

From the Pastor's desk.....

On the occasion of naming the 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday, St. John Paul II wrote: "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveal the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. Amen."

These words, "Jesus, I Trust in You", are found on the bottom of the image of Divine Mercy. These words are easy to say, but experience tells us that they are hard to do. To have that complete confidence in Our Lord is not easy. It requires both love and sacrifice.

The perfect image of both love and sacrifice are found in the person of Jesus Christ hanging on the cross: "Into your hands, I commend my spirit". The beloved Son was never out of communion with His Father. They were always united in love; and, that love led him to the cross to sacrifice Himself for our sake. And it is from the cross where he says those words. Following the example of Our Lord, we see a vast amount of witnesses (Greek word for witness is martyr) starting with St. Stephen, who would say those words, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit."

As we are witnesses to Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, then we too are called to love and to sacrifice, like the saints who have gone before us following the example of Our Lord, which will make it easier to live out the words we say, "Jesus, I Trust in You."

Fr. Michael

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing, or do some other craft, the St. Mary Star of the Sea Craft Group invites you to come join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a lunch - tea, coffee and goodies provided. We enjoy getting together each week to make items for our annual Bazaar in November. Proceeds from our sales are donated to local charities. Come join us for a day of fun and relaxation, your new ideas are most welcome. For more info. call Anne 905-891-1230.

LINKS TO FAITH - APRIL 28, 2019

WEEK 17 – ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN CONFIRMATION – FAITH MAGAZINE

"It should come as no surprise, then, that St. Thomas Aquinas taught that the effect of the sacrament of confirmation on the spiritual plane of life corresponds to this same law of growth we see in operation on the physical plane. Confirmation, through the infusion of the fullness of the life of the Holy Spirit, further energizes the seed of faith planted in baptism to grow into that fullness of communion with Christ for which we were made."

To read this article by Douglas Culp from the Faith Magazine, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 17 – Encountering Jesus in Confirmation – Faith Magazine](#)

COFFEE TIME

Next Sunday, May 5, join us in the parish hall, after the morning Masses, for friendship and refreshments.

MAY 5, 2019 MISSISSAUGA MARATHON

Road Closures/Restrictions: Lakeshore Road @ Mississauga Road – Closed 7:30 am to 10:30 am

9:00 AM MASS

(Arriving) Parishioners living West of Mississauga Road can use QEW to Hurontario Street and Lakeshore Road West.

Parishioners from the East can use Westbound Lakeshore Road to access the Church.

(Departing) Parishioners will have to use Eastbound Lakeshore Road to exit the Church

Parishioners living West of Mississauga Road are encouraged to use Hurontario Street to access the QEW Westbound.

11:00 AM MASS

(Arriving) Parishioners living West of Mississauga Road can use Eastbound Lakeshore Road after 10:30 am, otherwise they should use Hurontario Street to access Lakeshore Road.

Parishioners from the East can use Westbound Lakeshore Road to access the Church

(Departing) There should be no impact on parishioners exiting the Church as all roads in the vicinity are anticipated to be re-opened by this time.

Call Brad 289-681-2476 /Craig 905-615-3200 ext. 3638 for details.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

MAY 3, 2019



"Come and stay with me a while." These words Jesus once spoke to His disciples, He now speaks to us.

On the first Friday of each month, here at St. Mary Star of the Sea, we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:00 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 3:30 pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

John Paul II Council # 11955

Annual Mother's Day Roses Sale | May 11 & 12

Knights of Columbus will have Roses available following all Mother's Day weekend Masses. Multiple colours, single stem in water, \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Pick up some roses for all the special ladies in your life. Your support is greatly appreciated.

AN INVITATION TO BECOME A KNIGHT

Are you 18 years or older and have never been invited to become a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus? Please therefore consider this as a personal invitation to become a Knight. Becoming a Knight is an addition to being a participating Catholic who has an interest to further your activity within the Catholic Church. Brother Knights are true brothers to one another in complimenting the parish community. There are many advantages to you and your family in joining our fraternal order. Speak to one of us at one of our events or email me at raymarentette@gmail.com.

KARAOKE NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

That's right! St. Mary's will have its first ever Karaoke Night on Sunday, May 5 from 7 - 8:30 pm. This is a family event. All ages are welcome. Snacks provided. Start working on your routine!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 – First Holy Communion Classes from 12:15 - 1:40 pm, in the hall on May 5, May 12 and May 19.
- 2 – Second Interview: Please call 905-278-2058 or email st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca to set up an appointment for the second interview with Fr. Michael

CONFIRMATION

- 1 – Second Interview: Please call 905-278-2058 or email st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca to set up an appointment for the second interview with Fr. Michael.
- 2 – Event # 5: 7 pm on Thursday, May 2 (Church/Hall).

BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen and household goods to share with others on April 27/28. A SSVP truck will be in the church parking lot, so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support. The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday until 6 pm. Volunteers will assist with loading before and after weekend Masses.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by
Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

We thank all who have so generously donated and encourage others, who have not yet donated to this very important campaign that funds Catholic charities, to please do so over the next several weeks.

Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday
Our goal this year is \$136,500
Together, we have raised \$38,818 (28%)
Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 5 – 10, "LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES"

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 -10, 2019), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

ENVELOPES & PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Using envelopes or enrolling in Pre-Authorized giving (PAG) for your monetary offerings to the Church will ensure that you receive an annual tax receipt. When you enroll in PAG, your specified offering will be withdrawn on the 20th of every month but you will still need to use envelopes for the special collections during the year. You can also withdraw from PAG anytime.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SATURDAY 27TH

10:00 am	Mass – †Peter DiMartino Requested by Lilia D'Ovidio
Followed by	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:45 am	Confessions
12:30 pm	Wedding - Mesfin/Matranga
5:00 pm	Mass – †Clelia Guidolin Requested by the DeSante family

SUNDAY 28TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Alan del Puerto Jr. Requested by the family
11:00 am	Mass – For the People

MONDAY 29TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Teresa Hellewell Requested by Pat & Hugh Loughran
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TUESDAY 30TH

NO MASS	
7:00 pm	Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 1ST

10:00 am	Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
7:00 pm	Mass – †Libby Carrasco Requested by the family
7:00 pm	Baptism Class (Hall)
7:45 pm	Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 2ND

9:00 am	Mass – †Iole D'Ovidio Requested by Vivian MacNeil
7:00 pm	Confirmation Event #5 (Church/Hall)

FRIDAY 3RD

9:00 am	Mass – †Dorothy Galea Requested by the family
Followed by	Adoration
3:30 pm	Benediction

SATURDAY 4TH

10:00 am	Mass – †C. J. Joseph Requested by Pushpa & Benny Lobo
Followed by	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:45 am	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass – †Antonieta & Pascuale Iarocci Requested by their daughter and family

SUNDAY 5TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Attilio & Maria Barbisan Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family
11:00 am	Mass – For the People
12:15 pm	First Holy Communion Class (Hall)
Coffee in the hall after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses	
Karaoke at 7:00 pm in the Hall	