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Paul Kindree

### Office Hours

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

March 8th, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Friday 7:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,

11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

& 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Devotions Rosary half an hour

before weekday Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

& by appointment

### Adoration Chapel

Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Parish Schools

St. Mary .....905-451-1020

St. Francis Xavier .....905-459-0646

St. Kevin .....905-450-0571

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us during Lent on Fridays at 7:30 pm



Baptisms Please contact the parish office.

Marriages Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

Adults interested in becoming Catholic who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

Vocations Director Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions For the Week of ~ March 8th ~



#### **Monday, March 9** **St. Frances of Rome**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Pearl Misersky †

#### **Tuesday, March 10** **Lenten Weekday**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Linda D'Souza †

#### **Wednesday, March 11** **Lenten Weekday**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Special Intentions for:

- Maikel Michriky
- Avrel Zuill

#### **Thursday, March 12** **Lenten Weekday**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Stefan Dvorksy †

#### **Friday, March 13** **Lenten Weekday**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Albino Filipuzzi †

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

- Guilherme & Mariana Carvalho & Deceased Family †

#### **Saturday, March 14** **Lenten Weekday**

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Nan Brooker †
- Claudio Ciarallo †
- Luisa DiPaolo †
- Rafael Piovesan †
- Maria Avarino †

#### **Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

### Pastor's Corner

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Let us continue our reflection on the Eucharist and its importance for the Church and the World.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the possible reasons why many Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence (that the Eucharist is JESUS CHRIST – that His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity is present under the species of bread and wine), but rather see the Eucharist symbolically as our brothers and sisters in other Christian traditions believe.

The possible reasons that I raised why Catholics misunderstand the Eucharist were;

- A lack of education of the Catholic faith.
- An unwillingness to believe in Church Teaching on the subject.
- An inability to believe that God can be truly and substantially present in the bread and wine.
- A fear of what the personal consequences would be if they were to believe what the Church teaches.
- And finally, that believing the Eucharist as a symbol and not the True Presence makes it much easier to excuse oneself from the “practice of the faith”.

After reading my Pastor's Corner, a parishioner suggested that I might have missed another very important reason for the lack of belief in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This parishioner added the following:

- That belief in Science has also led a good number of Catholics to stop practicing their faith and to question many of the beliefs that the Church holds, which includes the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Species.

Sadly, there is much truth to what this parishioner suggested. Science has come to be seen in opposition to Faith and Reason (to Religion). All belief that cannot be explained scientifically is thrown out. Since Science cannot explain the Virgin Birth, the Miracles Jesus performed, the Resurrection and of course the 'Transubstantiation' of the bread and wine at Mass, then these cannot be true.

The modern man/woman appears to set a clear distinction between Sciences and faith. But from the very begins of our Catholic Faith, this has not been so. For the greater part, the Catholic Church has been a promoter of the Scientific search for the truth of things. History is lost among our youth who forget that many of the scientific discoveries have come from members of the Church clergy itself. Take for example the 'Big Bang Theory' – it was first proposed by Msgr. Georges Lemaitre who was a Jesuit- educated Belgian Catholic priest, mathematician, astronomer and professor of physics at the Catholic University of Louvain. Yes, to think that the Church has been anti-Science is to be ignorant of history.

As Science continues to make strides each day, so too does the reality that some things will never and can never be explained. Science can only go so far. Faith and reason must take us the rest of the way to the Truth.

Those who see a clash between Science and Religious Beliefs seek proof as the only bases of their direction in life. Indeed, Science becomes their 'Religion'. But the truth is that this desire for scientific proof will always leave them wanting for more, because Science will never answer all the questions they have. Science may look into the Universe and answer many of its secrets, but it will never be able to answer 'WHY' the universe actually exists at all. The answer can only be found in the soul of the one who seeks God.

There are limitations inherent in the “Religion of Science” and the simple act of baking a cake shows this to be so. This example of baking a cake comes from the wonderful Christian evangelizer Nicky Gumbel in one of his ALPHA videos. Nicky states that if a cake is given to a scientist to analyze, the scientist would be able to explain 'how' the cake was made and possibly 'when' the cake was made. But the scientist would not be able to answer 'who' made the cake and 'why' the cake was made. Only the 'creator' of the cake could answer these questions. This simple example of baking a cake shows us that science has limitations and scientists know this to be so. This is why many scientists are faith-filled people who believe in a Creator and understand that Science cannot answer all questions.

Let us pray that Science will continue to answer many of the questions we have regarding the mysteries of the universe. But at the same time, let us not be led by the Evil One to believe that Science is the 'be all' and 'end all' of what we can know as Truth.

Blessings,  
Fr. Liborio



March 8th, 2020

## Lenten Confession Times at St. Mary's Church

**Tuesday, March 31**  
10am to 12noon  
& 6pm to 8pm

**Wednesday, April 1**  
10am to 12noon  
& 6pm to 8pm

**Friday, April 3**  
10am to 12noon  
& 6pm to 8pm

**Saturday, April 4**  
10am to 12noon  
& 3pm to 5pm

## ShareLife: It's Who We Are! - March 29<sup>th</sup>

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago. We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously!**



## Knights of Columbus Sweethearts' Ball - Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>



The Knights will be holding a Sweethearts' Ball, fundraising dinner/dance, in the parish hall on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. \$50 per person, \$360.00 for a table of 8. See posters on Church bulletin boards for details. For tickets please contact Fernando 416-270-7882 or Jim 647-468-1559.

## Catholic Moms Group - March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am & March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me..."** Moms, please come join our discussion about Saint Patrick. We will be discussing how St. Patrick taught followers about shamrocks and the Holy Trinity. Come and enjoy snacks and great conversations. Shamrocks, Clovers, OH MY... Moms of all ages are most welcome.



## CWL News



**Bazaar Worknights:** Mondays March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Knights of Columbus Room at 7:30pm. All ladies welcome.

## Knit One Crochet Too - Join Us!



St. Mary's Knitting/Crocheting Group  
**Morning:** March 18<sup>th</sup> -10am to noon  
**Evening:** March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7pm to 9pm.

We welcome beginners to experts. Come to learn, improve, or teach in a friendly and fun environment.

*The schedule is available at the Religious Store. See you there!*

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**Monday Morning Muffin**

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us after  
the 9am Mass

**\$1 optional**



*Let us  
Pray*

### For the Sick

Grace Ballantyne  
Marjonie Fernane  
Mark Seguin  
Sergio Nieto  
Daniel Viveiros

### For the Recently Deceased

Pamela Paduano  
Paul De Gale  
Evelyn Ezimora  
Chike Agwu



**Pray for  
Vocations**

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997**  
vocations@archtoronto.org  
www.vocationstoronto.ca

*Thank You for  
your Offering*

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Regular Collection  
\$ 13,177.95

## Lights, Camera, Action St. Mary's Presents: Frozen II - Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>



Join us on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, from 4:30pm to 6:45pm for the COOLEST ticket in town. This is an exciting family movie about sisterhood and fraternal love. From now on, we shall spend 10 minutes after each parish movie sharing our takeaways with others.

As usual, popcorn, drinks and a slice of pizza will be provided.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person. **We appreciate your financial assistance!**

**Frozen II - Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 pm**




**movie  
night**

Who will be attending? Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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