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Ash Wednesday
9:00am & 6:30pm

Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

Deacons:

Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support

St. Mary's Church Schedule
For Lent Season 2021

<p><u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>Liturgies</u> <u>February 17th, 2021</u> We will have two Live-Streamed Liturgy 9:00 am (Bilingual) & 6:30 pm (Bilingual)</p>	<p><u>Stations of the Cross</u> Friday 8:00 pm Live-Streamed</p>
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<u>Confession Times</u> <u>During Lent</u>	
Fridays	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturdays	9:45 am to

Note: Only 10 people allowed in the building at all times.

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters Christ,

Many times in our lives we are given wonderful news – the birth of a child, getting a raise at work, a healthy report from a doctor, etc. These moments of 'good news' bring about a desire in the human soul to let others know of our good fortune.

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man with Leprosy. For this man, his life is totally altered – he is now living 'good news'. It is fully understandable that he would want to share it with the world. And yet as Jesus was "sternly warning him" not to share this 'good news' with others, but only with the priests, the man who was healed "went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word..." Why was Jesus stopping this man from letting people know of good fortune? Clearly Jesus wanted people to come to him not for the miracles he could perform, but for the 'Good News' he came to bring.

Let us search for this "Good News" and in finding it, let us proclaim it to all the corners of the world – starting with the neighbourhood we live in.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

p.s. This Wednesday February 17th, we begin our Lenten journey. I encourage you to take this next few days to discern what you will be 'taking on', or 'removing' from your life so that this Lenten season can be filled with many graces and prepare you for the great season of Easter.

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Live Your Faith

40 Days at the Foot of the Cross

Dearest Mother, you stood at the foot of the Cross of your Son. Though He was God, He was first your Son. *You bore Him, raised Him, cared for Him and loved Him throughout His human life.* Then, you stood gazing at His bruised and beaten body.

Dearest Mother, you invite me into this mystery of your love for your Son, this day. You invite me to stand by you as you stood by your Son. I accept this invitation. The mystery and depth of your love for your Son is beyond comprehension. But, nonetheless, *I accept your invitation to join you in this gaze of love.*

Precious Lord, Jesus, I see You, gaze upon You and love You. As I begin this journey with You and Your dear mother, help me to begin on a human level. *Help me to begin seeing all that You and Your mother shared. I accept Your profound invitation to enter into the mystery of this holy and human love.*

Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.

40 days

Day 1

Kids



SAINT VALENTINE AND FRIENDSHIP

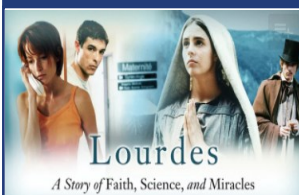
Ana feels frustrated. She wants to be everyone's best friend. Lukas tells her the story of St. Valentine to help her understand The meaning and value of friendship.

Register for FREE to watch Picks of the Week & More :

1. Click on the link
2. Register using your email (Create New Account)
3. Enter St. Mary's Church, Brampton
4. Access Code: **8b36b3**



Pick of the Week



Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science, & Miracles

"Bernard Guillaumet, a non-Christian French journalist, is assigned the job of doing a story on Lourdes in the late 1990s. Just before he leaves for Lourdes, Bernard learns that his wife is pregnant. However, he is not aware that there are

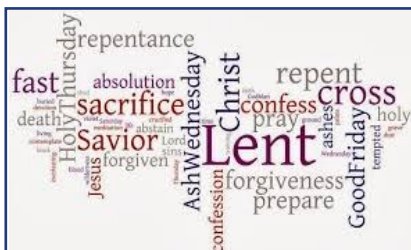
complications with the pregnancy.

While researching for his report on Lourdes, Bernard comes across the pages of an old family manuscript. The manuscript was written by his ancestor, Henri Guillaumet, a positivist scientist and nonbeliever who met Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, a meeting which profoundly affected Henri and forced him to reconsider the miracles performed following... the apparitions of the Madonna of Lourdes.



Spanish

Bible Verses



"For you are dust, and to dust you will return" - Genesis 3:19

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me." - Psalm 5:12-13

"For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you, YOU SHALL BE CLEAN before the LORD from all your sins." - Leviticus 16:30

