

## From the Administrator's desk.....

This weekend's Gospel provides us with an image that should inspire us in our Lenten journey: the desert. Our Lord, after being baptized by St. John the Baptist in the river Jordan is led into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. The place where Our Lord would have gone during those days and nights was a place where no one wanted to go. It was a place where He could be alone with His Father. It was a place of silence and solitude. After the resurrection, many Christians would find themselves going to that same place for the same experience of silence and solitude.

The desert should inspire us, like the early Christians, to seek out silence and solitude in our life. Cardinal Robert Sarah, who was appointed by Pope Francis as the head of the Congregation that guides Catholics as to how the Holy Mass and Sacraments are to be celebrated, published a book entitled: "The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise." This book calls Christians to rediscover the silence of God and within that silence how God speaks to us, often in ways that excel the use of what we know as modern visual and auditory communication. Silence, as we are to rediscover, is the first and greatest language of God. Long before God said "Let there be light", God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, dwelt in deep silence and even once the work of creation began, it was in silence that the universe came into being and it is in silence that God continues to speak most intimately to creation.

It is in the silence of our heart that God speaks to us. Our Lord went into the desert to seek out that silence to listen to His Father and be strengthened to resist temptation. There he was strengthened for the mission of saving us. I encourage you, in your prayer and in your day to day rhythm of life to enter into the silence of God. There you will find the strength to resist temptation and deepen your relationship with God.

*Fr. Michael*

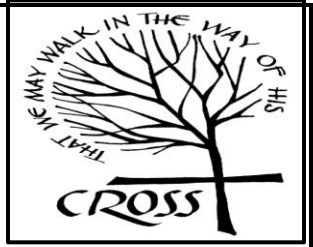
## **YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP TO YELLOWKNIFE**

**JULY 15 - 22, 2019**

The Office of Catholic Youth, Archdiocese of Toronto is partnering with the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year to offer a week-long mission trip to aid our Canadian neighbors to the North. Young Adults (ages 19-39) are invited to join us. Travel to Yellowknife to serve the community. Learn about our missions in Canada and Indigenous culture. Registration ends and Deposit is due (50% of the cost): May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For more information contact Sarah Rodrigues at 416-599-7676 ext. 226 or email [sarah@ocytoronto.org](mailto:sarah@ocytoronto.org) [www.ocytoronto.org/mission](http://www.ocytoronto.org/mission)

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross, led by the Legion of Mary, at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 15, 2019



## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **LENLEN RETREAT**

Women of the Parish are invited to join the CWL members for a morning of Lenten prayer and reflection on Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm in the Church Hall. Please call Anne Marie Munden 905-916-1220 or Cathy Griffin 905-278-6290 to register. CWL members must also register.

### **CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> CWL General Meeting at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. All ladies (members and non-members) are welcome.



## **SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FATHER NEIL**

As a way to let Father Neil know that the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea are praying for him, we would like to present him with a spiritual bouquet. If you wish to participate by offering rosaries, remembrances at Holy Mass, Holy Communion, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Novenas, or acts of penance please indicate your intention on one of the sign-up sheets found at all exits of the Church.

## **SSVP - FEBRUARY REPORT**



During the month of February, our members made 19 home visits and distributed \$1820.90 of grocery and Salvation Army store vouchers and bus tickets. We thank you for your ongoing support. Please pray for the poor.

## **LINKS TO FAITH MARCH 10, 2019**

### **WEEK 10 - LENT IS A JOURNEY INWARD - ROGER LOPEZ OFM**

"Roger Lopez, OFM, encourages us to slow down and really think about what this season means. Lent isn't about what external temptations we want to give up. Lent is more an internal journey of discovery and oneness with God."

To watch this video from the franciscanmedia.org website, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 10 - Lent is a Journey Inward - Roger Lopez OFM](#)

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

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

# SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!" – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

March 31 is ShareLife Sunday  
Please give generously



## COME & SEE WEEKEND

**MARCH 17, 2019**

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 15 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 17 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at 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. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information contact (the Parish Priest) or Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997

## LENTEN RETREAT: MARY IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

LED BY FR. CHARLES ANANG

St. Augustine's Seminary's Institute of Theology and Lay Spiritual Formation Program presents a workshop/retreat on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm (including Mass) at St. Augustine's Scarborough campus. Cost is \$50 including lunch. Registration: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga Saturday, March 23 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, Ontario 416-907-1042. Speakers & Topics: Dr. Ray Guarendi – from EWTN *Laughter: The Sanity of the Family Life*, Mary Wagner – *Jesus Won My Heart*, Fr. Eric Mah – *Lawyer to Priest – The Journey*, Dorothy Pilarski: *Motherhood Matters*. To register call 416-907-1042 <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

### CALLING GIRLS

#### MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT

Friday, March 22 - 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Speakers & Topics: Dr. Ray Guarendi from EWTN - *The Logic of Being Catholic* Katarzyna Ryba - *Straight From the Heart*; Isabella & Natalie Bruno - *Three Tips for a Great Mother Daughter Relationship*; Dorothy Pilarski - *The Truth About Work*

## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

On the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. To register please call 905-278-5229

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

### SATURDAY 9TH

10:00 am Mass – †Michael O'Brien  
Requested by the family  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass – For the People

### SUNDAY 10TH

9:00 am Mass – †Mario Bidini  
Requested by Ann & Garry Sclisizzi  
11:00 am Mass – †Alberto D'Orazio  
Requested by the family

### MONDAY 11TH

9:00 am Mass – †Gerardo Mazo  
Requested by Marilyn Mazo  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mass  
Followed by Meeting (Hall)  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (SJR)

### TUESDAY 12TH

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

### WEDNESDAY 13TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)  
7:00 pm Mass – Special intention of Bill Henry  
Requested by Michelle Ryan  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

### THURSDAY 14TH

9:00 am Mass – †John Jennings  
Requested by the family

### FRIDAY 15TH

9:00 am Mass – †Maria Luiz  
Requested by Hugh & Patricia Loughran  
5:00 pm Community Meal (Hall)  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary (Church)

### SATURDAY 16TH

10:00 am Mass – †Special Intention of Deacon Steve Barringer  
Requested by Pushpa & Benny Lobo  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass – For the People

### SUNDAY 17TH

9:00 am Mass – †Alan del Puerto Jr.  
Requested by the family  
11:00 am Mass – †Patrick Hummel  
Requested by Isabelle Hummel  
2:00 pm Bible Study (SJR)