

**INSTALLATION OF
FR. MICHAEL SIMOES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

All parishioners are invited to attend the 11:00 am Mass as Fr. Michael will be installed as Pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, by Bishop John Boissonneau, followed by a reception in the hall.

As a sign of community, parishioners are encouraged to bring a finger food item to share at the reception. We ask that you bring this to the hall before the Mass.

After six months of ministry at St. Mary Star of the Sea, and many conversations at the Church door, I recognize that there is a wealth of talent and experience in this parish. Some of the talents that I would like to tap into are of those who have experience with buildings and property management. If you have experience in architecture, engineering, general contracting, plumbing, electrical, stonework, landscaping, IT etc..., please speak to me or contact the parish office. Volunteers will be screened and a committee formed to advise me on projects in the parish.

Fr. Michael

From the desk of.....

Living in the present moment is difficult for most people. As I wrote last week, we are either dwelling in the past or pondering the future. This causes frustration and anxiety. However, many spiritual writers offer us practical ways to help us stay in the present moment.

The first is prayer. We pray in the Our Father, "Give us this day our daily bread." Among many other things, this intercession in the Our Father frees us from "the anticipation of the future or the burden of the past." (Gurr, *Living Stewardship*, 56) The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that there are many expressions of prayer. One of those expressions is meditation. We read: "Meditation is above all a quest...[It] engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ... Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him." (CCC 2705-2708)

The quest of meditation then is to move us to union with Him by cutting out all the distractions of the past and the future that our thoughts can often go to and to be attentive to Christ in the here and now. (cf. CCC 2706)

When we embark on this quest, it is usually good for us to have something with us like the Sacred Scriptures or a good Spiritual book. "Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ" (CCC 2708) and so the rosary, when prayed with devotion, is in fact a great resource to have with us because in it we find that we are meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life, from his Incarnation and Nativity to his passion, death and Resurrection.

There are many guides that will help you get started on expressing your prayer in meditation. Perhaps this week, find a guide that suits your unique way of relating to God such as *Lectio Divina* or Ignatian prayer with the imagination, and give it a try. You will be surprised how much it can help with the busyness of life, to take time out and spend it in the present moment where God is found.

Fr. Michael

**FEDERAL ELECTION DEBATE
FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE
JOIN US OCTOBER 3, 2019 - 7:30 PM
JOHN BASSETT THEATRE (METRO
TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

A federal election will be held on October 21, 2019. To help educate Catholic voters through the lens of our faith, the Archdiocese of Toronto is hosting a debate from a Catholic perspective on Thursday, October 3 with candidates from the four major political parties. Moderated by veteran political journalist, Don Newman, this free ticketed event will be held at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with an audience of 1,000 guests. For more information, election resources and to order free tickets, visit: www.archtoronto.org/election - join us on October 3 as we educate, reflect and act leading up to the October 21 election.

**2020 FIRST RECONCILIATION/
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION REGISTRATIONS
BEGINNING AUGUST 7 - SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

Please visit our website www.stmarystarofthesea.ca for information about the registration process and for registration forms and important dates. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL # 11955**

FINAL SUMMER BBQ - Next Sunday Sep 15 at 12:00 pm
Our final BBQ of the season will be next Sunday, so plan to stay after Mass to enjoy a delicious BBQ with your fellow parishioners. The menu includes:

- Hamburger or Sausage
- Water, Pop or Juice
- Popsicle or Potato Chips

We look forward to serving you - and thank you to all parishioners for your ongoing support!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL are collecting new and gently used children's shoes for distribution through Dr. Simone's charity, CFFC. Please put the shoes in the bins at the church doors. Your generosity could change a child's life!

HARVEST YOUR TALENT

MINISTRY FAIR - OCTOBER 5 & 6

What time and talents do you have to offer to God and to your parish? How is the Lord calling you? On Oct. 5 & 6, the various ministries of St. Mary will welcome you in the hall with displays and information about their ministries, with an invitation to consider joining them. Please plan to stay a few extra minutes after Mass.

SSVP - AUGUST SUMMARY

During the month of August, our members made 26 home visits, distributing \$2376.30 in grocery, Shoppers and Salvation Army vouchers, and bus tickets. In addition, through a special donation, we were able to give \$50 in Walmart vouchers for each child under 18. Thank you to all for sharing your gifts.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

"BUNDLE UP" COLLECTION - OCTOBER 5/6

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need. The SSVP is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members are collecting clothing, shoes, linen and small household items to donate, exchange for vouchers, or sell in order to support our works of charity. There will be a truck in the parking lot all weekend.

"Laudato, si mi' Signore" (Praise be to you, my Lord) Saint Francis of Assisi

Last week we began a global Christian celebration of creation with this year's focus on biodiversity. St. Francis called creation "the first Bible". All month-long (and ending on the feast of St. Francis on October 4th) let us reflect and take action to preserve this wonderfully complex web of life that God calls us to celebrate. Don't forget to read and initial the posters at the North and East exits of the church with your contribution for the good of creation. To learn more, visit seasonofcreation.org, or our church website.

LINKS TO FAITH - SEPT. 8, 2019

WEEK 36 - AUDIENCES - CHURCH FATHERS - POPE BENEDICT XVI - 2007

"Let us now devote our attention to the Apostolic Fathers, that is, to the first and second generations in the Church subsequent to the Apostles. And thus, we can see where the Church's journey begins in history." Pope Benedict XVI begins this series with St Clement, Bishop of Rome.

To start with the first audience on Church Fathers from the Vatican website, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 36 - Audiences - Church Fathers - Pope Benedict XVI - 2007](#)

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will now be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertisements, which will make our bulletin possible, will begin in October. Please call Diana Wynne-Sills at 905-624-4422 and support the bulletin by advertising your product or service.

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. New ideas are most welcome. Call Anne at 905-891-1230.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SATURDAY 7TH

10:00 am Mass - †Enriqueta Barcelon
Requested by Wilson H. Tan and family
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Followed by
10:30 am Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - †Domenico Maucieri
Requested by the family

SUNDAY 8TH

9:00 am Mass - For the People of the Parish
11:00 am Mass - †Camil Joseph
Requested by Marie Camille Joseph Pinto

MONDAY 9TH

9:00 am Mass - †Deacon Paul McDonald
Requested by Adele Noonan
7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting (SJR)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Hall)

TUESDAY 10TH

NO MASS
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 11TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
6:30 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Mass - Special intention of Pushpa Lobo
Requested by the family
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 12TH

9:00 am Mass - Special intention of Pushpa Lobo
Requested by Shantie Toolsie

FRIDAY 13TH

9:00 am Mass - †Jessie Jedvzejewski
Requested by Ute Deoni

SATURDAY 14TH

10:00 am MASS AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY
5:00 pm Mass - †Julietta Furtado
Requested by the family

SUNDAY 15TH

9:00 am Mass - †Alan del Puerto Jr.
Requested by the family
11:00 am Mass - For the People of the Parish
1:30 pm Baptisms (Church)
Knights of Columbus BBQ after the 11:00 am Mass