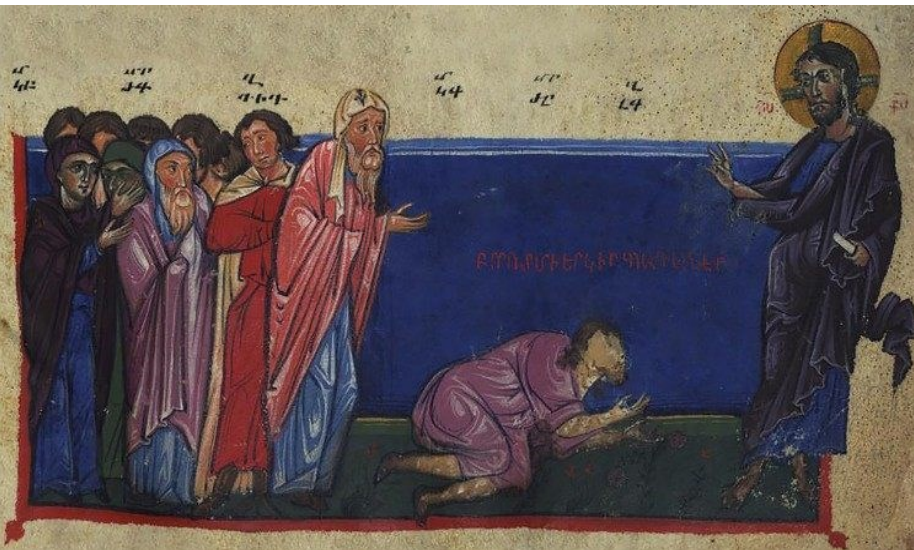


"If You Wish, You Can Make Me Clean."

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,

"If you wish, you can make me clean."

**Moved with pity,
he stretched out his hand,
touched him,
and said to him,
"I do will it.
Be made clean."**



Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints

Saint Scholastica



A mysterious, learned woman helps start Western monasticism

What happened in Western Europe between the end of the Roman era in the fifth century and the dawn of the Renaissance in the fifteenth? **Monasticism happened.** Armies of monks founded innumerable monasteries crisscrossing the length and breadth of Europe like the beads of a rosary. These monasteries drove their roots deep into the native soil. They became centers of learning, agriculture, and culture that naturally gave birth to the dependent towns, schools, and universities which created medieval society. Monks transformed the farthest northwestern geographic protrusion of the Asian landmass into, well, Europe.

Saint Benedict and his twin sister, Saint Scholastica, are the male and female sources for that wide river of monasticism which has carved its way so deeply into the landscape of the Western world. Yet very little is known with certainty about her life. Pope Saint Gregory the Great, who reigned from 590–604, wrote about these famous twins about a half century after they died. He based his account on the testimony of abbots who personally knew Scholastica and her brother.

[Learn More](#)

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” St. John Paul II

Prayer – Ash Wednesday

O Jesus, you place on my forehead the sign
of your saving Cross:

“Turn from sin and be faithful to the gospel.”

How can I turn from sin unless I turn to you?

You speak, you raise your hand, you touch
my mind and call my name,

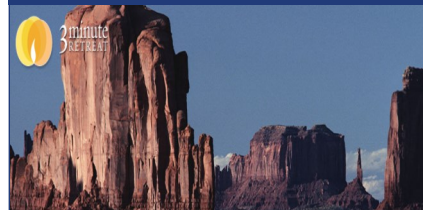
“Turn to the Lord your God again.”

These days of your favor leave a blessing
as you pass on me and all your people.
Turn to us, Lord God, and we shall turn to you.

Amen

– Face Forward Columbus

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Recognize the Sacred

[T]he LORD came
and revealed his
presence, calling
out as before,
“Samuel, Samuel!”
Samuel answered,
“Speak, for your
servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:10

[English](#)

[Español](#)

Led by the Spirit



The season of Lent is fast approaching and St. Mary's Church is excited to offer a great resource to help make this Lent a grace-filled and fruitful season. We invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

[Sign Up to Watch](#)

21st Century Idols Introduction by Fr. Patrick

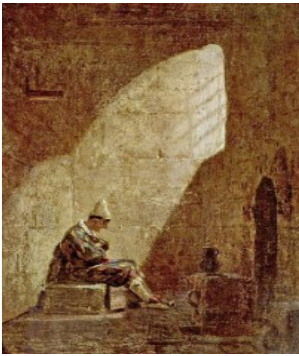
This is a pastoral/contemporary eye-opening essay on the false gods of our time. I recommend you make out time and go through it with family and friends". **Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE**



“The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear, and there is no breath in their mouths. Those who make them and all who trust in them shall become like them”
(Psalm 135:15-18)

[Learn More](#)

Live Your Faith



Ash Wednesday

Carl Spitzweg's "Ash Wednesday"

invites us into the Lenten season with a spirit of introspective piety. We meet a downcast carnival clown, seated in the corner of a cell, his head bent, arms crossed, and face in shadows. A clown normally represents revelry, satire, excess, exuberance, letting go of convention, and laughing at life. But here, seated somber in a cell, he offers none of that. Instead, he sits in a nearly empty stone room, the color of ash and arid desert, with only a pitcher of water as provision. Leaving the revelry of Mardi Gras, this clown now dwells in the simplicity of the Lenten season.

[Learn More](#)



By Fr. Patrick Ezimora CCE

[Learn More](#)

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

Today's Gospel says that "**Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper**".

Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society?

Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, please **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstontoronto.ca

Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience



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In these stressful times, give your marriage **a booster shot!** Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance.

