

## From the Administrator's desk.....

If you have not noticed, the message on the sign outside our Church was updated recently:

*Come as you are, you can change inside.*

In looking at what possibly could go on our sign, this message best reflected the effect that a relationship with Jesus Christ through His Church can do for us. God loves us with an unconditional love. That means that He loves us as sinners. He loves us just the way we are and we do not need to earn his love. However, when we come to realize that He loves us, that He gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead for our salvation, that love should begin a process of transformation in our hearts.

This Church, St. Mary Star of the Sea, is where people in Port Credit can come and realize the great love that Jesus has for them. Through the Sacraments, through Scripture, and through our witness people can encounter the great love that Jesus has for them as they are and through that love begin a process of transformation in their hearts.

This message is not just meant for visitors. It is meant for all of us. All of us are to come to this place of true worship and experience the great love Jesus has for us as we are, with all our sin, with all our wounds and brokenness, with all our joys and hope and through the love that we encounter in the Sacraments, in Scripture and in the mutual support and witness we offer each other, our hearts are changed.

God does not want us to remain comfortable as we are, He wants us to have a life changing friendship with Him in His Church. Holy Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us into this life changing friendship with your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

*Fr. Michael*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

John Paul II Council # 11955

\*\*\* SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER \*\*\*

"All You Can Eat" Pancake Dinner | Tue Mar 05 at 5:30 pm  
Save the date in your calendar, and plan to join the Knights for the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

Pancakes & Sausages will be served with Juice, Coffee & Tea.

All donations will go to charity. More information is posted on all church bulletin boards.

### KofC Lottery Tickets | NOW ON SALE

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual lottery, benefitting the Special Olympics of Ontario, The Arthritis Society & local charities.

Tickets are \$5 each. Generous participation is encouraged for fabulous prizes. Hope to see you on the winning side !!



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

MARCH 1, 2019

"Come and stay with me a while." These words Jesus once spoke to His disciples, He now speaks to us.

On the first Friday of each month, here at St. Mary Star of the Sea, we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:00 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 3:30 pm. This is a time when Jesus invites us to come and spend a little time with Him. We all have busy, demanding schedules, but we also have much pain, sorrow and need for guidance or just some quiet time. The graces and rewards of this are immeasurable. Make a note of it, to come on Friday, March 1, anytime from 9:00 am Mass until 3:30 pm for Benediction, even if it is only for a short time.

## 2018 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for your 2018 contributions to the parish are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your receipt today.

## 2019 ENVELOPE BOXES

are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box. Envelope boxes that are not picked up THIS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, will be reassigned to new parishioners.

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please pick up an unassigned box of envelopes from the tables at the side exits of the Church, fill in the form and drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass and use the envelopes for your contributions to the Church.



## SSVP

In January, we made 16 home visits, and distributed \$1365 in vouchers and tickets. We also made our annual \$1,000 donation to our twin SSVP conference in Jamaica. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.

## CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES

CWL 2019 membership fees are now due (\$28 – Seniors \$25). You may use the blue envelopes in your Offertory box or a personal envelope and place it in the collection basket at any Mass, any weekend. Please ensure that your name is clearly written on the envelope along with "CWL Membership". If you aren't already a member of the CWL, please join us! Contact Evelyn Wickett, Organization Convener, for more information ([416-919-5351](tel:416-919-5351)).



## COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Friday. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner served at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

## COFFEE TIME

Next Sunday, March 3, join us in the parish hall, after the morning Masses, for friendship and refreshments.

### LINKS TO FAITH FEBRUARY 24, 2019

#### WEEK 8 – IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD – OUR SUNDAY VISITOR WEBSITE

“If you talk to those who frequent Eucharistic adoration, sign up for holy hours or even make just occasional church visits to pray privately in front of the Blessed Sacrament, you’ll likely hear about the healing, transformative power of this particular prayer practice. But for many other Catholics, adoration can be a little intimidating. What do we do while we sit in the quiet? Are there special prayers? How did this practice start, and what is its purpose?”

To read this article by Mary DeTurrís Poust, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 8 – In the Presence of the Lord – Our Sunday Visitor Website](#)



### COME & SEE WEEKEND

**MARCH 17, 2019**

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 15 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 17 (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 contact (the Parish Priest) or Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997

### **LENTEN RETREAT: MARY IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH**

**LED BY FR. CHARLES ANANG**

St. Augustine’s Seminary’s Institute of Theology and Lay Spiritual Formation Program presents a workshop/retreat on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm (including Mass) at St. Augustine’s Scarborough campus. Cost is \$50 including lunch. Registration: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)

### **WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT**

On the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, the centre team will preach a Lenten retreat on the theme: EVERY GIFT REVEALS GOD’S LOVE: BUT NO GIFT REVEALS GOD’S LOVE MORE THAN THE GIFTS OF THE CROSS. To register please call 905-278-5229.

### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

“Behold, I make all things new.” Rev. 21:5  
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*. St. Christopher’s – Support Group. Feb. 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Call 416-921-1163 ext. 2225 to register.

### **LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW**

This Sunday, February 24, 2019, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S**

### SATURDAY 23RD

10:00 am	Mass – In Thanksgiving for Taryn Stobart Requested by Shantie Toolsie
Followed by	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass – †Vicky Menezes Requested by the family

### SUNDAY 24TH

9:00 am	Mass – For the People
11:00 am	Mass – †Irene Pearson Requested by Brenda & Fred Lawlor

Legion of Mary Book Borrow after the morning Masses

### MONDAY 25TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Veda Goodman Requested by Aaron Goodman
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Hall)

### TUESDAY 26TH

NO MASS	
7:00 pm	Choir practice (Church)

### WEDNESDAY 27TH

10:00 am	Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
7:00 pm	Mass – †Barry Slater Requested by the Dunnet family
7:45 pm	Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

### THURSDAY 28TH

9:00 am	Mass – †Linda Rose Requested by Vivian MacNeil
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Hall)

### FRIDAY 1ST

9:00 am	Mass – †Dorothy Galea Requested by the family
Followed by	Adoration
3:30 pm	Benediction
5:00 pm	Community Meal (Hall)

### SATURDAY 2ND

10:00 am	Mass – †Mrs. Eliswa Paul Kannampuzha Requested by the Kannampuzha family
Followed by	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass – †Pardo Perrotta Requested by the family

### SUNDAY 3RD

9:00 am	Mass – †Deceased members of the Tonic and Baratto families Requested by the Tonic family
11:00 am	Mass – For the People
1:30 pm	Baptisms (Church)
2:00 pm	Bible Study (SJR)