



February 28, 2021



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 March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

### 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



All tax receipts have now been mailed out and parishioners can expect their tax receipts to arrive next week. *Thank you again for all your support!*



Lent Food Drive  
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An Update from  
 Cardinal Thomas Collins



**UPDATE**

## Fr Liborio's Reflection .....

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In today's first Reading, we have the account of Abraham and the sacrifice of his son Isaac. To be sure, this passage makes us reflect on what kind of God we follow, who asks Abraham to sacrifice his son. But this is not what the passage of the sacrifice of Isaac is trying to convey. Human sacrifice was not new to the people of Abraham's time - it was a common reality for the ancient religions of the world at that time. These human sacrifices were ways of pleasing the gods and ensuring that good things would fall on the peoples who initiated these acts. For some cultures, it would be a great honour to be the one chosen to be sacrificed – those sacrificed would be remembered and even seen as demi-gods themselves.

Human sacrifice, as in the ancient world, is not our experience of course and we find it such a repulsive and horrific act, as it always is. And yet, we can say that human sacrifice is still being acted out in our day and age and with more veracity and in greater numbers that could have even happened in the ancient times. For a good number of the world's population, these human sacrifices are seen as acceptable and even necessary. These human sacrifices are not to appease the gods, so that we can ensure good success, but rather to appease ourselves who have now become our own 'gods'. With these human sacrifices the god of darkness and lies is appeased and we become followers of that darkness. And what human sacrifice am I speaking of (if you have not already guessed)? It is of course the human sacrifice of Abortion and Euthanasia. These modern day "human sacrifices" are just as accepted as those who were sacrificed for the gods many years ago.

As we look at the sacrifice of Isaac we recognize that we have a totally different story at play. In this human sacrifice, God (our God) steps in at the last moment and stops the act. God does not desire the act of sacrifice, but the faith which was the basis for the act that Abraham was willing to do. This is the key.

Before the sacrifice of Isaac, Abraham had been told by God that it would be through Isaac himself that a great nation would be formed. This means that even though Abraham is willing to obey God's command to sacrifice his son, yet at the same time he also believes in faith that that very son Isaac, whom he was to sacrifice, would be the father of a great nation – a nation great in number than even the sands on the sea-shore. This is the "FAITH" that Abraham had. And this was the "ACT" that God was looking for.

This sacrifice of Isaac also leads us to reflect on another sacrifice that would take place about 2000 years after this event of Abraham and Isaac. *Jesus Christ, the only son of God was "sacrificed" on the cross, FOR US.*

