

From the Pastor's desk.....

As we begin Holy Week, we hear the words exclaimed by the crowds in Jerusalem - Hosanna to the Son of David...they acknowledged and professed Christ's kingship, the long awaited heir to the throne of King David. In proclaiming and singing his praises, professing him to be King, the people only had two courses of action...to acclaim him as King and give him the throne...or to crucify him because they have no King but Caesar. Today, Palm Sunday, we enter into that course of action that was sought by the crowds...we enter into the drama of redemptive love.

We must know the details of His sufferings, if we would know the excess of his love. Deception, betrayal....denial, murder...all of this sordid ordeal that our Lord undergoes makes for a drama that captivates our hearts so that we might know the great love...the infinite love that the Father has for each of us in sending us His Son to die for us and for our salvation.

In these holy days, allow your heart to be captivated by his redemptive love. Silently accompany our Lord in his Passion...as heart speaks to heart. Stay with him in the garden, walk with him to his show trial, stand with him as he is convicted, and as a disciple, carry the cross with Him to Calvary so that we too might die with Him. This small little gesture is a gesture of love for Him, who showed us that suffering leads to joy...that death leads to life. Unless we take up our own crosses and follow Him we cannot be his disciples. This is what the love of God demands...our whole heart, our soul, our whole life. Nothing more...nothing less.

Fr. Michael

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross, at 7:00 pm on Good Friday, April 19, 2019.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Please note there will be no community meal on Good Friday, April 19, 2019.

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, your new ideas are most welcome. For more information, contact Anne at 905-891-1230.

SSVP MARCH REPORT

Our team members had a very busy month, making 32 home visits, and distributing \$2889.06 in grocery store vouchers and bus tickets. During March, parishioners donated \$1579.90. Thank you for assisting the poor!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(Please note that incense will be used at the Holy Thursday Mass, Easter Vigil Mass and 11:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

5:00 pm Mass - †Carmelo, Giovanna & Tina Morra
Requested by the family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

9:00 am Mass - For the People
11:00 am Mass - †Nicola Piacentino
Requested by the family

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 18, 2019

7:00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Followed by ADORATION until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 19, 2019

3:00 pm LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 20, 2019

8:00 pm VIGIL MASS - For the People

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21, 2019

MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
9:00 am Mass - † Guido Barbisan
Requested by Erma Barbisan & family
11:00 am Mass - † Antonietta Valentino
Requested by Alfredo Valentino & family

No Mass on Easter Monday & Tuesday

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- 1 - Classes from 12:15 - 1:40 pm, in the hall, on April 14.
- 2 - Attend the 7 pm MASS on Holy Thursday, April 18 and drop off workbooks, with names clearly printed on the inside covers, in the green bin by the main doors of the Church.
- 3- Sacrament of First Reconciliation - April 25 at 7 pm (Church).

CONFIRMATION

- 1 - Attend the 7 pm Mass on Holy Thursday, April 18 and drop off letters, in a sealed envelope with names clearly printed on it, in the green bin by the main doors of the Church.
- 2 - Event # 5 on Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm in the Church/Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL # 11955

AN INVITATION TO BECOME A KNIGHT

Are you 18 years or older and have never been invited to become a member of the fraternal order of the Knights of Columbus? Please therefore consider this as a personal invitation to become a Knight.

Becoming a Knight is an addition to being a participating Catholic who has an interest to further your activity within the Catholic Church. Brother Knights are true brothers to one another in complimenting the parish community. There are many advantages to you and your family in joining our fraternal order. Explore these advantages by speaking to one of us at one of our events or email me at raymarentette@gmail.com.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

Martin Dicuango had a life-changing encounter when he visited Serra House, a residence run by St. Augustine's Seminary for those discerning a priestly vocation. He is now a third-year theology student at St. Augustine's. "I thank ShareLife for supporting St. Augustine's Seminary," says Martin, "where young men like myself, after experiencing the love of Christ, are joyfully preparing for ordination to the priesthood."

We thank all who have so generously donated and encourage others, who have not yet donated, to please do so over the next several weeks of the campaign.

Our goal this year is \$136,500
To date we have received \$28,731 (21%)
Thank you for your generosity

CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday April 15th at 7 pm - CWL General Meeting in the Church Hall. All ladies of the parish (members / non-members) are welcome to attend.

BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen and household goods to share with others on April 27/28. A SSVV truck will be in the church parking lot, so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support.

The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday until 6 pm. Volunteers will assist with loading before and after weekend Masses.

KARAOKE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

That's right! St. Mary's will have its first ever Karaoke Night on Sunday, May 5 from 7 - 8:30 pm. This is a family event. All ages are welcome. Snacks provided. Start working on your routine!

LINKS TO FAITH - APRIL 14, 2019

WEEK 15 - THE CROSS OF CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S HOPE - PALM SUNDAY HOMILY 1996 - Pope John Paul II

"Palm Sunday, when the Church recalls Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, is a solemn gateway as it were leading to Holy Week. Looking at this day from the standpoint of liturgical spirituality, we can consider it as somehow present in every Eucharistic celebration. Just as in its time it was the threshold of the events of Christ's paschal week, so it continues as the threshold of the Eucharistic mystery. Indeed, the very threshold of the liturgy. The moment we cross this threshold, we approach the centre of the Mysterium fide."

To read this Palm Sunday homily given for the 11th World Youth Day, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 15 - The Cross of Christ is the World's Hope - Palm Sunday Homily 1996 - Pope John Paul II](#)

BE AN ALTAR SERVER !!

We invite young people who have received their First Holy Communion to grow stronger in their faith and become more active in the celebration of the Mass by altar serving. Those interested, please Register by filling a form (on tables at the exits) and drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass.

Envelopes are inserted in the bullet for a special collection to be taken up on Good Friday, for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SATURDAY 13TH

10:00 am Mass - †Paul Matthew Thannikottu
Requested by the Kannampuzha family
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Followed by Confessions
10:30 am
5:00 pm Mass - †Carmelo, Giovanna & Tina Morra
Requested by the family

PALM SUNDAY 14TH

9:00 am Mass - For the People
11:00 am Mass - †Nicola Piacentino
Requested by the family
12:15 pm First Reconciliation Class (Hall)
2:00 pm Bible Study (SJR)

MONDAY 15TH

9:00 am Mass - †Teresa Hellewell
Requested by Clara & Stan Wallace
7:00 pm CWL General Meeting (SJR)

TUESDAY 16TH

NO MASS
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 17TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
7:00 pm Mass - †Michelle Riccio
Requested by Rita & Grant Fleming
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

HOLY THURSDAY 18TH

7:00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Followed by ADORATION until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19TH

3:00 pm LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY 20TH

8:00 pm VIGIL MASS - For the People

EASTER SUNDAY 21ST

9:00 am MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
Mass - †Guido Barbisan
Requested by Erma Barbisan and family
11:00 am Mass - †Antonieta Valentino
Requested by Alfredo Valentino and family
NO MASS ON EASTER MONDAY AND TUESDAY
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REMAIN CLOSED FROM
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 TO MONDAY, APRIL 22