

## From the desk of.....

In the month of November, we have an opportunity to meditate on the four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. I would like to use these next bulletin messages to explain these teachings of the Church.

This week, we will look at the first of the four last things, Death - the end of our earthly life. It is certainly an uncomfortable topic but a reality that we all face. Death does not discriminate whether we are rich or poor, our cultural heritage, our belief - no one is exempt from death. St. Francis of Assisi in his popular prayer and song, the *Canticle of the Creatures* known more commonly these days as *Laudato Si* prays: "Praised be you, my Lord through Sister Death, from whom no-one living can escape."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church writes "Death is a consequence of sin...Even though man's nature is mortal God had destined him not to die. Death was therefore contrary to the plans of God the Creator and entered the world as a consequence of sin. 'Bodily death, from which man would have been immune had he not sinned' is thus 'the last enemy' of man left to be conquered. (CCC 1008) However, thanks be to God for death is transformed by our loving and merciful saviour, Jesus Christ. The Catechism writes, "Jesus, the Son of God, also himself suffered the death that is part of the human condition. Yet, despite his anguish as he faced death, he accepted it in an act of complete and free submission to his Father's will. The obedience of Jesus has transformed the curse of death into a blessing." (CCC 1009)

Because death has been transformed by Jesus, St. Paul writes *Death no longer has its sting* and for us Christians, death is not to be seen negatively, but positively. The Catechism comments, "through Baptism, the Christian has already 'died with Christ' sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this 'dying with Christ' and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act." (CCC 1010)

The message for us with the Church's encouragement is to be prepared for the hour of our death. The best preparation for death is to make an examination of conscience each day and get to confession more often, especially if we have mortal sin on our conscience. St. Francis of Assisi in the same stanza of his prayer and song from the *Canticle of the Creatures* prays, "Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Blessed they She finds doing your will, for the second death will not harm them." We also turn to our Blessed Mother in prayer to intercede for us "at the hour of our death" in the *Hail Mary*; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death. (Cf CCC 1014).

*Fr. Michael*

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The book of Remembrance is placed in the Church for parishioners to write the names of their deceased loved ones. The souls will be prayed for on All Souls' Day and at all Masses during the month of November. The book will then be brought out every November for further names to be added. Names of deceased need only be recorded once, NOT every year.

All Souls Envelopes, for your intentions, are also placed by the Book of Remembrance. Your donations can be dropped off in the offertory basket at any weekend Mass during the month of November.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL # 11955

November Brunch | NEXT SUNDAY Nov 17 at 12:00 pm

The Knights will host the second brunch of the fall season, following the last Mass next Sunday Nov 17.

The menu will include:

- Pancakes, Sausages, Hash Browns, Toast, Coffee/Tea/Juice.

Plan to come out to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners.

## SSVP OCTOBER REPORT AND GIVING TREE

In October, our members made 23 home visits and distributed \$2365.10 worth of food and Salvation Army store vouchers and bus tickets. We are grateful to you, our donors, for your continued generosity.

Next weekend our Giving Tree will be up, and we are counting on all parishioners to help us assist approximately 80 families this year.

## CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday Nov. 18th CWL General Meeting. We will be meeting in the Church at 7:00 pm for the Deceased Members Mass. The General Meeting will follow in the Church Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The CWL are hosting Breakfast with Santa  
Saturday, November 30th, 10.00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Hall  
Adults - \$8:00: Children - \$5:00  
Tickets on sale after all Masses.

## SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend, November 16 and 17 for the Shepherds' Trust. Thank you for your generosity.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Friday, beginning November 15, 2019. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner served at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHOIR  
SALVATION ARMY BAND ENSEMBLE  
JOHN SCERRI  
ST. GREGORY ENSEMBLE**

Present

**'O HOLY NIGHT'**

**A concert of Carols and Christmas Music**

**3:00 pm Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

**at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church**

**11 Peter Street South, Port Credit**

**Tickets: \$10.00 Adults**

**\$5.00 Students / Seniors**

*A can of food for the Food Bank brought to  
the Concert would be greatly appreciated*

**2020 ENVELOPE BOXES**

The 2020 envelope boxes are arranged alphabetically, by last name, at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box on your way out, but do not use it before January 1, 2020. Envelope boxes that are not picked up will be re-assigned 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 Registration Form in the box, drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass, and use the envelopes for your contributions to the Church.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)**

In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time, we are offering the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. If you would like to donate to the Church, or find out more about the program, please pick up a brochure from the tables at the side exits of the Church.

**LINKS TO FAITH**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

**WEEK 45 – CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY**  
**– MOST POPULAR CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**WEBSITES 2018 SERIES**

“The agency reports news from everywhere including the Vatican, Africa, Europe, Asia and even the Americas..... Its goals: It makes just one post every week that encompasses all the happenings around the church in a highly comprehensive manner.” Over the next six weeks, I will link to different websites from the list of popular Catholic Church websites in 2018.

To browse through the Catholic News Agency website, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 45 – Catholic News Agency – Most Popular Catholic Church websites 2018 series](#)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

**SATURDAY 9TH**

9:00 am CWL Bazaar (*Hall*)  
10:00 am Mass - †Deceased members of the Poranganel & Lobo families  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY 10TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Maria Barbisan  
Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family  
11:00 am Mass - †Antonio & Gilda Di Martino  
Requested by the D'Orazio family  
12:30 pm Bible Study (*SJR*)  
First Reconciliation Class after the 11:00 am Mass (*Hall*)

**MONDAY 11TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Renato Binotto  
Requested by Ettore Binotto and family  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (*Hall*)

**TUESDAY 12TH**

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (*Church*)  
7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (*SJR*)

**WEDNESDAY 13TH**

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (*SJR*)  
5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Zsamboki / Bulgarska (*Ch.*)  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Mass - † Deceased Legionaries  
Requested by the Legion of Mary  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (*SJR*)

**THURSDAY 14TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Souls in Purgatory  
Requested by Ettore Binotto and family

**FRIDAY 15TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Onorato Zilio  
Requested by the Zilio family  
5:00 pm Community Meal (*Hall*)

**SATURDAY 16TH**

10:00 am Mass - †Elena, Alfonso and Emilio Fraresso  
Requested by Rosie Bertoli and family  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
12:30 pm Wedding: Zsamboki / Bulgarska (*Church*)  
5:00 pm Mass - For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY 17TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Silla Pellizzer, Valentino Bertolo, and Giovanni Gazzola  
Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family  
11:00 am Mass - †Alberto D'Orazio  
Requested by his wife and family  
12:30 pm Bible Study (*SJR*)  
Confirmation Enrolment at all the weekend Masses  
First Reconciliation Class after the 11:00 am Mass (*SJR*)  
Knights of Columbus Brunch after the 11:00 am Mass (*Hall*)