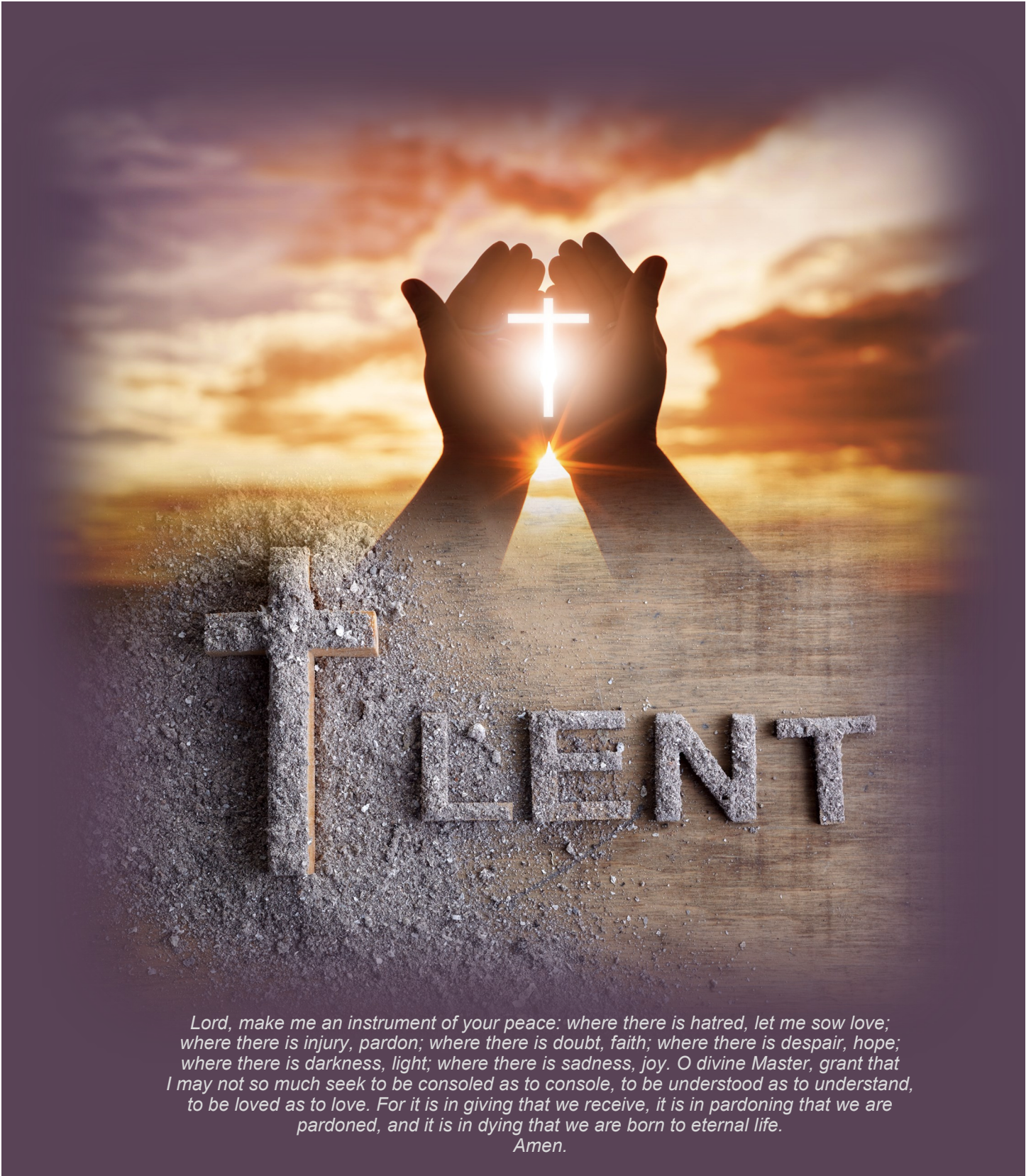
***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."* (John 3:16)**

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio



Mother Church of Brampton  
**ST. MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

*Amen.*



**St Mary's Church, Brampton ON  
2020 Year End Report**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Offertery	\$ 532,246	\$ 707,435
Easter & Christmas Collections	22,518	49,955
Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals	14,325	23,570
Interest & Hall Revenue	8,220	25,743
Sundry Receipts*	207,359	421,711
Special Collections (see below)	90,332	172,944
	<b>\$ 874,999</b>	<b>\$ 1,401,358</b>
<b>Investments Redeemed</b>		
Family of Faith	\$ 12,715	\$ 99,550
Bank Loan	-	98,320
	<b>\$ 12,715</b>	<b>\$ 197,870</b>
<b>CEWS Wage Subsidy Rebate</b>	<b>\$ 105,818</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the Period</b>	<b>\$ 993,533</b>	<b>\$ 1,599,228</b>
Opening Bank Balance	<b>\$ 19,670</b>	<b>\$ 93,940</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,013,202</b>	<b>\$ 1,693,168</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Payroll Expenses	\$ 316,630	\$ 342,723
Church Operating Expenses	119,169	130,524
Rectory Expenses	17,096	18,394
Diocesan Assessment*	112,407	49,495
Sundry Expenses*	52,143	117,860
Special Collections (see below)	90,332	181,053
Hall Expenses	2,677	18,486
Property Additions & Restorations	12,490	119,998
Furnishing & Equipment	1,489	101,062
COVID-19 Expenses	4,820	-
Loan Payments and Interest	22,143	494,429
	<b>\$ 751,396</b>	<b>\$ 1,574,024</b>
<b>Other Expenditures &amp; Investments</b>		
Chancery & Family of Faith	\$ 12,718	\$ 99,474
<b>Total Expenditures for the Period</b>	<b>\$ 764,114</b>	<b>\$ 1,673,498</b>
Bank Balance at End of Period*	<b>\$ 249,089</b>	<b>\$ 19,670</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,013,202</b>	<b>\$ 1,693,168</b>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>		
ShareLife Donations*	\$ 66,457	\$ 94,491
Canadian Missions	3,545	4,540
Evangelization of Nations	4,302	3,892
Humanitarian Relief Donations	485	835
Marygrove Camp	834	3,702
Mission Co-Op	-	30,522
Needs of the Canadian Church	3,470	3,860
Holy Land	1,422	15,591
Pope's Pastoral Works	1,509	4,165
Shepherd's Trust	8,309	11,347
	<b>\$ 90,332</b>	<b>\$ 172,944</b>

