

From the Pastor's desk.....

The Church, since the 11th century, has appropriately and justly called the hidden process by which bread and wine become the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the Mass: Transubstantiation. On today's feast, the feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, it is good for us to be reminded of this word Transubstantiation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, quoting from the Ecumenical Council of Trent, explains: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation." (CCC 1376)

And so, by the words of a validly ordained priest and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Our Lord and God becomes really and truly present on the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Yet, our senses are deceived. Our Lord hides himself so that what we see, what we taste, what we touch have all the qualities of bread; but, the reality - the substance - is Jesus Christ.

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote so beautifully of the Eucharist in his written work and many of the hymns that we sing regarding the Eucharist were penned by him. In his hymn *Adoro te devote* we sing: "O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee, Who truly art within the forms before me, to Thee my heart I bow with bended knee, as failing quite in contemplating thee....Jesus! Whom for the present veil'd I see, what I so thirst for, o vouchsafed to me: That I may see Thy countenance unfolding, and may be blest Thy glory beholding. Amen."

Fr. Michael



**COMING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

Plan to spend a fun afternoon with fellow parishioners at our annual parish picnic, at Saddington Park on August 18, beginning at noon. BBQ, games, draw prizes, cake, drinks. Tickets are only \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family. Tickets on sale later in July. If you have any prizes to donate, please contact Michael at bellcamp@rogers.com

**Congratulations
to the following, who received the
SACRAMENT OF
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
last weekend, June 15 and 16, 2019**

CICHON, Michal
GANIBO, Kyle
GEROSA, Samuel
JALSEVAC, Jacob
KOSTEL, William
MANZA, Vivian
PANETTA, Sebastian
PARISELLI, Charlotte
PARISELLI, Jack
STEEL, Andrew
VICENS, Albert
WATSON, Hunter



THE FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

JUNE 28, 2019

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us for Mass at 9 am followed by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, confessions will be heard from 6:15 - 6:45 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm followed by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

RCIA Christian Formation Process

Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic or to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who has missed the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Or are you a Catholic who would like to become more informed about your faith? Well we have a program here at St. Mary Star of the Sea that can help you to get started. It is called Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). For more information contact Fr. Michael Simoes at 905-278-2058.



SSVP - MAY REPORT

During the month of May, our members made 30 home visits, and distributed \$2658.20 in grocery and Salvation Army vouchers, and bus tickets. We received donations of \$1589.60. Thank you for your support of our Neighbours in Need.

"Baby Bottles for Life" will be collected after all masses this weekend. The Baby Bottles for Life campaign is coming to an end! Please drop the baby bottles with your donation into the plastic bins at the back of the church after all masses on the weekend of JUNE 22/23. Please bring back all the bottles, even if they are not full - *Aid to Women* tries to minimize costs by reusing them for future campaigns. Thank you to all who have already brought in their bottles. Your generosity does save lives!

My name is Jeremy Zou, and I am a seminarian for the diocesan priesthood at St Augustine's Seminary. I finished an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry at the University of Toronto and worked a year at SickKids hospital; I was originally planning to pursue pediatrics. However, I entered seminary formation in 2017, doing a year of philosophy in Serra House, and recently finishing the Spiritual Year and the 30 day Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. I'll be entering 1st theology in the fall, and God willing will have 5 more years of studies before ordination. I'm incredibly grateful for any prayers you choose to say for me. Please come and chat... I'd love to get to know you more, and also pray for you in return.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by sending food to developing countries

Irma is a 29-year-old single mother to four children in El Salvador. Her children suffer from malnutrition because she earns just \$5 per day selling household items at an outdoor market. A local charity reached out to Canadian Food for Children (CFFC), a ShareLife-funded agency. CFFC began sending shipments to her community that include food, clothing, and toys. Irma is relieved to receive ongoing support to help her feed her family.

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 latest by Sunday, July 28, 2019.

Our goal this year is \$136,500
 Together, we have raised \$91,691.40 (67%)
 Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife
 through the parish or sharelife.org

LINKS TO FAITH - JUNE 23, 2019

WEEK 25 – GRACE – THE SKIT GUYS

"In this conversation between Jesus and Peter, grace is illustrated when Jesus forgives the unforgivable." Another great skit from The Skit Guys – actually I found this one to be quite emotional.

To watch this youtube from The Skit Guys, download from the Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 25 – Grace – The Skit Guys](#)

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – INFO MEETING

3 July 2019, 7:30 PM

The Faith Explained Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from **November 22–December 2, 2019**, led by **Father Joseph Singh** and **Cale Clarke**, Director of The Faith Explained Institute. Every Catholic, if possible, should visit the Holy Land at least once in their lifetime. **Saint Jerome once called the Holy Land the "Fifth Gospel"**. Why? Because, when you walk where Jesus walked, and experience the places where he lived, taught, worked miracles, and rose from the dead, **the Bible comes alive in amazing ways! you'll fall more in love with Jesus and your Catholic faith** in a much, much deeper way. Your relationship with the Lord will never be the same.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SATURDAY 22ND

10:00 am Mass – Special intention of Pushpa & Benny Lobo
 Requested by the family
 Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 10:30 am Confessions
 5:00 pm SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Mass – †Stephen Menezes
 Requested by the family

SUNDAY 23RD

9:00 am SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Mass – †Guido Barbisan
 Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family
 11:00 am SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Mass – For the People

MONDAY 24TH

9:00 am Mass – †John Baptist Rodrigues
 Requested by the family
 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Hall)

TUESDAY 25TH

NO MASS
 7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 26TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
 7:00 pm Mass – †Rudolph & Caterina Cuzzetto
 Requested by the family
 7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 27TH

9:00 am Mass – Special intention of Fr. Edward Ewczynski
 Requested by Donna Lloyd
 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY 28TH

9:00 am Mass – Special intention of Fr. Neil McMillan
 Requested by Donna Lloyd
 Followed by An hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:15 – 6:45 pm Confessions
 7:00 pm Mass – †Anthony Menezes
 Requested by the family
 Followed by An hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY 29TH

10:00 am Mass – †Iole D'Ovidio
 Requested by the Pompili family
 Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 10:30 am Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass – †Antonietta Valentino
 Requested by Alfredo Valentino and family

SUNDAY 30TH

9:00 am Mass – For the People
 11:00 am Mass – †Paul & Denzil Alley
 Requested by Lyette Alley and family