

From the Pastor's desk.....

One of the many ways that God has given to us in living the mission as disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ is to have a profound respect and obedience for the commandments and laws that He has given to us. Human beings cannot live without laws as we see in every aspect of our life, from driving to sports. Rules and laws are needed, not to inhibit freedom, but to allow human freedom to flourish. Not only do they protect us, they also help us get where we are going. When we look at the laws of the Church, we might not understand why we need to follow them, but in the first instance, we are to recognize that they are there to protect us from evil and to help us get where we are going, heaven.

Our Lord gave us 10 commandments to be followed so that we might flourish and be authentically happy. These are not 10 recommendations, but 10 commandments to be obeyed. Our Lord, having come to dwell with us, brings us to the heart of these 10 commandments and this is to love God with all our hearts and minds, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. When we get to the heart of the 10 commandments, we recognize that they are not a series of "nos" but a "yes" to God's life in us: a way of love.

Not only does Our Lord bring us to the heart of these 10 commandments, he takes it one step further: to love as He has loved us - *agape* love. If we are to live the mission that we have been given as disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ then this is the goal - total self gift. By immersing ourselves into the life of Christ, by opening our hearts to the grace of God, this way of love that Our Lord shows us on the cross is made possible in our lives. By living this way of selfless love, the world will know that we are Christians...disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Michael

CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tuesday May 21st at 6:30 pm – CWL members will celebrate Our Lady with the Rosary and the Crowning of Mary in the Church. All parishioners are welcome. The celebration will be followed by our General Meeting in the Church Hall to which all ladies of the parish (members/non-members) are welcome to attend.

SPRING GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

The CWL is holding a Spring Garage and Bake Sale. We need donations of lightly used household items, books, toys, sports equipment, etc. Please, no clothes, furniture or electronics. Place items in bags and boxes labelled CWL, and leave in the east side basement hallway. Stay tuned for more information about the Bake Sale.

Right to Life Association of Mississauga and Area AGM Sat. May 25 Merciful Redeemer Church (2775 Erin Centre Blvd). Following the 9 a.m. Mass **Special Guest speaker: The Sisters of Life! Breakfast Refreshments Served. All are invited.

THANK YOU, FR. NEIL

RECEPTION MAY 25/26

Fr. Neil has served us well and faithfully for 17 years. We continue to remember him in our thoughts and prayers as he awaits hip surgery. He will celebrate Mass and preach at the 5:00 pm Mass on May 25 and the 11:00 am Mass on May 26 at St. Mary's. After each of those Masses, there will be a reception in the hall, to allow parishioners to say thank you to Fr. Neil and to offer best wishes.

Some parishioners may wish to give a gift. As Fr. Neil does not have a permanent residence at this time, he wishes to "travel lightly" and does not need material gifts. He would, however, be grateful for any monetary gifts.

SOAP, SOAP, BARS OF SOAP

May 25th/26th and June 1st/2nd weekends



Please help us collect Bars of Soap for Canadian Food for Children...Dr. Simone. Soap prevents diarrhea, Ebola, skin infections, cholera and respiratory infections. Please bring your bars of soap donation and put it in one of the collection boxes located at each door of the church. God Bless you for your generosity. Sponsored by the CWL.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communion Class from 12:15 - 1:40 pm, on June 2 in the parish hall.

Second Interview: If you have not already done so, please email st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca or call 905-278-2058 to set up an appointment with Fr. Michael.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

At all the Masses on the weekends of June 15/16 and June 22/23, 2019.

CONFIRMATION

Second Interview: If you have not already done so, please email st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca OR call 905-278-2058 to set up an appointment with Fr. Michael.

Confirmation Rehearsal:

7 pm on June 6 (Church/Hall).

Sponsors are required to attend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 11:00 am



RCIA Christian Initiation 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 call Fr. Michael Simoes at 905-278-2058.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting youth ministry in our parishes

What difference does training make for youth ministers? Consider that the 40+ youth ministers in the Archdiocese of Toronto collectively impact thousands of youth and their families. The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), funded by ShareLife, visits parishes, equips youth ministers, and facilitates networking – including an archdiocesan training day attended by 200 youth ministers and volunteers. OCY helps ensure a vibrant church for future generations.

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 over the next several weeks.

June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday
 Our goal this year is \$136,500
 Together, we have raised \$57,376.40 (42%)
Thank you for your generosity.



SSVP

During the month of April, our members made 23 home visits. We distributed \$2141.92 of food and store vouchers, and made 4 furniture deliveries. Thank you for your generosity to our poor box and to the poor in our community.

LINKS TO FAITH MAY 19, 2019

WEEK 20 – THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY – YOUTUBE – BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

“It’s easy to think the Church’s great Marian feasts are sentimental or quaint. But really just the opposite is true. Here are Bishop Barron’s reflections on today’s Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, a dramatic celebration which demands we make a choice: Which army are we fighting in? Are we battling alongside the Queen of Heaven or in service of the enemy? That’s the question raised by this memorial.”

To hear Bishop Barron speak about the Queenship of Mary, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 20 – The Queenship of Mary – youtube – Bishop Robert Barron](#)



ATTENTION TEACHER CANDIDATES

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board requires all teacher applicants to submit a pastoral portfolio/reference when applying for a teaching position. It is the responsibility of the candidate to attend Sunday liturgy, be involved in Parish life and contact the parish priest well in advance. Teacher candidates who are attending school out of the local area are also responsible to give the pastor advance notice. The pastor cannot complete the form if he does not know the applicant.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S



SATURDAY 18TH

10:00 am Mass – †Bill Henry
 Requested by Michelle Ryan
 Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 10:30 am Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass – †Antonio Furtado
 Requested by the family

SUNDAY 19TH

9:00 am Mass – †Alan del Puerto Jr.
 Requested by the family
 11:00 am Mass – For the People

MONDAY 20TH

9:00 am Mass – †Karishma Iyer
 Requested by Shantie Toolsie

TUESDAY 21ST

NO MASS
 7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)
 7:00 pm CWL Rosary and General Meeting (Hall)

WEDNESDAY 22ND

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
 7:00 pm Mass – †Jeanette Maxted
 Requested by the CWL
 7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 23RD

9:00 am Mass – †Luigi Trinca
 Requested by Ettore & Maria Binotto

FRIDAY 24TH

9:00 am Mass – †Iole D'Ovidio
 Requested by Ettore & Maria Binotto

SATURDAY 25TH

10:00 am Mass – †Douglas Picard
 Requested by Shirley Picard
 Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 10:30 am Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass – †Mariano L. Tan
 Requested by Wilson H. Tan and family
 Followed by Reception for Fr. Neil (Hall)

SUNDAY 26TH

9:00 am Mass – For the People
 11:00 am Mass – †Elisa De Sante
 Requested by her family
 Followed by Reception for Fr. Neil (Hall)