**Additional Notes:**

**Parish Debt:** Payment of \$137,285 was made to the debt on Jan & Feb 2021. We now have an outstanding debt of \$100,000

\* **Bank Balance at End of Period:** CEWS Wage Subsidy is now considerably lower, therefore excess funds are kept on hand as a cushion

\* **Diocesan Assessment:** A portion of 2019 Assessment was paid in year 2020.

\* **ShareLife Donations:** Total for year 2020 is \$99,980. From which \$66,457 was received at the Parish and \$33,523 was received at the Archdiocese

\* **Sundry Receipts Include:** Mass Stipends, Candle Revenue, Catholic Cemeteries, Administration & Blessing Offerings, Sacramental Donations, DVD Media, Youth Activities, Books / Missals, CWL, HST Refund, Social Events & Social Outreach.

\* **Sundry Expenses Include:** Parish Programs (Sacramental), Youth Activities, Faith Formation, Retreats & Seminars, Social Events, Flowers, Social Outreach, Legal Fees, DVD / CD / Media / Books & Candle Expenses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

# Faith Formation

## Three Habits to Get the Most Out of Lent

By Bishop Barron



Friends, we come now to one of the most important periods of the liturgical year: Lent. During this time of preparation, the Church asks us to cultivate a deeper friendship with God through prayer, to control and reorder our desires for physical goods through fasting, and to show our love in the concrete way of giving alms.

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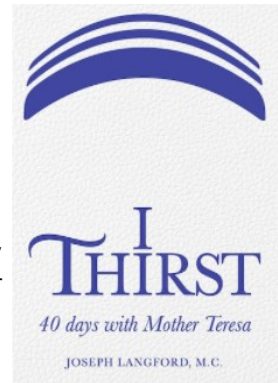
[Learn More](#)

## FORMED Now: "I Thirst"

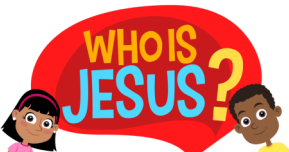
Book Discussion (Part 1)

Walk with Saint Mother Teresa throughout the season of Lent with I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa accompanied by this seven-part book discussion between *Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Daniel Moloney*. Throughout Lent, Dr. Akers and Fr. Moloney will dive into Mother Teresa's spirituality, her teaching on prayer, the life of faith, and much more.

[Learn More](#)



## Kids Pick of the Week



### Adventure Catechism 2: "Who is Jesus?"

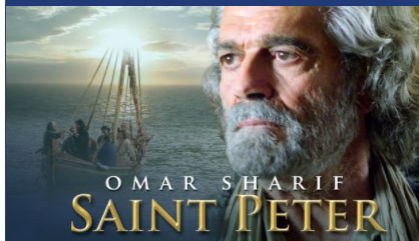
- 1) He is the son of God
- 2) He is the son of Mary
- 3) And, He is...

