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WEEKDAY MASS

St. Brother André CHS (chapel)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS

St. Julia Billiard CES
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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Things to know about Lent

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. It comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."



Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians are welcome to receive ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

Remember ...

- To fast and to abstain from meat, all day on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from meat during all Fridays in Lent.
- Abstaining starts from age 14 and fasting from age 18 to the age of 60.
- Fasting does not mean starving to death, but to have 1 main meal and 2 small nourishments that day, (not to equal a full meal.)
- Lent is not just about giving up but also about doing more, something you don't normally do.

We invite you to join us at St. Brother Andre CHS Chapel on Fridays during Lent:

Celebration of Mass 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND FULL LENTEN SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 4, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS Chapel

9:00 a.m. ☩ Claude Fortin

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (Ash Wednesday) – St. Julia Billiard CES

7:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Friday, March 8, 2019 – St. Brother André CHS Chapel

7:00 p.m. Available

Saturday, March 9, 2019 – St. Julia Billiard School

5:00 p.m. ☩ Colette Samson Fortin

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – St. Julia Billiard School

10:00 a.m. Pro Populo

12:00 p.m. ☩ Elena & John Toniutti

We Welcome ...



This weekend we welcome to Blessed Ozanam Parish Deacon Raphael Ma CR., newly ordained as a Transitional Deacon on December 13th, 2018 by Bishop Robert Kurtz CR. His parents, family and many friends were present for the occasion.

God willing, he will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener for the Congregation of the Resurrection.

If you search Deacon Raphael on the internet you will find a great deal of information along with pictures of his ordination event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnUOORTS-YA>.



The Pray More Lenten Retreat is an online retreat to help you spend more time in prayer this Lent in preparation to commemorate our Lord's

Passion, His Death, and Resurrection at Easter.

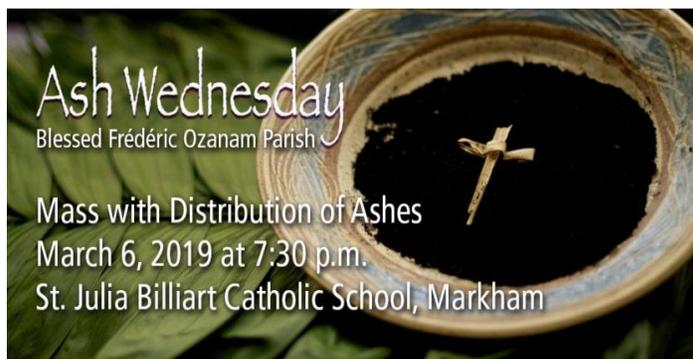
When you sign up for the retreat, you will receive:

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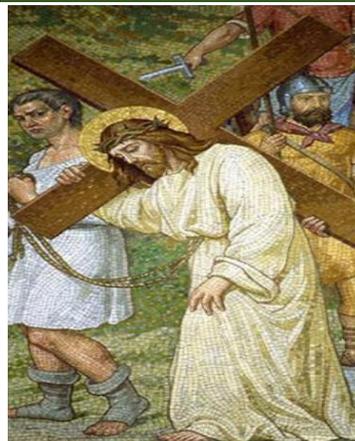
We know how busy you are! This is why the retreat is self-paced; this means you can watch, listen, or read the presentations whenever you have the time to do it.

We hope the Pray More Lenten Retreat will help you intentionally work on your prayer life this Lent — wherever you are and whenever you have the time.

The talks are focused on prayer, the season of Lent and learning more about our Lord through Scripture. To sign up for this online retreat, go to: www.praymoreretreat.org.



Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during
Lent

St. Brother André
CHS Chapel

Mass
7:00 p.m.

Stations
of the Cross
7:30 p.m.



Friday, March 15 to Sunday, March 17
St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact Fr. Joseph, email vocations@archtoronto.org or call 416-968-0997. Register online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca.

LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Led by Fr. Michael Knox, SJ, at the Newman Centre

In our day-to-day lives, we move from task to task, often weighed down by the burdens of living, and the constant barrage of ideas that invite us to focus on our own comforts, our own material success, and our self-fashioned vision of ultimate contentment. And yet, journeying, this Lententide, in prayer and reflection, with Jesuit missionary St. John de Brébeuf and his companions, we are invited onto a different trajectory, through the mystical landscape of our lives, where love and self-offering, bound in a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ, crucified, invites us into a great human mystery: that in giving ourselves away, we find our truest identity. Tickets: \$30/pp. Visit: <https://lentenretreat2019.eventbrite.ca> or call Alexandra Whittle at: 416-979-2468.



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