

From the desk of.....

In September, I received a letter from His Eminence Cardinal Collins sharing that October will be an Extraordinary Missionary Month which draws on the theme, "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World."

During this month, we are to consider our responsibility as Christians to proclaim the Gospel and how we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ with joy and new enthusiasm. The Extraordinary Missionary Month coincides with the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic letter *Maximum Illud* which was proclaimed on 30 November 1919. In this letter, Pope Benedict XV begins by recalling the Great Commission given to all disciples of Jesus Christ to "Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to all creation." Benedict wrote the apostolic letter because "there still remain in the world immense multitudes of people who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death". (MI, 6)

We would be naive to think that with all our technological advances in the 100 years that there are no longer those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. We are still called as disciples of Jesus Christ to go forth and proclaim the Gospel to all the nations. However, as Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), we are to proclaim that Gospel with joy. With all the technological advances, however, we do not need to go far to reach the nations. The nations have come together in the metropolitan cities and in our parishes. Our call as disciples of Jesus Christ is to reach out to those in our pews who might still be in darkness and living in the shadow of death.

How can we accomplish so great a mission? Pope Francis offers us a few ways:

- 1) A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, and personal and communal prayer
- 2) Testimony through the lives of the Saints
- 3) Missionary Formation through Scriptural and Theological study
- 4) The Corporal and Spiritual works of Charity

This is our mission and it is not impossible. We rely on the assistance of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in all our ways to go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Michael

CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday October 21st at 7pm - CWL General Meeting. Please meet in the Church where we will be saying the rosary followed by the meeting in the Hall. All ladies of the parish (members / non-members) are welcome to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JOHN PAUL COUNCIL II

October Brunch | THIS Sunday Oct 20 at 12:00 pm

The Knights are happy to announce the first brunch of the fall season – THIS SUNDAY, following the last mass.

The menu will include:

- Bacon, Eggs, Baked Beans, Toast, Coffee/Tea/Juice
- Plan to come out to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to all parishioners for your support on Thanksgiving weekend. We are proud to report that almost 1200 lbs of food was collected for The Compass.

Thank you also to all the Knights & parishioners who helped with the distribution of bags and transportation of food to The Compass.

SSVP – SEPTEMBER REPORT

During the month of September, our members made 23 visits, and distributed \$2849.70 in grocery store vouchers and bus tickets. We also distributed \$1250 specifically for children, from a special donation we received. Thank you for your continued support of the poor in our community.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **NOVEMBER 9**

It's BAZAAR TIME and the CWL will be holding their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 9. Please keep this date open for this popular Parish and Community Event.

WHITE ELEPHANT table can use your donation of SMALL, WORKABLE & SALEABLE treasures, i.e. jewelry, books, dishes, toys, ornaments, knick-knacks, etc. HOWEVER, NO CLOTHES, LARGE ITEMS, FURNITURE, OUTDOOR ITEMS or ELECTRONICS PLEASE!!!! Items can be left at east side door of Hall.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed to help on the day of the Bazaar. Call the Parish Office or Barbara Barringer - 905-822-6795.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

As you know the CWL Bazaar is around the corner on Saturday, November 9th and one of the many things that makes this Bazaar so successful is your wonderful and delicious contributions to the Bake table. Please remember us again this year. Volunteers will be at the Church hall to accept your baking donations on Friday, November 8th from 10 am to 4 pm. Thanking you in advance... Anne Marie Munden... Bake Table Convener

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24 at 7 pm in the St. Joseph Room. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY - LIVING ROSARY

Join us for a Living Rosary at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Church.

OCTOBER 21 IS ELECTION DAY **TIME TO VOTE!**

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites every eligible Catholic to vote in the federal election on October 21. One of the five core directions of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan calls on us to be engaged in the public square. As a charity, the Archdiocese of Toronto must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters and to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on election day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective – visit www.archtoronto.org/election for more information. Please take the time to pray for those seeking elected office, reflect on your vote from a Catholic perspective and most importantly, cast your ballot on October 21!

LINKS TO FAITH – OCT. 20, 2019

WEEK 42 – PRIESTS, PROPHETS AND KINGS **– BISHOP ROBERT BARRON**

“A classic characterization of Jesus is that he is priest, prophet, and king. As priest, he sanctifies, that is to say, he reestablishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as prophet, he speaks and embodies the divine truth; and as king, he leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the human project..... How does it show itself in the lives of ordinary believers?”

To read how we are all called to be Priests, Prophets and Kings, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 42 – Priests, Prophets and Kings – Bishop Robert Barron](#)

COINS FOR LIFE

Coin boxes may be returned to the ushers on Sunday, November 3. Your generosity works to protect, in law, all innocent life from the moment of conception to that of natural death. CLC thanks you for your work to establish justice in Canada for the innocent.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sep. 25 to Nov. 3, 7 am to 7 pm near the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway at Confederation Parkway, join others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil for God's protection for all human life. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga or mississauga40days@gmail.com to sign up.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SATURDAY 19TH

10:00 am Mass - †Joseph Bruce McCormick
Requested by John Maynes
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - †Tony Perrotta
Requested by his wife and children

SUNDAY 20TH

9:00 am Mass - †Alan del Puerto Jr.
Requested by the family
11:00 am Mass – For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm Bible Study (SJR)
Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch after the 11:00 am Mass

MONDAY 21ST

9:00 am Mass - †Deacon Paul McDonald
Requested by Adele Noonan

TUESDAY 22ND

NO MASS
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 23RD

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
6:30 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Mass - †Kevin Meagher
Requested by the Zambri family
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 24TH

9:00 am Mass - Special intention of Barbara
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (SJR)

FRIDAY 25TH

9:00 am Mass - †Bill Murphy
Requested by Elaine Murphy

SATURDAY 26TH

10:00 am Mass - †Remedios Rosales
Requested by Suzette and family
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am Confessions
1:00 pm Living Rosary led by the Legion of Mary
5:00 pm Mass - †Alberto Severin
Requested by the family

SUNDAY 27TH

9:00 am Mass - For the People of the Parish
11:00 am Mass - †Gilberto Gatto
Requested by the family
12:30 pm Bible Study (SJR)