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



### Saint Peter

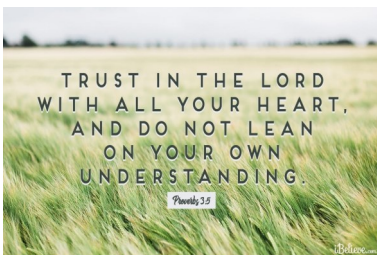
tells the epic story about the key event in European and world history: the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, focusing on the leader of that new religion. St. Peter is played by the renowned Egyptian actor,

Omar Sharif (Lawrence of Arabia, Doctor Zhivago). The film illustrates the strong reaction of Romans and Jews from a political and religious standpoint, and it also deals with the immense obstacles Christianity encountered in the early stages of its development.

[Spanish](#)

MOVIE TIME

## Bible Verses



*"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."* - **Isaiah 26:3-4**

*"How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood."* - **Psalms 40:4**

*I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"* - **Psalms 91:2**



## Lent: a time for renewing faith, hope and love

"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to **'make his dwelling' among us**", the Pope writes in his Lenten message for 2021. "In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who 'humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross'".

Read more about

- ◆ The core of the Lenten journey
- ◆ "Tuning in" to the Gospel frequencies
- ◆ Living as Jesus calls us
- ◆ "Pause in order to look and contemplate!"

[Learn More](#)

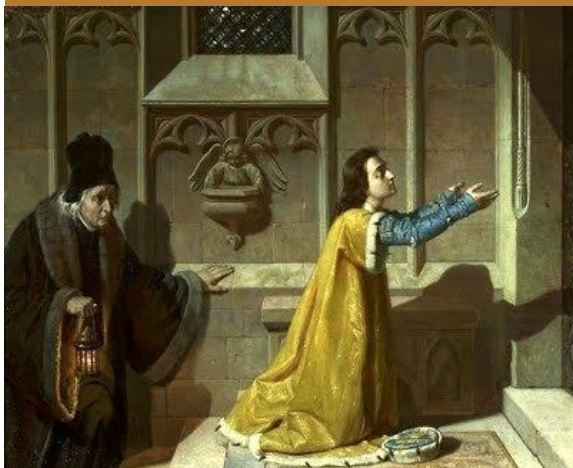


Lent. "The Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert" (Pope Francis)

# Live Your Faith

## Learning from the Saints

## Saint Casimir, King- Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania



### He lived not long, but well, a prince crowned with humility

Ever since the Three Kings came to leave their gifts at the altar of the crib in Bethlehem, the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, has drawn generations of nobles, kings, and emperors to Himself. Today's memorial commemorates a young man named Casimir, Prince of Poland, who died at the age of twenty-five.

Casimir was the third child in a family of thirteen siblings and had everything that life could offer. But it was still not enough, and Casimir knew it. Unlike many wealthy, powerful, educated people, Casimir knew that life did not offer, and could not offer, what the soul most deeply yearned for. He had his head screwed on straight and tight.

Casimir never lost sight of the higher things that truly mattered, even though his life was full of the intrigues and cares of war and state.

Saint Casimir searched for God as a child and youth, as all children do. But his search unearthed a treasure very early on. What Casimir sought, Poland provided.

[Learn More](#)

“The measure of love is to love without measure.” ~S t. Augustine

## Prayer



Father, I dedicate this new day to you;  
as I go about my work.

I ask you to bless those with whom  
I come in contact.

Lord, I pray for all men and women  
who work to earn their living;  
give them satisfaction in what they do.

Spirit of God, comfort the unemployed  
and their families; they are your  
children and my brothers and sisters.

I ask you to help them find work soon.

Amen.

By St. Ignace Loyola

- My Catholic Life

## 3 minute Prayer Retreat



### Nothing is Impossible for God

God of surprises, I stand in  
awe of your power.

Strengthen my faith, so that  
I may turn to you first in  
times of need.

Grant me the grace to  
believe, as Mary believed,  
that nothing is impossible  
for you.

