

## From the desk of.....

When we come to Church, there are many ways in which we encounter Christ. These encounters will bear fruit in our daily lives, renewing us...transforming us...if we have the right disposition. One of the ways in which we encounter Christ is in the Sacrament of Confession. Today's Gospel about the tax collector is a good example of how we ought to come to the Sacrament. The tax collector was a bad hombre, a nasty guy who worked for the occupying Roman Empire and would cheat the people of their money to line his own pocket.

In this case, the tax collector acknowledges that he is an ungodly sinner who lives a life of vice and begs pardon for his sinful way of life, desiring mercy. There is no pretense, there is no showmanship. He recognizes his unworthiness and is sincere about his sorrow. Beating his chest, on his knees, he places his trust in divine mercy: "God have mercy on me, a sinner."

With the tax collector's humility and authentic contrition for his sins, a real encounter takes place which leads to him walking away justified (made right with God) and transformed. Filled with humility and sorrow, he was aware of God's loving presence, was able to let down the guard, and made himself vulnerable. In humility, he recognized the he was created, willed and loved into being by the Creator God and despite his sinfulness, God never diverted his loving gaze from him, calling him to sorrow and granting him forgiveness.

Since my arrival at St. Mary Star of the Sea, I have attempted to increase the public availability of the Sacrament of Confession. I would hope that after meditating upon this Gospel and the example of the tax collector, you might consider availing of the Sacrament once again. We need to get down on our knees and pray...Have mercy on me a sinner! Fostering this spirit of humility and sorrow allows us to come to the altar of God, encountering Him so intimately in the Eucharist knowing exactly who we are so that we can be transformed by the very food that we are given to eat.

*Fr. Michael*

## 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.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION NOVEMBER 1, 2019

9:00 am Mass followed by Adoration  
3:30 pm Benediction and Reposition  
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass followed by Adoration  
9:00 pm Benediction and Reposition

## 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: We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. For those who still wish to contribute, the final acceptance date is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th. SMALL, WORKABLE & SALEABLE treasures are appreciated. 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL COUNCIL II

November Brunch | Sun Nov 17 at 12:00 pm  
Thank you to all parishioners who enjoyed a delicious meal at our October Brunch.

The menu for our next brunch will include:  
• Pancakes, Sausages, Home Fries, Toast, Juice/Coffee/Tea  
Plan to come out to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners.

## 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga) or [mississauga40days@gmail.com](mailto:mississauga40days@gmail.com) to sign up.

**LINKS TO FAITH – OCT. 27, 2019**

**WEEK 43 – ANGELS AND THE  
SUPERNATURAL – 21 DAY  
JOURNEY– GOOD CATHOLIC  
WEBSTIEITE**

“There is a realm of mysterious beings who are pure spirit. They cannot be perceived by the five senses unless God permits them to reveal themselves. There are angels. There are demons. And the souls of our departed loved ones are very much alive. Are ghosts and demons the same? What is the Catholic perspective on invisible realities? Why is the world of spirits important? What is the supernatural...and what has it to do with us?” This is a 21 day series and is easy to purchase!

To read more about this exciting series and how to subscribe, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 43 – Angels and the Supernatural – 21 Day Journey - Good Catholic website](#)

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

“Behold, I make all things new.” *Rev. 21:5*

St. Christopher’s – Support Group  
1171 Clarkson Rd. N., Mississauga, ON L5J 2W1  
Start Date: November 8, 2019  
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Separated, Divorced? If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. *New Beginnings*, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce. Together... we explore our *grief*, experience *healing* and renew our *faith*. For information and to register, contact Arcangelo Limanni, [alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com) (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225. We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

**Friday, November 1 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to  
Sunday, November 3 (ends at 1:30 p.m.),  
at St. Augustine’s Seminary**

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God’s call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ’s disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.

For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S**

**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)

**MONDAY 28TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Don Domenico Fietta  
Requested by the Fietta family  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Hall)

**TUESDAY 29TH**

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

**WEDNESDAY 30TH**

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass - For blessings received  
Requested by Shantie Toolsie  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

**THURSDAY 31ST**

9:00 am Mass - †Deceased members of the Torralba and Tan families  
Requested by Wilson H. Tan and family

**FRIDAY 1ST**

9:00 am Mass - †Dorothy Galea, requested by the family  
Followed by Adoration  
3:30 pm Benediction and Reposition  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass - †Walter Golec, requested by his wife  
Followed by Adoration  
9:00 pm Benediction & Reposition

**SATURDAY 2ND**

10:00 am Mass - †All Souls  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - †Julieta Furtado  
Requested by the family

**SUNDAY 3RD**

9:00 am Mass - †Peter & Maria Barbisan  
Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family  
11:00 am Mass - †Emedio & Bambina D’Orazio  
Requested by the D’Orazio family  
1:30 pm Baptisms (Church)  
3:00 pm Baptisms (Church)  
First Reconciliation class after the 11:00 am Mass (Hall)