrificial?

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or visit www.vocations.ca

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Fri.	World Day of Prayer

Readings:
1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2nd reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37++
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10