***"For nothing will be  
impossible for God."***

- Luke 1:37

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## 2021 National Catholic Women's Conference

## The First Idol of the 21st Century: the Self



MY  
Peace  
I GIVE YOU John 14:27

2021 National Catholic Women's Conference  
MARCH 12-14, 2021

What if you could be at peace  
most of the time?

### Exhausting - Busy - Chaotic

How often do you use those words  
when describing our day? As Catholic  
women, many of us with kids, spouses,  
jobs, (and now add homeschool  
teacher to the list), it is easy to feel like

everyone wants a piece of our time and energy.

And when that time and energy just isn't there to give, it can  
leave us feeling guilty.

***If only we had more time, more energy, more hands! Then  
we could get it all done.***

Then we'll have earned the right to some peace.

March 12-14, 2021 [Register For FREE](#)

Our Associate Pastor **Fr. Patrick C. Ezimora CCE** shares the first idol of the 21st Century: the Self (Iam3).

***Did you know that the individual  
ego is arguably the first idol of our  
world today?***

Hopefully this article will assist you and your loved ones during  
this holy season of interior renewal.

[Learn More](#)



[James Chapman  
video](#)



# Live Your Faith

## The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz



**New Podcast**  
**From Fr. Mike Schmitz, featuring**  
**Jeff Cavins: *The Bible In A Year***

**If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.**

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes (you can start any day of the year) Each 20-25 minute episode includes:  
 ♦ two to three scripture readings ♦ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and ♦ guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.



Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

**"Don't say God is silent when your Bible is closed."**  
 - unknown

[Register](#)

## SCATTERED SEEDS

### Pray for Vocations



If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at **Abraham and Sarah** - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith!

Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation please **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at **416-968-0997**.

**Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### Lent Food Drive in support of



**The Knights of Columbus** will be holding a food drive in support of **Ste. Louise Outreach** on the weekend of **March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**.



If Masses are held that weekend, items will be collected in the parking lot before all Masses.

If we are still in lock down, items will be collected in the parking lot on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon and Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00pm. Items being collected are non-perishable food items, baby formula and personal toiletry items. In this time of pandemic, higher protein food items such as peanut butter, canned fish, canned meat and macaroni & cheese are in great need.

### Encuentro Matrimonial - marzo 19-21



Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial invita a parejas interesadas en reconstruir o fortalecer sus matrimonios o relación de pareja por medio de un **Fin De Semana virtual** que se llevara a cabo en Marzo 19-21, 2021.

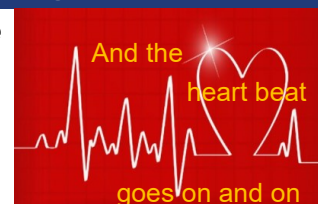
*No deje marchitar su matrimonio, atiéndalo y renuévelo. Inscribese pronto. Espacios limitados.*

Para más información contactar a Mario y Beatriz Escobar al Tel (647) 668-5067 [mario.beatriz.escobar@wwme.org](mailto:mario.beatriz.escobar@wwme.org) o en la página web de Encuentro Matrimonial Toronto Hispano [www.emmtorontohispano.ca](http://www.emmtorontohispano.ca)  
[VIDEO](#)

### "Life: And the heart beat goes on and on"

**Life is sacred and begins at the moment of conception.**

Watch this inspiring video of a Government representative in the US giving witness to life and the heart beat of the child a mom hears within her.



<https://twitter.com/i/status/1362556259975770112>

## BAZAAR

This week our CWL virtual bazaar is focused on children in Week One of Kids Week. We have a variety of items for the little ones including knitted and sewn items to keep them warm, entertained, (and tidy)! Please check out the link included and know that your support is greatly appreciated. If you see items you are interested in please call or email Fran Caldwell at 905-867-7595 or fern0@rogers.com. Thank you! Click [HERE](#) to see inventory.



