

## From the desk of.....

At the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, we are presented with the Gospel that speaks of the penitential acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. After hearing that Gospel, ashes, in the form of the cross, are marked on our foreheads as we hear either "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Through the listening of the Word of God there should be a movement to our hearts through the imposition of ashes and from our hearts moves to action in our works of charity, prayer and fasting. Ideally then, both the Gospel and words spoken as we receive our ashes are to move us to conversion.

Pope Francis, in his 2020 Lenten Message, speaks about conversion and the basis of that conversion in the paschal mystery, the Gospel - the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God created us. We have sinned. We cannot save ourselves and so in the fullness of time God sent his Son out of love to save us, and that love "invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue" (Christus Vivit, 117). In accepting that love, we open our hearts to the fullness and abundance of life that God desires for us as his creation (cf. Jn 10:10). In accepting that love, we reject the devil, the father of lies who leads us to emptiness and sadness.

The paschal mystery, the basis for our conversion, is not something of past event. It is present to us through the creative and dynamic power of the Holy Spirit working in the Church through Her liturgy and Sacraments (cf. Lenten Message 2020). And so, in these 40 days, "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (Christus Vivit, 123).

*Fr. Michael*

## **SSVP – NORTH OF 60 PROJECT**

St. Mary's conference has been asked to participate in a project to supply food items to our Neighbours in Need in Kugaaruk, Nunavut. This community of 1,200 is reliant on traditional food sources (hunting, fishing) for the bulk of its food, but there are few jobs, and climate change has caused a decline in food available. We have been asked to provide 300 cans of hot chocolate powder (1.8 Kg) and 300 cans of juice crystals (2.3 Kg). We are asking for your help. Food will be sent by sea container to Kuguurak in June. More details to follow regarding collection. To watch a short video on the project, please see [www.ssvp.ca>north-60](http://www.ssvp.ca>north-60)

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us for the Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary, in the Church on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Every Friday at 5 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

## **ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH MISSION**

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish invites you to come on out for a parish mission led by Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC. The theme of the mission is ***"I Have Come That They May Have Life, and Have it to the Full."***

How are you living the full life promised by Christ?  
Do you have what it takes for a full Christian life?  
How can you get the full Christian life?

Come and be renewed in God's personal love for you and in the call of God to live fully the Catholic Christian life and prepare your heart to enter deeper into this Lenten season. Please bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you there.

**Monday, March 9 – Wednesday, March 11  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Note: Wednesday 7 pm Mass will include the mission talk

## **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION MARCH 6, 2020**

9:00 am Mass followed by Adoration  
3:30 pm Benediction and Reposition  
6:15 pm – 6:45 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:30 pm Mass followed by Adoration  
9:00 pm Benediction and Reposition

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE LENT CAMPAIGN**

By now, we have seen the Heart-rending videos of the Amazonian fire. We've also heard the debate about whether and how much climate change is to blame. The sobering reality is that the Amazon and its people are under threat. This Lenten period we are called to conversion, and it provides us a perfect opportunity to reflect and act on our responsibility to seek justice in our world. Pope Francis has drawn our awareness to the need for an ecological conversion in his encyclical *Laudato Si* and more recently, he has convened the Pan Amazonian Synod. The campaign that Development and Peace has chosen, *Our Common Home*, asks those of us in this part of the world to discern, pray for, and act for real change. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins, on the bulletin board at the East doors of the church, or at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org). about how you and your family can help the people of the Amazon defend their home and their dignity.

## **SHARELIFE**

### **Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings**

“The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.” – *Cardinal Thomas Collins.*

Our Goal this year is \$139,900

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

## **MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**

Fr. Michael Simoes will be the spiritual guide to the Marian shrines of Portugal, Spain and France. The pilgrimage will be 12 days from 2-13 October 2020. Please see the poster on the bulletin boards around the Church and pick up a brochure at the doors of the Church for further details.

## **LINKS TO FAITH - MARCH 1, 2020**

### **WEEK 9 – WE ALL HAVE AN ANGEL – POPE FRANCIS**

“How is my relationship with my guardian angel? Do I listen to him? Do I bid him good day in the morning? Do I tell him: ‘guard me while I sleep?’ Do I speak with him? Do I ask his advice? Is he beside me?” We can answer these questions today, Pope Francis said. Each one of us can do so in order to evaluate “the relationship with this angel that the Lord has sent to guard me and to accompany me on the path, and who always beholds the face of the Father who is in heaven”.

To read Pope Francis’ morning meditation from October 2 2014, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 9 – We All Have An Angel – Pope Francis](#)

## **SOLEMN MASS - MOZART REQUIEM**

Sung in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated on Friday, March 20 at 7 pm at St. Isaac Joques Parish, 1148 Finch Ave., Pickering.

## **FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9:00 am

Assumption Catholic Cemetery, 6933 Tomken Road, Mississauga  
Learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will, How to ensure your wishes are legally protected, About Powers of Attorney, Estate Trustee selection, Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors, Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral. *An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.* RSVP: Frank Jannetta 416.733-8544 ext. 2023

# **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S**

## **SATURDAY 29TH**

10:00 am Mass - †Erma Barbisan  
†Lynn & Frank Carroll  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - For the People of the Parish

## **SUNDAY 1ST**

9:00 am Mass - †Erma & Guido Barbisan  
11:00 am Mass - †Angeline and Mario D’Onofrio

## **MONDAY 2ND**

9:00 am Mass - †Mrs. Eliswa Paul Kannampuzha  
7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)

## **TUESDAY 3RD**

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (Church)  
7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (SJR)  
7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting (Hall)

## **WEDNESDAY 4TH**

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)  
6:30 pm Confessions (Church)  
7:00 pm Mass - †Hyacinth Lawrence  
- †Lynn & Frank Carroll  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

## **THURSDAY 5TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Cody Bouchard  
2:15 pm World Day of Prayer (Church/Hall)

## **FRIDAY 6TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Dorothy Galea  
Followed by Adoration  
3:30 pm Benediction and Reposition  
5:00 pm Community Meal (Hall)  
6:15 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary  
7:30 pm Mass - †Erma Barbisan  
Followed by Adoration  
9:00 pm Benediction and Reposition

## **SATURDAY 7TH**

10:00 am Mass - †Erma Barbisan  
- †Lynn & Frank Carroll  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - For the People of the Parish

## **SUNDAY 8TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Emilio Visentin  
11:00 am Mass - †Nick De Mello  
12:30 pm Bible Study (SJR)  
1:30 pm Baptism (Church)