The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. **No group discussion.** Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. **Rediscover the love in your relationship!**

Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at
gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

Website: wwme.org

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Spiritual Life Series

Mondays, February 22, March 8, March 22, April 12 and April 26 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

All are welcome to join a new spiritual life series based on the book *The Story of a Soul* by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The new series will begin on Monday, February 22 and will be presented in several bi-weekly segments by Fr. Peter Turrone, pastor of the Newman Centre. There will be time for group discussion. Participants will need to purchase the Study Edition of *Story of a Soul* by Fr. Mark Foley for the class.

REGISTER: <https://thestoryofasoul.eventbrite.ca> **CONTACT:** lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com

WEBSITE: www.newmantoronto.com

BAZAAR

The CWL is continuing to make available a variety of items for sale through our virtual bazaar. Please click the link included to see some items available this week. There are still several winter and St. Valentine's items available as well as some new knitted and sewing items. Connect with Fran Caldwell at 905-867-7595 or email fern0@rogers.com if you wish more information. The CWL thanks you for your support! Click [HERE](#) to see inventory



\$25.00 Men's large tan and Kelly



\$15.00 youth sweater



\$4.00 Ear warmer rose



\$3.00 Ear warmer green



\$25.00 snowflake / deer table square 28"X28"



\$45.00 4 placemats and runner 16"X13.5" & 30"X15"

MASS Intentions for the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube or Facebook channels

Monday - February 15th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

- Louis Freitas and Maria Arruda (†)

Tuesday - February 16th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Wednesday - February 17th

Ash Wednesday

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - February 18th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - February 19th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Saturday - February 20th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

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"Tearful Smiles"

I have a student whose father is a biology professor at a local college and is mother in a high school resource teacher. For Valentine's Day he made a card for his dad with a beaker on it, saying "to a great biology teacher." On the other side, for his mom, it said, "to whatever kind of teacher you are".

- Angela Watson



Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School

is now accepting Grade 9 registrations for the 2021/2022 school year.

Please visit the following website to view registration details and get started. <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/HNMRY/students/registration-new-students/registration-new-students>

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: 905 458 5541.

[Click here to Register](#)

FAMILY CORNER



Family Cross Activity

Adults and children will design and decorate a family cross for use in the home prayer center.

For this activity center, set up a work table with the following materials:

- Printed handouts
- Cross image printed on heavy card stock
- Images of Jesus
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors, at least one pair

[Activity](#)

The Life You Were Made For



NEXT EVENT: FEB 18TH, 8:00 PM

[Register for FREE](#)

¡VIVE LA VIDA ENAMORADO!



Cuarto Mandamiento: Fortalecer tu familia



"Honra a tu padre y a tu madre" (Éxodo 20,12). Con este mandamiento, el Señor reveló la importancia y la gran dignidad de la vida familiar. La familia, que es un ícono de la Santísima Trinidad, fue creada para ser nuestra primera experiencia de amor, y como Iglesia doméstica, la familia nos enseña cómo darnos a los demás en amor y gozo. Esta sesión explorará el propósito de la vida familiar en el plan de Dios.

[Aprenda Más](#)

My precious and crucified Lord,
I offer You this Lent.
I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul, and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent.

Humble me so that I may see clearly.

Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart.

Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord.

Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life.

Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

My suffering Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice.

I thank You for holding nothing back, giving Your life to the last drop of blood.

May I offer You my very life as a sacrifice, trusting in Your mercy with every offering.

Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love.

Strengthen my prayer and make me holy.

Help me to turn to You, each day, seeking Your sacred and pierced Heart.

Blessed Mother,

you stood by your Son in His suffering and death, stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this life.

Pray for me and offer me to Your Son, that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.

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Mother Mary, Mother of our Crucified Lord, pray for us who have recourse to thee. **Amen**

- My Catholic Life

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guest, Curtis Martin, Founder & CEO of FOCUS, for a Special One-Hour Episode of

The Augustine Institute Show!

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LENT

Tuesday, February 16 - Mardi Gras!

7:00 p.m. EST

This special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on

[FORMED.org](#)

Thank You for your Offering!

February 7, 2021 Regular Collection
\$5,906.45

St. Mary's Church Schedule

For Lent Season 2021

Ash Wednesday Liturgies February 17th, 2021

We will have two Live-Streamed Liturgy
9:00 am (Bilingual) & 6:30 pm (Bilingual)

Stations of the Cross

Friday 8:00 pm Live-Streamed

Church is Open for Private Prayer

Monday to Friday	9:30 am to 8:00 pm
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Saturdays	9:30 am to 12:00 noon
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Sundays	1 pm to 4:00 pm
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Note: Only 10 people allowed in the building at all times.

Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

All Masses are temporarily canceled.

Livestream Mass Schedule

Daily at 9:00 am (English)

Sundays

9:30 am (Spanish) & 11:00 am (English)

Confession Times During Lent

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Saturdays	9:45 am to 12:00 noon
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Office Schedule

Closed until further notice.

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(Meetings by Appointment Only)