**\$30.00** Gingerbread Lined Adult and Child Aprons



**\$25.00** Baby Blanket 40" X 32"



**\$5.00** each, knitted comfort dolls



**\$4.00** tasseled 16 in. circumference  
**\$10.00** reversible 15 in. circumference

## Mass Intentions

For the Week

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

**Monday - March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

**Tuesday - March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

**Wednesday - March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

**Thursday - March 4<sup>th</sup>**

St. Casimir

9:00 am - Mass

**Friday - March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am

- Cardinal Leger School Community

**Saturday - March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

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### "Tearful Smiles"

My first year of teaching I had a terribly naughty little boy (he tried to pull the fire alarm on the first day of school). About midway through the year he drew a picture at free time and brought it up to show me. He pointed to the pictures saying, "Look, this is me and on my shoulders I drew those two guys that tell you to do good things or bad things... I like to listen to the bad one!" It was so funny (and true) all I could do was hug him and laugh!

## FAMILY CORNER

### SPIRITUAL SMOOTHIE: SECRET WEAPONS FOR THE BATTLES OF DAILY LIFE



Even the Catechism of the Catholic Church acknowledges that all of human life is spent in a battle between good and evil.

How can we choose good and win the battle?

[Learn More](#)



**NEXT EVENT: MAR 3RD, 8:00 PM**

[Register For FREE](#)

### Living Lent as a Family

(Part 1 of 4)



Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not known how? We want to help all families by providing these discussions on liturgical living during Lent to be a resource for the Domestic Church—the home. We pray that these discussions bless you and your family.

[Learn More](#)

### Helping Children with Lent



For many of us, when we were growing up Lent meant giving up candy. That wasn't a bad way to introduce us to the notion of self-discipline, but simply giving up something for Lent without an explanation of spirituality can leave children dreading Lent more than looking forward to it.

[Learn More](#)

### Grandeza y poder de la Cruz

Parte 1

Padre Ángel Espinosa de los Monteros



[Aprenda Más](#)



### Growing in Grace

by Fr. Thomas J. Connery

Some years ago, a woman dropped her gym bag on the tracks of a crowded upper east side subway station. She made the fatal decision to jump after it as screaming straphangers watched in horror. The 48-year-old victim, later identified as Rose Mankos, was crushed by a northbound train barreling into the 77th Street Station. "She had one choice to make and seconds to make it," said Alfonso McGruder, 55, of the Bronx, who witnessed the tragedy.

*"She didn't make the one that would have saved her life."*

Abraham had to make a life-and-death decision as well. He had to decide whether to sacrifice his son Isaac. God was testing him—and Abraham chose obedience to God. Yet God intervened. We, too, face daily decisions of whether to obey or to choose our own path.

What are we chasing? Sadly, Rose gave her life away for a gym bag. It doesn't make sense. Nor does putting anything before God. May we give our life to God in obedience. God will bless us for it.

*Father, I am grateful that you have no demanded a sacrifice from me as you did of Abraham. I find it difficult to obey even in small matters. This Lent, I will make the firm commitment to obey your laws and commands. I will not be the judge. I will leave that to you alone. I ask for this grace in the name of Jesus, your son.*

Amen



**Development and Peace**  
Caritas Canada Lenten Event

**Week 2: Humanitarian Aid**  
**February 27 @ 11:00am**  
**Contact: [elukasik@devp.org](mailto:elukasik@devp.org)**

[Register](#)

*Thank You for your Offering!*

**February 21, 2021 Regular Collection**  
**\$6,074.65**

# St. Mary's Church

Lent Schedule 2021

## Stations of the Cross

**Friday 8:00 pm Live-Streamed**

## Church is Open for Private Prayer

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>9:30 am to 8:00 pm</b>
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:30 am to 12:00 noon</b>
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<b>Sundays</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 4:00 pm</b>
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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

<b>Fridays</b>	<b>5:30 pm to 7:00 pm</b>
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:45 am to 12:00 noon</b>
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## Office Schedule

**Closed until further notice.**

Please contact us by email or phone.

[stmarysbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stmarysbr@archtoronto.org)

905-451-2300

(Meetings by Appointment Only)