

From the Administrator's desk.....

This past week I had two conversations with two different people. Both of these conversations expressed a frustration with the selfishness that they see in other people. In the generation that we live in, this selfishness comes from an attitude that says, "It's all about me."

However, it is not just our generation that has this problem. Being selfish is the result of sin and sin has been around since the fall. God's final answer to the problem of sin is the sending of His only begotten Son into the world. In today's gospel he offers us words that can break us out of our selfish attitude: the beatitudes.

In paragraph 1728 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read: "The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods: they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things." And if we follow that logic, the love of God leads us to the love of neighbour. When we follow the law of love it unlocks the chains of selfishness and allows us to live free and happy both here on earth and in the Kingdom that is to come.

The Beatitudes teach us that our desire to be happy will not be found in being selfish but in self-sacrifice. If we want to see a truly happy man, then we look to the man hanging on the cross, Jesus Christ. There we see the Son of God who offered his life out of love of His Father and out of love for us whom he called His neighbour and friend.

May we look to Jesus hanging on the cross often in our day and ask Him to help us to live the beatitudes so that we can be happy here and perfectly happy in heaven.

Fr. Michael

2018 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for your 2018 contributions to the parish are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your receipt today.

CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES

CWL 2019 membership fees are now due (\$28 – Seniors \$25). You may use the blue envelopes in your Offertory box or a personal envelope and place it in the collection basket at any Mass, any weekend. Please ensure that your name is clearly written on the envelope along with "CWL Membership". If you aren't already a member of the CWL, please join us! Contact Evelyn Wickett, Organization Convener, for more information ([416-919-5351](tel:416-919-5351)).



SSVP – TAX RECEIPTS

If you donated to Saint Vincent de Paul in 2018, please pick up your tax receipts after Mass this weekend. We would like to thank you personally, and it will save us some money on stamps!

11:00 AM CHOIR

St. Mary Star of the Sea Choir (11:00 am Mass) is undertaking a new and exciting music program for 2019.



Preparation for Holy Week and Easter is already underway. Success is possible only through the dedication and hard work of choir members. We invite new members for all voice parts to join us at this time (particularly Soprano 2 and Alto). You too could be an active participant in this ministry. Contact: Fergus Egan 905-270-4832.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **John Paul II Council # 11955**

February Brunch | THIS SUNDAY Feb 17 at 12:00 pm

The Knights are pleased to bring you the monthly brunch this Sunday. The menu will include:

- Eggs, Bacon & Toast, Juice/Coffee/Tea

Come out to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners. Your support is very much appreciated.

KofC Lottery Tickets | NOW ON SALE

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual lottery, benefitting the Special Olympics of Ontario, The Arthritis Society & local charities.

Tickets are \$5 each. Generous participation is encouraged for fabulous prizes.

Hope to see you on the winning side !!

2019 ENVELOPE BOXES

are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box. Envelope boxes that are not picked up **BY NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 24th**, will be reassigned.

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please pick up an unassigned box of envelopes from the tables at the side exits of the Church, fill in the form and drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass and use the envelopes for your contributions to the Church.

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5

Separated, Divorced? If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. *New Beginnings*, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce. Together... we explore our *grief*, experience *healing* and renew our *faith*. St. Christopher's – Support Group. Start Date: Feb. 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Call (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 alimanni@cfstoronto.com to register.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Friday. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner served at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

**LINKS TO FAITH
FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

**WEEK 7 – ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA
(THE EUCHARIST IN ITS RELATIONSHIP
TO THE CHURCH) – POPE JOHN PAUL II**

“The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: “Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (*Mt 28:20*), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity.” It’s a bit of a tough read – but pick it up each day and find a paragraph to read – you will love its richness.

To read this beautiful encyclical, *Ecclesia De Eucharistia*, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select Week 7 – Ecclesia De Eucharistia (The Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church) – Pope John Paul II

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT

On the weekend of March 22nd – 24th, the centre team will preach a Lenten retreat on the theme: **EVERY GIFT REVEALS GOD’S LOVE: BUT NO GIFT REVEALS GOD’S LOVE MORE THAN THE GIFTS OF THE CROSS.** For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

FRIARS’ STUDENT WRITING CONTEST
WIN GREAT PRIZES!

Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2019. The theme for 2019 is “Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue” (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20). Students should read the below scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay:

Christians sometimes commit to prayer and worship, but neglect the poor. Sometimes we pray in church, but act unkindly to others or exploit the environment. Refer to Deuteronomy 16:18-20 and answer: How can Catholics and Christians of all denominations unite to create a more just society and be examples of Christ’s healing grace in a broken world?

First Prize: HP Pavilion x360 laptop, Second Prize: iPad 6th gen. (32 GB), Third Prize : Google Home 2 speaker.

Essays will be edited and published in *The Catholic Register*. Deadline for entries is February 18, 2019. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

ST. PATRICK’S DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Trinity-St. Paul Church (The Church with the red doors). 26 Stavebank Road, Port Credit. Irish Beef Stew, St. Caesar salad dessert, coffee or tea. There will be a Wine and Beer cash bar available. Luck of the Irish 50/50 draw, prize for best St. Patrick’s Day costume, Irish dancers and Good Fun!! Tickets \$20, Kids under 12 are \$10. Call 905.278.1992 to reserve your tickets

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

On Sunday, February 24, 2019, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

**THIS WEEK AT
ST. MARY’S**

SATURDAY 16TH

10:00 am	Mass – †Ricky Cassolato Requested by Mom & Dad
Followed by	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass – †Pio Bizzotto Requested by the family

SUNDAY 17TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Alan del Puerto Jr. Requested by the family
11:00 am	Mass – †Martha Buckley Requested by Angela Nugent

Knights of Columbus Brunch after the 11:00 am Mass
Bible Study after the Brunch (SJR)

MONDAY 18TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Ernesto Magliocco Requested by the staff of John Cabot Catholic Secondary School
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TUESDAY 19TH

NO MASS	
7:00 pm	Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 20TH

10:00 am	Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
1:00 pm	CWL General Meeting (Hall)
7:00 pm	Mass – †Teresa Felli Requested by the D’Ovidio family
7:45 pm	Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 21ST

9:00 am	Mass – †Fr. Charles Reeves
7:00 pm	Confirmation Event # 3 (Church/Hall)

FRIDAY 22ND

9:00 am	Mass – †Giordano Nasato Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family
5:00 pm	Community Meal (Hall)

SATURDAY 23RD

10:00 am	Mass – In Thanksgiving for Taryn Stobart Requested by Shantie Toolsie
Followed by	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass – †Vicky Menezes Requested by the family

SUNDAY 24TH

9:00 am	Mass – For the People
11:00 am	Mass – †Irene Pearson Requested by Brenda & Fred Lawlor

Legion of Mary Book Borrow after the morning Masses